

Dubuque County Board of Health
Special Meeting
Minutes of January 29, 2021

Mr. Bechen called the January 29, 2021, Dubuque County Board of Health Special Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Tom Bechen, Diane Pape-Freiburger, Suzanne Stroud, Katie Jones, Hendrik Schultz, Adam Hoffman
Members Absent:	Dr. Bobby Koneru, Corey Young, Dr. Valerie Peckosh,
Others Present:	Patrice Lambert, Dubuque County Health Department; Samantha Kloft, Dubuque County Health Department; Stacy Killian, VNA; Ed Raber, Interim Board Executive Director; Dawn Sherman, Dubuque County; Harley Pothoff, County Supervisor; Ben Fischer, TH, Ann McDonough, County Supervisor; Mary Rose Corrigan, City of Dubuque

Additional Notes:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Vaccination Point of Distribution Lease Approval**

Patrice Lambert starts by providing a brief update on the working relationship with local health care providers who are administering the COVID-19 vaccine in a timely and efficient manner. Those providers currently include: MercyOne, Unity Point Finley, Crescent, Epic Health and Wellness, Grand River Medical Group, and Medical Associates.

Patrice then explains the lease provided to the Board of Health members prior to the meeting. This is for the use of the Younkers Women's Section at the Kennedy Mall as a point of distribution (POD) for COVID-19 vaccinations. This will be needed as many of the vaccine providers stressed concern about needing safer, healthy space to vaccinate community members. All providers will have the option to use this POD to vaccinate their patients as needed.

A subcommittee has been created among both City and County staff to organize the details of the POD, such as cost estimates and POD layout. Tom Berger, a member of the subcommittee, addresses the work currently being done to determine costs of running the site. Use of the site itself is zero cost to the County, however utilities will cost \$2,000/month.

Hendrik Schultz adds his support for the POD by saying that a large, centralized space will work best for vaccinating mass amounts of people.

Patrice Lambert adds that any POD expenses may be covered by one of the County's public health grants. The details of this will be worked out between Patrice, Stella Runde, and Dawn Sherman moving forward.

Tom Bechen adds that POD costs will be addressed further at the next BOH meeting on Wednesday, February 4th.

Diane Pape-Freiberger asks if security will be included in the POD plan. Tom Berger responds that the mall does have security to work with, and an on-site security member can be added to the budget. He also adds that all patients to the POD will have to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated, there will not be lines waiting outside of the POD.

Diane Pape Freiburger made the motion to accept the lease for space at the Kennedy Mall. Hendrik Shultz seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motioned carried.

The lease will now move to the Board of Supervisors for approval on Monday, February 1st, 2021.

3. Public Comments

County Supervisor Harley Pothoff - Asks on behalf of citizens if the Dubuque County Fairgrounds can be used as a POD site. Patrice Lambert replies that the Fairgrounds were looked at as a COVID-19 testing site in April 2020. It was decided not to use that site for a POD as they have storage that takes over needed space. Tom Berger also adds that the Kennedy Mall provides easier accommodations for IT, EMS, etc. will also remaining a centralized location.

County Supervisor Ann McDonough – Adds that county residents typically do not want to travel further in to town than Menards, making the Kennedy Mall a great location.

4. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Hendrik Shultz made the motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm. Katie Jones seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.