

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

The virtual meeting of the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) held via Adobe Connect 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 virtual meeting:

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

Members not attending:

Martin Hanneman, DDS

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

Shane Hatchett, Chief of Staff
Pam Pontones, Deputy State Health Commissioner/State Epidemiologist
Paul Krievins, Director, Lead and Healthy Homes
Eden Bezy, Director, Maternal and Child Health
Kelly MacKinnon, Director, Office of Legal Affairs
Deana Smith, Office of Legal Affairs
Amy Kent, Director, Legislative and External Affairs

Guests:

Ted Williams, FSSA (hosting AdobeConnect)
Kylie Lentz, FSSA (hosting AdobeConnect)
Linda Gray, Noble County Health Department
Eric Essley, President/CEO, LeadingAge Indiana
Alexandra Sumner, Director of Public Affairs, Indiana Dental 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 May 13, 2020 Executive Board meeting. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval. On a motion made by Dr. Stephen Tharp seconded by Dr. Robin Marks and passed by majority roll call vote via Adobe Connect chat box, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Box provided a brief update on COVID-19. Cases are trending higher, but the good news is that deaths are trending down. Currently there are 49,063 Hoosiers diagnosed with COVID-19 and 2,539 are confirmed to have died from COVID-19. The state is in Stage 4.5 due to the uptick in hospitalizations and percent of positivity rate. The ISDH strike teams have completed long-term care testing and Optum Serve is analyzing the data. Contact tracing has launched and is going well. Approximately 2,500 daily calls with 75 percent being reached and 25 percent being followed-up on by local health departments. There are 10 cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Currently all but one child has been discharged from the hospital.

Public Health Protection and Laboratory Services Commission

Emergency Adoption of Radon Rule 410 IAC 5.1

Paul Krievins, Director, Lead and Healthy Homes presented amendments to the Radon Rule 410 IAC 5.1 for emergency adoption to be effective as of today, July 8, 2020. The focus of the emergency rule is to enact changes in our Radon regulations called for in House Enrolled Act 1334 from the 2020 Legislative Session. Changes focus on updates to the required credentials for Radon licensees and updates the foundational national standards which Indiana's license follows. Key amendments include:

- 1) Requiring all licensees to maintain their national EPA-approved radon credential as a condition of maintaining their Indiana credential; and
- 2) Updating all performance standards for all licensees to mirror the current industry best practices as authored by the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST).

Staff recommends the Board adopt the amendments to the Radon Rule.

Ms. Goff asked for comments from the Board, staff and/or public. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval. On a motion made by Dr. Robin Marks, seconded by Dr. Stephen Tharp and passed unanimously by majority roll call vote via Adobe Connect chat box, the Board approved amendments to the Radon Rule 410 IAC 5.1 for emergency adoption.

Health and Human Services Commission

Discussion of Amendments to Newborn Screening Rule 410 IAC 3, LSA #20-311

Eden Bezy, Director, Maternal and Child Health presented amendments to the Newborn Screening Rule 410 IAC 3 for discussion. The amendments include:

- 1) Updating and adding to the list of disorders that all newborns and infants will be screened for which includes Krabbe disease, Pompe disease and Hurler syndrome (MPS-I);
- 2) Exemptions from pulse oximetry screening that will reduce unnecessary screening of infants, which include infants diagnosed with critical congenital heart disease prenatally; infants who received a diagnostic echocardiogram prior to pulse oximetry screening; infants on supplemental oxygen or respiratory support for non-congenital heart disease; and infants on palliative care.
- 3) Updates the screening algorithm.
- 4) IU Newborn Screening Lab would be required to provide results of pulse oximetry screens to ISDH.
- 5) Increases fees charged for newborn screenings from \$100 to \$115 per screen to cover the cost of the additional mandated disorders.

Distribution

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

Adjournment

Hearing no additional comments from the Board, staff and/or public, Ms. Goff adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2020.