

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
EXECUTIVE BOARD
January 8, 2020

The meeting of the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) was called to order at 10:05 am in the Robert O. Yoho Executive Board Room of the ISDH building by Brenda Goff, Chair. The following Board members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Naveed Chowhan, MD, FACP, MBA
Brenda Goff, HFA (Chair)
Robin Marks, DVM
Joanne Martin, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Martin Hanneman, DDS
Holly Robinson, MD
Suellyn Sorensen, PharmD, BCPS
Patricia Spence, PE
Stephen Tharp, MD (Vice Chair)
Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG, Secretary

Members attending via telephone:

Blake Dye

The following staff members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Pam Pontones, Deputy State Health Commissioner/State Epidemiologist
Shane Hatchett, Chief of Staff
Jeni O'Malley, Deputy Chief of Staff/Chief Communications Officers
Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner, Health & Human Services Commission
Matt Foster, Assistant Commissioner, Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation
Miranda Spitznagle, Director, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation
Eden Bezy, Director, Maternal and Child Health Division
Mary Evers, Maternal and Child Health Division
Randy Snyder, Director, Acute Care Division
David McCormick, Director, Immunizations Division
Kelly MacKinnon, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Affairs
Christopher Kulik, Office of Legal Affairs

Guests:

Andrew VanZee, Indiana Hospital Association
Zach Cattell, Indiana Health Care Association

Call to Order

Brenda Goff, Chair, stated that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. She then asked if Board members had any known conflicts of interest to declare. Hearing none she proceeded with the meeting.

Minutes

Ms. Goff asked for discussion and/or corrections to the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Executive Board meeting. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval. On a motion made by Dr. Stephen Tharp, seconded by Patricia Spence and passed by majority roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Box reported that Tony Stewart, MBA, FACHE, HFA, representing the Health Facility Administrator discipline on the Board, could no longer continue his participation since he won the election to sit on the Kokomo City Council. She thanked him for his years of service on the Board and congratulated him on his win.

Dr. Box announced that the Governor has a Public Health pillar as part of his 2020 Next Level Agenda. This includes raising the smoking and vaping age to 21 and enhance enforcement; make health care costs more transparent for consumers; no surprise billing; add more recovery housing and expand pilot programs for jail inmates; require school relationship with a mental health provider; increase mental health professionals and services; more community paramedicine programs; and provide more accommodations for pregnant workers.

Dr. Box also introduced Shane Hatchett, new Chief of Staff. Previously Shane served as the Deputy Medicaid Director at FSSA, where he helped manage the division responsible for providing 1 out of 5 Hoosiers with vital health care.

Consumer Services and Health Care Regulation Commission

Discussion of Certificate of Need for Comprehensive Health Care Facilities Rule 410 IAC 40 (LSA #19-685)

Matt Foster, Assistant Commissioner for Consumer Services and Health Care Regulation Commission presented Rule 410 IAC 40 Certificate of Need for Comprehensive Health Care Facilities to the Board for discussion. This rule is being added to implement the certificate of need program required by IC 16-29-7. The ISDH received moratorium exception approval on December 17, 2019; however, the fee portion of the rule is still under review by the Office of Management and Budget. The ISDH will accept applications beginning July 1, 2020. This rule is for long-term care facilities only and will help manage the number of beds to care for patients. This rule requires the ISDH to promulgate emergency rules to establish a points system for the application process in the event two applications to build in the same location are received.

Brenda Goff asked for comments from the Board, staff and/or public. Suelleyn Sorenson asked about data collected from the certificate of need rules. Zach Cattell, Indiana Health Care Association, stated that he knew of no data collection or studies that have been done with the long-term care side of health care, but there is some data on the acute care side of health care. Mr. Cattell offered to ask Dr. David Gifford, Quality Officer, American Health Care Association to present to the Board in the future.

Public Health Protection & Laboratory Services Commission

Immunization/Vaccination Update

David McCormick, Director, Immunizations Division provided an update on immunizations and vaccinations.

Seasonal Influenza Update: Each year eight out of 100 children are infected with influenza, 20 to 77 of 100,000 children are hospitalized and an average of 133 children will die. The ISDH is working on a pilot project with Walgreens for individual stores to become a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider. Currently, the Walgreens in Crawfordsville,

Montgomery County has become a certified VFC provider – the only one in the nation. Over 45,000 letters were sent to parents throughout the state urging them to have their children vaccinated.

HPV Initiatives: There has been an increase in the administration since 2017 with an overall completion rate of 20%. HPV Summits are being held throughout the state. The ISDH has partnered with the American Cancer Society, local health departments and hospitals. Funding has been provided by the Indiana Immunization Coalition with additional monetary support from the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC). To date, 754 have attended these summits. Dave also mentioned that other states are replicating the Indiana model for their summits.

School Immunizations: Data extracted from the 2018-19 school immunization report cards show that 91% of all kindergartners were fully vaccinated; 64% of all 6th graders were fully vaccinated and 59% of all 12th graders were fully vaccinated.

Dave also reported that the high dose influenza vaccine was delayed due to FDA approval – there was no shortage.

Health and Human Services Commission

Levels of Care Update

Eden Bezy, Director, Maternal and Child Health provided an update on Levels of Care for birthing hospitals which became effective September 13, 2019. Eden introduced Mary Evers, RN, one of four nurse surveyors. There are 86 birthing hospitals in the state. Currently, 24 hospitals are seeking Levels III and IV certification, 28 hospitals are seeking Level II certification and 34 hospitals are seeking Level I certification. To date 14 completed applications for Levels III and IV have been received. Seven surveys have been completed. Free standing birthing centers must submit verification from the Commission for the Accreditation of Birthing Centers (CAB) within 24-months of the rule effective date.

Other

Vape Free Indiana & Tobacco Cessation Standing Order Updates

Miranda Spitznagle, Director, Tobacco Cessation and Prevention provided an update on Vape-Free Indiana and Standing Orders. There has been a 400% increase in smoking in Indiana; therefore, youth education programs have been ramped up and on-the-ground trainers are in 50 counties. From October through December, 2019 the ISDH partnered with the “Sweet Deception Fall Tour 2019” featuring Moses Jones, a motivational speaker geared toward youth in Indiana schools. These sessions were designed to strongly urge young people to stop using tobacco and vape products. On Monday, January 27 there will be a Youth Day of Action at the State House to focus on youth tobacco use and vaping.

Distribution

Ms. Goff thanked the staff for the Professional New Hire and Separation Reports, Summary of Final Orders and Consent Decrees, and Variance Waiver Approvals.

Adjournment

Hearing no additional comments from the Board, staff and/or public, Ms. Goff adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020.