

City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record
March 22, 2021

Voting members in attendance: Dr. Mary Milroy, Mayor Nathan Johnson and City Manager Amy Leon.

Ex Officio members in attendance: City Attorney Ross Den Herder, Police Commander Jason Foote, Community Development Manager Brad Bies, and Community and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo.

City Manager Leon called the meeting to order and introduced the board members for the benefit of the viewing public. She then discussed the current metrics. There is one COVID-19 related hospitalization at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Active cases are increasing with the numbers the highest they have been since January. Vaccinations continue to go well with the number of people vaccinated actually higher than what the state's website is listing. A number of factors cause this including private pharmacy vaccinations not being uniformly added to the totals. Brad Bies stated that we will need to adjust the metrics to also reflect the new single dose vaccine.

Leon discussed the status of the vaccination distribution. Group 1E began today.

The Committee discussed any new recommendations they may have for the City Commission to consider. There were no new recommendations at this time. Board comments included:

Dr. Mary Milroy encouraged people to get vaccinated and continue to use safety precautions. She stated she is discouraged by the rising active case number.

Mayor Johnson stated that a majority of the at risk populations have been vaccinated so even if numbers rise slightly, hospitalizations will hopefully stay low.

Ross Den Herder advised that we should be mindful of the delay that occurs between higher active numbers and hospitalizations. The next few weeks will tell us a lot.

Ex-Officio Board members Foote, Bies and Mingo had no additional comments.

Leon discussed the upcoming election and stated that there will be a few user friendly things different at the polling places because of COVID-19.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Milroy to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye - Johnson, Milroy and Leon. Motion passes.