



ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – (12/2/2020)
4. Citizen Participation
5. New Business
 - A. Administrative Division
 - (1) Review of Payments
 - (2) Transfer of Funds over \$5,000
 - (3) Health Department Report
 - a. In the News
 - b. Surveillance
 - c. Community Events/Outreach
 - d. Budget
 - e. Personnel
 - f. School/Superintendent Updates
 - B. Resolution: Rock County Public Health Acknowledgement
 - C. Resolution: Accepting Additional Public Health Consolidated Contract Grant Funds and Amending the 2020 Rock County Public Health Department Budget
 - D. Authorizing COVID-19 Response Funding and Amending the 2021 Budget
6. Communications and Announcements
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 02, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Peer at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer, Supervisor Rynes, Supervisor Wilde, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, Ms. Kolste and Supervisor Williams.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr.Somaraju

Staff Members Present: Noel Sandoval – Director; Michelle Bailey – Assistant Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Matt Wesson – Environmental Health Supervisor; Kelsey Cordova – Public Health Supervisor; Alison Chouinard – Community Health Education Coordinator; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Lori Soderberg – Public Health Supervisor; Jessica Turner – Communications Specialist; Abbi Brown – Public Health Nurse; Seth Loncar – Administrative Services Supervisor; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Pam Charles – Citizen; Sheryl – Citizen

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Winter made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Wilde seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 10/14/2020

Ms. Kolste made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/14/2020 Board of Health meetings. Supervisor Rynes seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Supervisor Rynes, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, Ms. Kolste, Dr. Meyers and Supervisor Williams were present. Supervisor Wilde joined after roll call. Dr. Somaraju was not present. 7 PRESENT. 2 ABSENT.

Citizen Participation

Pam Charles voiced her concerns over the closure of local schools. She wants to know how the decision is made to either close or open schools. She voiced several concerns over the negative impact on not having the schools open for the children.

Chair Peer mentioned that we can add this topic to the next Board of Health Meeting.

New Business

Administrative Division

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's November payments in the amount of \$1,112.50.

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Sandoval reported on the roll back to Phase 1.

Ms. Bailey reported on the COVID-19 vaccine and how it will be rolled out in phases.

Ms. Chouinard reported that the COVID-19 vaccine will be available to adults only. It will be a two dose series and the vaccine must be from the same manufacturer to successfully complete the series.

Ms. Sandoval reported on the potential change for the COVID-19 quarantine period from the CDC.

Mr. Zupan provided the Board members with the current COVID-19 data.

Dr. Winter commented on the statistics that are being shared. She is concerned about the fear factor in our community relating to the excessive number of COVID-19 related deaths.

Ms. Kolste asked about the COVID-19 vaccine and where the funds are coming from. Ms. Bailey responded accordingly.

Ms. Bailey commented on how burdened local health departments still are relating to COVID-19 and other routine work. Most health departments will not have the capacity to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. She mentioned that the state of Wisconsin is looking at hiring vaccine vendors to travel around and administer the vaccine.

Ms. Bailey reported that the Wisconsin National Guard will still be running COVID-19 test sites until December 10th. They have applied for a federal extension. If it does not get approved, Wisconsin is planning on backing their extension to stay, but testing may become modified.

Ms. Cordova reported on HEAR (Health Equity Alliance of Rock County) updates. Plans are moving forward with the next Community Health Assessment in 2021, which consists of focus groups, community conversations, surveys and the like.

Ms. Turner commented on the recent COVID-19 press conference that was held in coordination with local health care systems. She also gave updates on "Numbers with Nick" and Q & A videos. She also included the email address for all COVID-19 related questions: covid19.questions@co.rock.wi.us



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She also reminded everyone of the Rock County Coronavirus Response and Recovery Hub: <https://coronavirus-response-rockcountylio.hub.arcgis.com/>

Mr. Wietersen reported on the Environmental Health division. They are still extremely busy trying to catch up with inspections. They are also still heavily educating establishments on COVID-19 protocols and procedures. The COVID-19 relief reimbursement process has been complete.

Mr. Wietersen also reported that the school team recommended schools go virtual for an extended period of time between and after the holidays. Several schools have decided to remain open while all others have gone virtual.

Surveillance

Nothing to report.

Community Events/Outreach

Nothing to report.

Budget

Ms. Sandoval reported that the 2020 calendar year is wrapping up. The Rock County Public Health Department has secured several grants from the state to support all of the additional COVID-19 efforts.

Personnel

Ms. Cordova introduced Seth Loncar, Administrative Services Supervisor. She also introduced Abbi Brown, Public Health Nurse. Ms. Cordova also introduced Alison Chouinard as the new Health Educator Coordinator. Ms. Sandoval commented on the excellent work that was done in the recruitment of new employees and for successfully filling those roles.

Ms. Sandoval commented further on her upcoming retirement, effective January 4, 2021. She thanked everyone for their contributions to Public Health.

Resolution: Approving the Purchase of Champ EHR Software

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public Health Department to enter into a purchase agreement not to exceed \$36,609 for the purchase of Champ EHR software.

Supervisor Wilde made a motion to accept the resolution. Dr. Meyers seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Communications and Announcements

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

Supervisor Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kolste seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

Not Official Until Approved by the Board of Health

ROCK COUNTY

**COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
WITH DESCRIPTION
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020**

12/31/2020

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Inv/Enc Amt
31-3000-0000-63100	Office&Misc Exp	P2000167	12/31/2020	US BANK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,412.59
31-3000-0000-63101	Postage	P2000165	12/31/2020	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	SHIPPING - 12/8	113.29
31-3000-0000-63200	Pubs/Subs/Dues	P2000167	12/31/2020	US BANK	PO BOX SUBSCRIPTION	804.00
31-3000-0000-64010	Lab Supplies	P2000056	12/31/2020	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING IN	DEIONIZER RENTAL - DEC	35.00
		P2000159	12/10/2020	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES OF	TS 655 FREE & TOTAL CL2	124.72
		P2000167	12/31/2020	US BANK	LAB SUPPLIES - INCUBATOR	1,236.36
31-3000-0000-64200	Training	P2000167	12/03/2020	US BANK	TRAINING	50.00
Public Health Department PROG TOTAL						3,775.96
31-3026-0000-64900	Other Expenses	P2000167	12/03/2020	US BANK	FIT TESTING SOLUTIONS	49.78
Preparedness Grant PROG TOTAL						49.78

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I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total amount of **\$3,825.74**

Date:

Dept Head _____

Committee Chair _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



Marie-Noel Sandoval
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

12/21/2020
DATE DRAFTED

Rock County Public Health Acknowledgement

1 **WHEREAS**, public health workers have played a leading role in helping to reduce tobacco use, prevent
2 heart disease, promote treatments and early detection of cancer, raise awareness about prevention tolls and
3 treatments for HIV/AIDS, promote early childhood health and nutrition, and establish the benefits of
4 drinking water fluoridation leading to improvements in oral health; and,
5

6 **WHEREAS**, among their innumerable contributions to society over the past century and beyond, public
7 health workers have also played a critical role in increasing average life expectancy from 50 years in 1900
8 to 80 years in 2010, an increase of 60 percent; and,
9

10 **WHEREAS**, public health workers are dedicated to reducing infant mortality, ensuring that families are
11 immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases, tracking infectious diseases, promoting mental health
12 and injury prevention, helping communities prepare for natural disasters, advancing equity efforts to
13 reduce health disparities, and so much more; and,
14

15 **WHEREAS**, advancing public health takes all of us and no one can do it alone, and we recognize that
16 public health workers are leaders in creating partnerships with the business community, local and state
17 government, community organizations, and local schools to improve the conditions that lead to better
18 health for all; and,
19

20 **WHEREAS**, in addition to their extraordinary work under ordinary circumstances, our Rock County
21 Public Health Heroes have dedicated their time and energy to combat public health crises such as the
22 ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, raising awareness this year about the importance of wearing a mask,
23 socially distancing, washing our hands, and not gathering in groups outside our immediate households so
24 we can stay safe and healthy; and,
25

26 **WHEREAS**, as leaders in the fight against COVID-19, Rock County public health workers have
27 collaborated with the Wisconsin National Guard and public to bring more testing sites to communities,
28 provided increasing amounts of data, raised and continue to address concerns about the disproportionate
29 impact of the disease in communities of color, and skillfully conducted countless disease investigations
30 and contact tracing calls in our communities to prevent further spread of the disease; and,
31

32 **WHEREAS**, Rock County public health workers have worked tirelessly to protect our healthcare, long
33 term care and school systems, and have helped to secure additional support, resources, and guidance for
34 those systems during these times of crisis; and,
35

36 **WHEREAS**, Governor Evers proclaimed November 23, 2020 as Public Health Thank You Day; and,
37

38 **WHEREAS**, as we battle the most dangerous pandemic in a century, the County of Rock joins all
39 Wisconsinites in expressing our deepest gratitude to our public health heroes;
40

41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
42 this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby acknowledge Rock County Public Health for their
43 tireless service and dedication especially during the COVID pandemic and commend this
44 acknowledgement to all our county's residents.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

Louis Peer, Chair

Dr. Connie Winter, DDS, Vice Chair

Dr. Kaitlyn Meyers, DVM, MPH

Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MD, MPH, FACP

Eric Gresens, R.PH

Supervisor Doug Wilde

Supervisor Danette Rynes

Debra Kolste

Supervisor Shirley Williams

Rock County Public Health Acknowledgement

Executive Summary

This year has been full of challenges, adversity, and constant uncertainty. We have seen a rise in the politicization of public health and the many additional challenges placed on our mission to protect the health of our community.

Public health has been in an unprecedented spotlight in 2020. Now, more than ever, the public's health—and the incredible role that the local public health workforce plays—is critical to the overall functioning of life as we know it in Rock County, the state of Wisconsin, the nation, and worldwide.

From promoting general health and wellness in our communities to enduring the extraordinary challenges they have faced this year with COVID-19, we owe Rock County Public Health a great debt of gratitude. We want each and every Rock County Public Health worker to know how proud we are of you as you work to keep our communities healthy and safe.

In alignment with Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers' proclamation designating November 25, 2020 as Public Health Thank you Day. We acknowledge Rock County Public Health for their tireless service and dedication.

As we celebrate and recognize our Rock County Public Health workforce, we want them to know how much we appreciate their commitment to making Rock County safer and improving the health of our communities.

Thank you Rock County Public Health for all you have done to keep our communities healthy and safe over this most challenging year. Thank you for the work to come.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



Marie-Noel Sandoval
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

December 23, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

Accepting Additional Public Health Consolidated Contract Grant Funds and Amending the 2020 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

1 **WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act of 2020, the
2 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) program has awarded additional
3 funds to Wisconsin for COVID-19 response activities; and,
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the intention of this additional funding is to rapidly establish and monitor key activities
6 related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory, and informatics; and,
7

8 **WHEREAS**, monitoring the indicators associated with these activities are intended to assist State, local,
9 and territorial governments in making data-driven policy decisions regarding testing, mitigation, and
10 prevention efforts; and,
11

12 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department will utilize the additional funding to enhance
13 ability to identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow up and implement recommended containment
14 measures. Along with improving morbidity and mortality surveillance, enhance reporting capacity, work
15 with healthcare systems to manage and monitor system capacity and work to improve understanding of
16 jurisdictional communities with respect to COVID-19 risk.
17

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
19 this _____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public Health
20 Department to accept this additional funding in the amount of \$602,390 and amend the 2020 Rock
21 County Public Health Department Budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget 2020</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3202-0000-42100 Federal Aid	\$30,000	\$4,496	\$34,496
31-3203-0000-42100 Federal Aid	\$1,377,584	\$597,894	\$1,975,478
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3202-0000-63110 Administration Expense	\$30,000	\$4,496	\$34,496
31-3203-0000-63110 Administration Expense	\$1,377,584	\$597,894	\$1,975,478

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

Supervisor Louis Peer, Chair

Supervisor Doug Wilde

Dr. Connie Winter, DDS, Vice Chair

Supervisor Danette Rynes

Dr. Kaitlyn Meyers, DVM, MPH

Debra Kolste

Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MD, MPH, FACP

Supervisor Shirley Williams

Eric Gresens, R.PH

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of _____

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Date

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$602,390 additional CARES funding for COVID-19 response efforts. No County matching funds are required.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2020 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended,

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Accepting Additional Public Health Consolidated Contract Grant Funds and Amending the 2020 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

Executive Summary

The State of Wisconsin is providing additional funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to enhance local COVID-19 activities. This additional funding is to be used in the areas of planning and contact tracing. The specific activities to be completed include updating existing Public Health Preparedness Pandemic Plans for the current pandemic, and conducting disease investigation, contact tracing, and monitoring.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Josh Smith, County Administrator
INITIATED BY



Josh Smith
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

December 30, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing COVID-19 Response Funding and
Amending the 2021 Budget**

1 **WHEREAS**, 2020 the federal government provided funding to state governments through the CARES
2 Act, a portion of which was subsequently provided to local governments through the Governor's Routes
3 to Recovery program and other grant programs to support response to COVID-19; and,
4

5 **WHEREAS**, in its most recent relief package, the federal government has not provided any additional
6 COVID-19 response funds for state or local governments; and,
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department will be required to continue its current COVID-19 response
9 efforts, including contact tracing and disease investigation, outbreak management, public education and
10 outreach, data management, advising schools, long-term care facilities, and other organizations, and
11 responding to inquiries from the media, the public, and community partners; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, in addition, in 2021 Rock County will be responding to the pandemic in areas that include
14 community testing, coordination of vaccine distribution, public education and messaging on vaccine
15 safety, continued PPE purchases for first responders and direct care staff, and other areas; and,
16

17 **WHEREAS**, funding for additional staff positions will be necessary to support the Public Health
18 Department, the Emergency Operations Center, and the community's response, particularly as it relates to
19 vaccine coordination, vaccine administration, and administrative and support functions; and
20

21 **WHEREAS**, estimated expenditures for the community testing site through March 10, 2021, include
22 approximately \$47,000 for food for the Wisconsin National Guard and other personnel on site, and
23 \$19,000 for contracted staff through Professional Services Group (PSG) to support operations; and
24

25 **WHEREAS**, without additional federal funding, Rock County will be required to expend its own funding
26 to support these costs, and providing explicit budget authority in a separate cost center will expedite
27 expenditures when needed, allow for increased flexibility, and provide better tracking and transparency.
28

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
30 this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby authorize additional funding for COVID-19
31 response in the amount of \$250,000 and amend the 2021 Budget as follows:
32

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Budget</u>
21-2590-1000-46400	-0-	\$250,000	\$250,000
General Fund			
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
21-2590-1000-61108	-0-	\$30,000	\$30,000
Seasonal Wages			
21-2590-1000-61400	-0-	\$2,295	\$2,295
FICA			
21-2590-1000-62119	-0-	\$100,000	\$100,000
Other Contracted Services			
21-2590-1000-64604	-0-	\$117,705	\$117,705
Program Expense			

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Supervisor Danette Rynes

Dr. Kaitlyn Meyers, DVM, MPH

Debra Kolste

Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MD, MPH, FACP

Supervisor Shirley Williams

Eric Gresens, R.PH

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of _____

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Date

FISCAL NOTE:

FY 2020 has not yet been closed out, however, preliminary reports indicate we will end the year with a strong General Fund fund balance. Therefore, by using the \$250,000 for this purpose, the General Fund fund balance will still be within the targeted range per the County's Fund Balance Policy.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended. With the careful management of the undesignated General Fund Balance over the last several years, the County has financial flexibility to provide these needed funds for COVID-19 response. Explicit authorization of continued response funding from the County Board to address the areas noted in the resolution will provide a level of certainty to the County's partners and the public. As one-time expenditures, they would not negatively affect the County's bond rating.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2021 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

Executive Summary

Federal funding to state and local governments through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will no longer be provided after 2020, and the recent federal COVID-19 relief package did not provide any additional funding to state or local governments. Consequently, Rock County will need to expend its own funding if it is going to continue to respond to COVID-19 in a number of areas.

First, Rock County has taken over management of the COVID-19 community testing site located at Blackhawk Technical College. In addition to using paid County staff and volunteers to staff the site, the County has entered into a contract with Professional Services Group (PSG) to fill the remaining support staff slots as needed. It is estimated up to \$19,000 may be needed for this contract. In addition, the County is responsible for providing lunch, dinner, and snacks for the Wisconsin National Guard members conducting testing as well as volunteers and other staff on site. The County has entered into a contract with Best Events for this purpose at an estimated cost of about \$47,000 through March 10, 2021, when the current approved deployment of the National Guard will end.

Second, while vaccines are distributed, the County will still need to support ongoing public health measures to protect staff and limit the spread of the virus. Personal protective equipment (PPE) and other purchases will continue to be necessary.

Third, efforts related to vaccine distribution and public education will require expenditures. The County's Emergency Operations Center has established a Vaccine Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations that will support vaccine distribution in Rock County. This group has discussed the need for more support in the areas of coordination and administrative functions, particularly as the State's vaccination plan advances past Phase 1A (health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities). Approving this funding would provide the County flexibility to create limited-term or project staff to serve in a vaccine coordinator role (or to backfill positions for current staff redeployed to that function) and to provide administrative support, such as will be needed for data entry into the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, as needed.

\$250,000 is requested to support these costs over the next several months. The County Board will be kept apprised of the status of these efforts as they become more defined.