

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, March 24, 2021

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Web-based video conferencing meeting of the Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Andrew told the Board on March 19th there was a total of 1213 cases of COVID-19 in town. The age group of 0-19 still remains as the largest group of positives. Contact tracing, quarantining and isolating still continues. It is important to follow the COVID-19 advisories found on mass.gov. On March 23rd, there was a senior vaccination clinic held at the Council on Aging. Approximately, 110 vaccinations were administered.

Helaine thanked Michelle for all her hard work on putting together the Marblehead Covid Mental Health Task Force. She also thanked everyone who applied to serve on the task force as there were many well qualified candidates. The task force members are:

Moses Grader - Selectman
Dan Bauer – High School Principal
Jeff Newsome – Guidance Counselor
Ben Day – Marblehead Counseling Center
COA (TBD)
Kimberly Howard – Healthcare Professional
Melissa Kaplowitch - Citizen
Kimberly Leventhal - Citizen

The first meeting of the Marblehead Covid Mental Health Task Force will take place on Monday, March 29th at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Helaine gave an update on the Reopening Committee. The superintendent is working with the principals and teachers to safely bring all students back to school. Kindergarten through sixth grade has returned and the process has gone smoothly. Seventh through twelve grades are beginning full time in person learning on April 26th. Both desks and chairs have been spread out. Pool testing is going well for students with 555 participating and soon after 624. Recently, approximately, 800+ students asked to be signed up. At the high school, hybrid learning is still taking place. Andrew has met with the high school principal to discuss proms, graduation, senior show and other upcoming events. There will be prom guidelines from DESE.

MOTION to close meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk

