



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 14, 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, Dr. Somaraju, Ms. Kolste and Supervisor Williams.

Board of Health Members Absent: None at this time.

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

Others Present: Mary Beaver – Board of Supervisors

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes – 10/7/2020

Dr. Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/7/2020 Board of Health meetings. Eric Gresens 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. Somaraju, Dr. Meyers, Supervisor Wilde and Supervisor Williams were present. 9 PRESENT. 0 ABSENT.

Citizen Participation

New Business

Administrative Division

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000

Review of Payments

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Sandoval reported that the judge ruled in favor of continuing Governor Evers mask mandate. She also reported that the public gathering mandate has been enjoined and that the field capacity hospital at Wisconsin State Fair Park has been activated with no patients currently.

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

Mr. Gresens asked about the data relating to nursing home and assisted living outbreaks. Mr. Zupan responded accordingly and will check into further information that he would be able to gather.

Ms. Kolste asked about the testing at Dawson Field in regards to how it is going. Mr. Zupan responded with numbers and other information accordingly.

Dr. Meyers asked about the data on Rock County residents hospitalized in other counties. Mr. Zupan will look into it and report back.

Supervisor Rynes asked about what action the Health Department can take on “superspreader” events from happening. Ms. Sandoval replied accordingly. Supervisor Wilde, Dr. Winter and Supervisor Williams also responded.

Mr. Wesson reported on a higher number of reportable high lead levels in local children. This is more than likely due to children spending more time at home. Ms. Kolste asked about potential funding issues with getting lead issues fixed.

Ms. Bailey gave updates on the Dawson Field COVID testing site. After two days, 1,000 people have been tested. Ms. Bailey also reported that the test site at Blackhawk Technical College has been approved and will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting October 21st through December 10th (except Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving).

Ms. Soderberg reported on the impact of the state Department of Health entering crisis mode. Ms. Bailey highlighted points about the overflow hospital in Milwaukee. They currently have not admitted any patients and will take patients between the ages of 18-70, not in critical condition. Ms. Bailey reported that Phase 1 of the COVID-19 vaccine is expected to roll out to certain groups in different phases. Ms. Chouinard reported that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working with national chain pharmacies to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to long term care facilities and skilled nursing facilities in Phase 1. She also reported that pharmacies would not be vaccinating the general public in Phase 1, but more than likely in Phase 2.

Mr. Wietersen reported that most schools who have been virtual are back to face-to-face learning. He also reported on a lot of facility complaints and that they are handled on a case-by-case basis.



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Surveillance

Nothing to report.

Community Events/Outreach

Budget

Ms. Sandoval reported on a few highlights in the proposed 2021 budget. She also reported that the Health Department has decided to keep the environmental fees the same as last year, in light of COVID-19. She also reported that revenues have changed slightly due to not administering as many flu and pneumonia vaccines.

Ms. Sandoval reported the increase in expenses for the new budget for cell phones as every employee now has a smart phone to aid in working remotely.

Ms. Sandoval commented on the decrease in grants, but stated that new grants are always available.

Several members of the board applauded the budget and filling personnel and other gaps over the years.

Personnel

Ms. Cordova reported there are 4 interviews scheduled for the Public Health Nurse position. The Community Health Education Coordinator opening will be closing soon. The 2 Limited Term Employment Public Health Support Staff and the Administrative Services Supervisor positions will be starting soon.

Committee Approvals

Communications and Announcements

Adjournment

Supervisor Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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