

Vaccine Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2022

Present: Lisa Karle, Mary Viglione, Leatrice Schoolcraft, Pat Tracy, Pat Stucke, Sherrai Holland, Colleen Hammon, Dave Deter, Phil Fromyer, Danielle Brooks, Steve Walters, Mary Louise Imbrugio, Darrell Smith

Not Present: Jennie Hagerty, Betsy Wiest, Barb Lewis, Lisa Boyd, Cris Taylor, George Fickenworth, Niken Carpenter, Gaby Reyes, Josh Jaeger, Jenn Woodard, Laura Luther, Zareen Khan

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

Lisa Karle: Opened the meeting and greeted participants. She also stated that Niken Carpenter and her interns were not available for the meeting as they were participating in the Citizenship Ceremony that included 40 candidates from over 14 countries of origin. Niken also wanted to remind the team to come visit Celebrate Erie that was occurring 8/19/2022 to 8/21/2022 in Downtown Erie.

Health Provider Updates:

Steve Walters, Health Department – Steve reported that he had no specific updates. He did state that there will be a vaccine clinic held at Quality of Life Learning Center (2046 East 19th Street) on Saturday, August 19, 2022 from 10am to 1pm.

He stated that the CDC guidelines regarding COVID exposure has been updated. They have eliminated the quarantine period for any exposure regardless of vaccine status. In the case of exposure, the individual is to wear a well fitting (preferably N-95) mask for 10 days, with testing after 5 days. Protocols remain the same if you test positive for Covid. Please see the Health Department website for the latest updates.

He did provide some general information regarding Monkeypox. There are currently 3 cases of Monkeypox in the Erie area. 2 cases were related and one was unrelated. One individual was not helpful in working with the Health Department regarding their contacts. Philadelphia has 3000 exposures. He stated that there was a case in the UK where the individual was at an event while wearing long pants and sleeves and was able to contract Monkeypox. What is known is that Monkeypox is spread through close contact and contaminated linens. The Health department is currently working on their protocol guidelines. They have set up a “hotline” regarding questions, etc. The number is **814-451-6700 Option 2.**

[Monkeypox - Erie County, PA \(eriecountypa.gov\)](http://eriecountypa.gov)

Sherrai Holland, Community Health Net: Testing and vaccinations have remained the same over the last few weeks. They are still offering their vaccine clinic on Friday mornings.

CHN Covid team continues to provide on site testing to facilities in need – most recently to Community of Caring.

CHN will also be willing to partner and offer booster clinics in the future if needed.

CHN is aware of the new vaccine (Novavax) that has been approved by the FDA and are currently looking into it. They do not have much information on it yet but once they do, they will share with the team. Once the vaccine is available, they will work to obtain and set up clinics.

Homeless Provider Updates:

Pat Tracy (Sunday Supper): Sunday Suppers is doing well. There were no new updates. Pat stated that when the new vaccine comes out, she will host a vaccine clinic at Sunday Suppers. She has not picked up the Country Fair gift cards from Jennie Haggerty yet.

Mary Viglione (CCBH): She reported briefly on the changes to the PA Lifeline phone that is available for all Medicaid recipients. They really worked to reduce some of the barriers that prevented some members from accessing the phone availability. Flyer is attached with the meeting minutes to obtain more information. CCBH Community Health Workers can help members access the PA Lifeline Phones.

Danielle Brooks (CCBH): She reported that along with Phil Fromyer that the Community Health Workers are trying to get to as many organizations as possible to provide a meet and greet to talk about the services that they are able to provide for our members. The Community Health Workers are able to meet with members in the community (either at a shelter or in a public place) to help connect them with their physical health plan or other referrals as needed. They will be meeting with Community Health Net on 8/29/2022. If you are interested in learning more or setting up a meeting and greet, you can contact either Danielle or Phil. Danielle's contact information: 814-480-6143; Brooksd@ccbh.com

Phil Fromyer (ECCM): He reported that he is the other Community Health Work that works along side Danielle. His position is actually through ECCM so he has more flexibility in that he can work with more transient individuals, as well as those that are considered base funded. He can work with members to help them get insurance. Phil's contact information: 814-367-7912; fromyerpm@ccbh.com

Leatrice Schoolcraft (Erie County): No new updates

Colleen Hammon: Colleen offered a public thank you for the community collaboration to get 2 chronically homeless individuals housed through ECCM Permanent Supportive Housing. These individuals have not been housed in over 5 years. She also wanted to thank Peter, Lisa and Leatrice at the county for providing new tools that enable us to look and work with the chronically homeless .

Pat Stucke (MHA): MHA is seeing more members on a daily basis. They are working to utilize various spaces in their building to allow for proper distancing. Pat also provided follow up on the ACL scheduling issues for our members. Pat reached out the directors of Stairways, Safe Harbor, Lakeshore and Dr. Hanson of Millcreek Hospital to encourage them to reach out with concerns to ACL.

Dave Deter (City of Erie): Provided update of City Home ARP funding. They had emailed a survey to stakeholders in the community and today was the last day to respond. Also, on 8/24/22 and 8/25/22 there will be an orientation meeting for ESG recipients.

Mary Louise Imburgio: No updates

Darrell Smith (ECM): There are no new updates. They do continue to provide public lunch. ECM will be opening up 5 more beds in the Samaritan Care Shelter. There were some incidents of Covid in the New Life Program but now everyone is negative and they were able to mitigate the spread due to their isolation protocols.

City Mission did have to have one person tested for Monkey Pox. This individual did need to be quarantined at the local hotel that is working with the County to provide quarantine space for Covid. This person did test negative for Monkey Pox but this episode was a trial run for identifying protocols in dealing with Monkey Pox. Darrell stated that what we don't know about the virus increases our anxiety. We will need to come up with a protocol for testing, treating, sanitizing and isolation for Monkey Pox.

[Congregate Living Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

[Disinfecting Home and Other Non-Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

The date for the next meeting is Friday, September 2, 2022 via Zoom.