

Manchester Board of Health

Vaccine Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present for this meeting were the following:

Dr. Martin Hahn, B.O.H.

Ms. Joan Cottler, B.O.H.

Public Health Nurse Mary Higgins

Retired Public Health Nurse Pam Ciccone

Manchester resident Mary Cody Kenney

Town Administrator Greg Federspiel

Mr. Federspiel provided an update on the possibility of working with Conley's Pharmacy in Ipswich to provide vaccinations.

Nurse Higgins said that the Towns of Topsfield, Wenham, and Hamilton were working together on a vaccination clinic site and had invited Manchester to participate. She said that coming late to the group, the item that they needed help from Manchester with was providing E.M.T.'s and an ambulance for home visits. She also shared that these Towns were also setting up the Medical Reserve Corps (M.R.C.) to assist seniors with vaccine appointment registration at the State mass vaccination sites.

She said that Hamilton was using their red alert emergency system to provide updates to their residents.

There was group discussion regarding the 15-30 minutes of supervision needing to be provided following the administration of a covid vaccine. There was also discussion about the possibility of transporting the homebound to available clinics.

Nurse Higgins said that in other communities, the E.M.T.'s are doing the home visit shots.

Ms. Lufkin asked if the group wanted to reserve the right to receive covid-19 vaccine and stand up our own clinics by submitting the Mass Covid Vaccine Program (M. C.V.P.) agreement paperwork. Nurse Higgins said that there was no deadline for submittal of the M.C.V.P.

Ms. Cottler and Dr. Hahn both recommended that the focus be on the following:

- 1.) An over 75 clinic run with Conley Pharmacy
- 2.) Encourage attendance at other State listed clinics
- 3.) Follow up on possibility of multi town clinic with Topsfield and others

They agreed that the recommendation to the B.O.H. and the Town include the items above.

Mr. Federspiel noted that there were those who were still interested in local vaccinations and home visits, including Ms. Lufkin, Nurse Ciccone and the Council on Aging.

Nurse Higgins stating that with current resources, this is what is feasible and suggested that a task force be formed to review.

As submitted,

Ellen Lufkin

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Approved by the Board of Health on March 22, 2021