

**CLAYTON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES
May 11, 2020**

Members present: Dr. Michele Dikkers, Vicki Carolan, Dr. Gary Bowden, Dr. Forrest Whitford

Others present: Nancy Yelden: VNA RN, Patti Ruff: Clayton County Health & Zoning, Sara Moser: Clayton County EMA, Brittany Hubanks: VNA Manager

Dr. Dikkers called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

Mass Gathering County Guidance and Discussion COVID-19

- Mass Gathering Guidance
 - Board discussed current guidance from CDC, IDPH, Department of Education, and governor proclamations.
 - CDC recommends avoidance of organized activities, not gathering in groups greater than 10, and cancellation of mass gatherings especially for groups over 250.
 - IDPH follows CDC guidelines for mass gathering recommendations.
 - Current governor's proclamation prohibits all mass gatherings and suspends all school activities.
 - Iowa Department of Education recommends postponing graduation ceremonies until June or later and states that commencement ceremonies are not required for graduation.
 - Motion made by Vicki Carolan to draft Board of Health guidance on mass gatherings, beginning with Central High School graduation. Second by Dr. Bowden. Vicki, Dr. Bowden, and Dr. Dikkers voted in favor of motion. Dr. Whitford abstained from voting.
 - Board drafted a letter providing guidance on mass gatherings, specific to high school commencements, to Central High School.
 - Discussion regarding why Central High School administration was not included in the meeting. Meeting was publicly posted and intended to be a conversation on board's position on mass gatherings in the county. Central High School graduation discussed as a part of that broad conversation. Dr. Dikkers stated that idea was to come out of the meeting with guidance from the board of health that could be easily adapted to fit a variety of mass gathering types, not just high school commencements.
 - Reviewed drafts of letters provided by Vicki Carolan and Dr. Dikkers and combined to create one statement.
 - Board reviewed letter drafted. Motion made to send letter addressed to Central High School Administration and School Board by Dr. Bowden; second by Vicki. Dr. Bowden, Vicki, and Dr. Dikkers voted in favor of sending. Dr. Whitford abstained.

The next regularly scheduled BOH meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by:

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