



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 03, 2021

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, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Winter, Eric Gresens, Debra Kolste, Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Wilde and Dr. Somaraju.

Board of Health Members Absent: None at this time.

Staff Members Present: Michelle Bailey – Assistant Director/Interim Health Officer; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Matt Wesson – Environmental Health Supervisor; Kelsey Cordova – Public Health Supervisor; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Lori Soderberg – Public Health Supervisor; Jessica Turner – Communications Specialist; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Katrina Harwood – Incoming Rock County Health Officer; Terri Carlson – Risk Manager, Corporation Counsel; Alex – Citizen; and Lorin Cox – Citizen.

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes – 2/3/2021

Supervisor Wilde made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/3/2021 Board of Health meetings. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Melissa DeWitt read a summary of a letter sent to the County Administrator's office from Dan DeFore, a Janesville resident.

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 February payments in the amount of \$3,814.28.

Health Department Report

In the News

Michelle Bailey reported on the overall burden of COVID-19 has been remaining low for a decent amount of time. On Tuesday, 3/2, Rock County moved to Phase 2 of Reopening, which increases capacity limits from 25% to 50%.

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

Lori Soderberg reported on current happenings at the COVID-19 testing site at Blackhawk Technical College. She also reported that we have officially requested an extension for assistance from the WING. We are aiming at keeping them on board until September 30, 2021.

Lori Soderberg also reported on disease investigation and contact tracing relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff is no longer operating in crisis mode. She also extended basic information relating to the three types of COVID-19 vaccines on the market.

Dr. Somaraju shared additional information regarding the coverage of different variants from each of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Matt Wesson shared information on the next phase of re-opening for Rock County.

Nick Zupan shared various ways the public can apply to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Lori Soderberg spoke on behalf of the Vaccine Advisory Committee as well as a newly created Vaccine Advisory Subgroup. The Subgroup is currently working to vaccinate and target different vulnerable and homebound populations in our communities.

Supervisor Wilde asked about the option for the public to choose which vaccine manufacturer they are given. Michelle Bailey responded accordingly.

Kelsey Cordova & Rick Wietersen reported on the progress being made at the DHS Community-Based Vaccination Clinic Rock County at Blackhawk Technical College.

Jessica Turner shared the progress on the Community Health Assessment survey that is currently ongoing. Health priorities this month include COVID-19, mental health, health equity, diabetes, national drug and alcohol facts week, epilepsy awareness, national nutrition month, and sleep awareness. She also reminded everyone about the weekly media briefing, which is held each Thursday at 11 a.m., as well as Numbers with Nick, which occurs every Friday at 12 p.m. Both can be streamed on the Rock County Public Health Department's Facebook page and viewed later on the Health Department's YouTube Channel.

Surveillance

Nothing to report.

Community Events/Outreach

Nothing to report.



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Budget

Michelle Bailey mentioned the Governor of Wisconsin has allocated money to all of Public Health in Wisconsin, updates to come regarding if those allocations will come to Rock County.

Personnel

Kelsey Cordova reported on four Contact Tracer offers that have recently gone out, along with one offer for an Administrative Support Staff (Public Health Support Specialist). Also mentioned were new staff members beginning in the next few weeks: Katrina Harwood, Michael Niles, Taja Herford and Erin Yenser will all be joining the Rock County Public Health Department. There are two Environmental Health positions currently available, one full-time and one part-time.

Resolution: Accepting Wisconsin Lead-Safe Homes Program Grant and Amending the 2021 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public Health Department to accept this Lead-Safe Homes Program Grant in the amount of \$22,595, and amend the 2021 Rock County Public Health Department Budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget 3/1/2021</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3114-0000-42200 State Aide	-0-	\$22,595	\$22,595
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3114-0000-67120 Capital Assets	-0-	\$22,595	\$22,595

Debra Kolste made a motion to accept the resolution. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Communications and Announcements

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Dr. Meyers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Wilde seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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