

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2022
Held Remotely - via zoom - meeting recorded

Members present; Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman, Dr. Stephen Kruskall; Dr. Kay Petersen

Guest; Robert Springett, Chair Board of Selectmen, Daryl Beardsley, Sherborn Board of Health

1. Meeting called to order 9:00 am
2. There was a discussion on the Town Meeting scheduled for May 2, 2022
 - Dr. Kruskall brought up concerns for the density of people for an indoor meeting as the COVID numbers show an increase.
 - Masks and COVID tests would be offered for the Mudge Auditorium: and an additional room for unmasked attendees.
 - There may be an outdoor check in
 - Town officials and volunteers could wear masks
 - Doors and windows could be open for more adequate ventilation
3. Dr. Petersen stated there will be a meeting later today to discuss the Town Meeting and a possible location change as well as the quorum numbers with Jim Repetti, Town Moderator and Felicia Hoffman, Town Clerk. Robert Springett, Board of Selectmen, commented that the time frame for a change may not be feasible
4. Dr. Kruskall had concerns about the 79% increase in the number of cases for the previous week. Pre-testing before the Town Meeting was discussed and the tracking of positive tests after the Town Meeting.
5. Dr. Kruskall requested information on testing be posted prior to and after the Town Meeting, especially on the COA site.
6. Dr. Petersen reported meeting with Quad Brooks, Public Health Nurse and Elaine Stephenson, Natick-Walpole VNA:
 - It was reported the monthly contract for services includes contact tracing and clinical services.
 - Professor Clarke and Dr. Kruskall would like clarification on what services are being covered, broken down by data, billing, and nursing services as well as how they are being logged. Dr. Kruskall wants more granularity on accounting information and the various clinical services the VNA has been providing.
 - The Town Administrator informed Dr. Petersen that emergency funding will not be used for the overage of the VNA Billing.
 - Nurse Brooks reported that contact tracing helps with the explanation of quarantine and isolation protocols to residents.

7. Professor Carke asked Dr. Kruskall to recreate the previous VNA request for the scope of services and tasks provided to the Town Of Dover.
8. Dr. Petersen will follow up with a review on VNA, services with the Town Administrator and forward a VNA invoice to Dr. Kruskall.
9. The Board will discuss the reduction of contact tracing at a future meeting.
10. Avian Flu; Professor Clarke will speak with Jen Cronnin, Animal Inspector, on the current Avian Flu public health risks. Information will be put out on the public media sites
11. At 10:58 am, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.