

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2009-21 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole November 10, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. David Hanson, Chair opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: Klaus Alberts District #1
Lyle Tjosaas District #2
David Erickson District #3
Don Gray District #4
David Hanson District #5

Members absent:

None

Also present:

Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk
Peggy Espey Public Health Director
Kelly Corbin Health Educator

Public Health Director Peggy Espey and Health Educator Kelly Corbin provided the Board with an H1N1 influenza update.

H1N1 Influenza
Update

Ms. Corbin informed the Board that H1N1 is a new influenza strain that has been circulating since last spring.

The Health Educator reported that while 90% of those hospitalized for seasonal flu are over 65, 705 of those hospitalized are under the age of 24 with an average age of 11 in Minnesota.

Ms. Corbin noted that while most serious cases are associated with underlying medical conditions 20% of adults and 40% of children who have been hospitalized have no underlying medical conditions.

The Health Educator pointed out that President Obama has declared H1N1 a National Public Health Emergency.

Ms. Corbin briefly discussed the following Public Health activities with the Board:

- Revised Pandemic Influenza Plan and Mass Dispensing Plan
- Creation of Flu Center Plan
- Creation of plan for in school flu clinics
- Recruited Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers – 42 registered
- Community education
- Opened H1N1 hotline for Dodge County
- Served as a resource for community partners – school, EMS, healthcare, etc.

- Serve as the gatekeepers for Federal and State stockpiles of Personal Protective Equipment and Antivirals
- Planning and implementing Dodge County vaccination campaign

The Health Educator shared with the Board what the next steps will be for the Public Health Office.

- Vaccination campaign
- Be a resource for response partners and continue doing community education
- Continue staffing hotline
- Control access to state stockpile of Personal Protective Equipment and Antivirals
- Prepare for a potential third wave

Ms. Corbin shared the following Minnesota 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Distribution and Targeting Strategy information with the Board:

Phase I <i>Initial Rollout</i>	Phase II <i>Complete ACIP Recommendations</i>	Phase III <i>Offer to Entire Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCP in acute-care hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct contact ○ Work in highest risk areas for potential exposure to influenza (ED, peds, IC) ○ Work with vulnerable patients • Pregnant women • Contacts of <6 months • EMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide emergency medical care as <u>primary</u> part of normal job duties • 6 months – 4 years • 5-18 years; high risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remainder of HCP • Remainder of EMS • 5-18 years (school) • Adults (25-64); high risk • 19-24 years (colleges, etc.) <p><i>* Also catch-up groups from Phase I</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remainder of populations, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25-64 years ○ >65 years

- *Order of target groups does not indicated priority.*
- *Groups recommended in each phase may be based on vaccine formulations available.*
- *LAIV cannot be used for pregnant women, children under 2 years, children under 5 with asthma or wheezing episodes, children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment, anyone with long-term health problems such as heart disease, lung disease, asthma, kidney or liver disease, diabetes, blood disorders, or certain muscle or nerve disorders, anyone with a weakened immune system, anyone 50 years of age or older.*
- *Phases may overlap. Moving between phases will be dependent on vaccine volume available to Minnesota.*

The Health Educator informed the Board that they have worked extensively with the schools to create plans for school flu clinics in the event that there is an overabundance of vaccine available.

H1N1 Influenza
Update - Continued

Ms. Corbin noted that they are getting a good response to the hotline which rings directly into the Public Health Office in Dodge Center.

The Health Educator clarified that they are still in Phase I of the plan right now.

The Board thanked Ms. Corbin and Ms. Espey for the update.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: