



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 01, 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, Debra Kolste, Dr. Somaraju and Supervisor Williams.

Board of Health Members Absent: Eric Gresens, Supervisor Clasen

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood – Health Officer/Director; Michelle Bailey – Assistant Health Officer/Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Janis Baumann – Environmental Health Specialist III; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Sheryl – Citizen; rjstls – Citizen; hey yo – Citizen; Kath – Citizen; JD – Citizen; Resident – Citizen.

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Supervisor Rynes, Dr. Winter, Ms. Kolste, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Somaraju and Supervisor Williams were present. Eric Gresens & Supervisor Clasen were not present. 7 PRESENT. 2 ABSENT.

Adopt Agenda

Debra Kolste made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 8/4/2021

Dr. Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/4/2021 Board of Health meeting. Supervisor Rynes seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

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 August payments in the amount of \$17,822.18.

Health Department Report

COVID Response Update

Katrina Harwood shared a slideshow of the representation of the work that the Health Department is involved in for the county-wide COVID-19 response. Katrina thanked Dr. Vijaya Somaraju for leading a recent Q & A session regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Data shows a pretty significant increase in those testing positive for COVID-19. Regarding contact tracing, both the Rock County Public Health Department and the State are exceeding capacity for number of cases. The Rock County Public Health Department is looking to increase surge staff to assist with contact tracing efforts. Regarding vaccinations, there has been a growing interest in booster shots for those who have moderate to severely compromised immune systems. Booster doses for all others is currently pending FDA approval. The Environmental Health Division continues to provide support to businesses, particularly schools as many reopen this week with face-to-face instruction. To add, Environmental Health has been in continuous contact with both public and private schools over the duration of the summer months, to ensure a smooth transition back to school.

Surveillance: Katrina Harwood provided the Board members with the current COVID-19 data.

RCPHD Program Spotlight

Rock County's Beach and Surface Water Program

- Beach Ordinance 6.125 + Years = A lot of data!
 - Bacteria weekly sampling May 1st to September 30th annually including one inspection
 - Grew from 3 weekly sites to 6 weekly sites
 - Added 8 monthly samples and 12 seasonal sites = 26 Rock County monitored sites
 - Winter baseline sampling includes 9 sites
- Trends Observed
 - Large rain & flooding events spike E Coli counts
 - Began winter sampling for base line E Coli levels around January 2012
 - Springbrook Creek through Carver Roehl Park has partnered with Land Conservation to troubleshoot E Coli levels
 - Algal blooms June – September annually
 - Increased use of recreational waterways in off-season (Badfish Creek)
- Badfish Creek
 - Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) permit renewal public comment period 2018 - 2019: Friends of Badfish Creek sent a letter and a Rock County Resolution passed supporting an increase in disinfection period. New WDNR permit requires MMSD disinfect effluent from March 1st to November 30th beginning in 3/2023, an increase of 60 days!
 - Grant-funded sampling collaboration with Friends of the Badfish Creek in 2020. 7 locations from Dane County to Rock County, including Yahara River (2 sites) on 6 dates
 - Microbial source tracking for human, ruminant, swine and waterfowl markers. Results suggest E Coli prominent source in Badfish Creek is human.
 - Success, maybe? MMSD is appealing.
- Public Notification & Education
 - Signs, press releases, & social media



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- Partnerships with the City of Janesville, Town of Beloit, Rock County Parks Department, Friends of Turtle Creek, Friends of Badfish Creek
- 388 “hits” on website link after 1st 3 months after grant-funded water monitoring signs installed in 2019
- Increased calls with public requesting more follow up information
- Future Direction & Hurdles
 - Study involving multiple timed samplings over days to pinpoint decreases in bacteria as water flows downstream in Rock River and Lake Koshkonong
 - More sites sampled in Springbrook Creek through Palmer Park due to increased E Coli in recent years (contacted by Friends of Palmer Park FB Group)
 - Harmful algal blooms (HABS) human & pet safety education walking trail at Preservation Park in Beloit Township
 - Lots and lots of years of data for some student to input into a data tracking system
 - Time to dedicate to program while balancing other program responsibilities
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DHS 140

- DHS 140 is the minimum required services of “Local” Health Departments in WI (2019)
 - Does not include Tribal Health Departments as they are Sovereign Nations
- Authority
 - WI Statute 251.02
 - All LHDs must provide at least the services required for Level 1 LHDs
 - Level II and Level III LHDs must provide additional services
- Revised in 2019
 - Lacked alignment to modern PH language, models and frameworks
 - Not enduring over time due to use of dates and language of a certain era
- Public Health Modernization
 - Public Health Practice
 - Core Functions of Public Health
 - Assessment, Policy Development, and Assurance
 - 10 Essential Public Health Services
 - Public health activities communities should undertake
 - National Public Health Performance Standards
 - Establish quality criteria used in developing public health accreditation requirements
 - Foundational Public Health Services

- Build and maintain partnerships to make public health available and visible in communities
- Level I Required Services
 - Surveillance and investigation
 - Communicable Disease
 - Other disease prevention
 - Emergency preparedness and response
 - Health promotion
 - Human health hazard control
 - General PH nursing program
 - Policy and planning; CHA/CHIP every 5 years
 - Leadership and organizational competencies
 - Optional services; those of Level II and III
- Level II Required Services
 - Level I services PLUS
 - State Health Plan priority
 - Evidence based practice
 - Evaluate these additional services
 - Support implementation of services
 - WFD Plan, strong workforce, competency assessments of staff
 - Annual performance evaluations
 - Conduct QI and train staff on QI
 - Strategic Plan performance measures
 - Optional Services; those of Level III
- Level III Required Services
 - Lead data collection to guide planning and decision making in alignment with State Health Plan
 - Provide data, research and expertise to local stakeholders
 - Evidence based practice
 - Address social determinants of health
 - Establish an Environmental Health program
 - Additional services to address issue(s) in State Health Plan
 - Collect performance data, evaluate goals, conduct QI, report progress
 - Develop and implement a QI plan
- Health Officer Qualifications
 - Level I – Bachelors of Nursing
 - Level II – Bachelors of Nursing, PH, EH Biological sciences or related field
 - 3 years+ full time experience in PH, including communicable disease
 - Preferably administrative or supervisory
 - Level III – 3 years+ full-time experience at PH agency/work, and Master’s in PH, Health Care Administration, etc.
 - 5 years+ full-time experience at PH agency or work, Bachelors and 16+ Master’s credits
 - License to practice medicine or surgery AND 3 years+ full-time experience at PH agency or work, OR Master’s in PH, Health Care Administration, etc. OR eligible for certification by Board of Preventive Medicine in PH
- LDH Level Designation
 - Every 5 years DHS audits LHDs to assure they satisfy requirements of their desired designation level
 - If LHD is PHAB accredited, State Health Officer determines if LHD fulfills requirements
- RCPHD 140 Review



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- 2019; RCPHD was a pilot site for DHS revised 140 Review under revised DHS 140 rule

Budget

Katrina Harwood reported on our current upcoming funding for COVID-19 response and recovery.

<u>Funding</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Estimated Funding</u>
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	3/3/21 – 12/31/24	\$1,187,000
Immunization and Vaccination Supplement	7/1/21 – 6/30/24	\$228,300
Public Health Workforce Supplement	7/1/21 – 6/30-23	\$205,000
Health Disparity (Request for Applications)	TBD	TBD

Workforce

Katrina Harwood reported on current workforce updates.

New staff

- Daniel Kwok (Data Intern)
- Audrey Peasley (Beloit College Duffy Program Intern)

Current Position Vacancies

- Public Health Supervisor (announcement coming)
- Public Health Policy Specialist (announcement coming)
- Public Health Data Scientist (recruitment reopened, closes 9/17/21)
- Public Health Planner (recruitment reopened, closes 9/10/21)
- Public Health Nurse (opening to be posted)
- Health Educator HEAR Coordinator (to be posted)
- COVID-19 Contact Tracers (to be posted)

Resolution: Accepting Additional Public Health Consolidated Contract Grant Funds 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 additional funding of \$3,490 through the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant, and amend the 2021 Rock County Public Health Department Budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget 2021</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended (Budget)</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
Federal Aid 31-3025-0000-42100	\$16,307	\$3,490	\$19,797
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Administrative Expense 31-3025-0000-63110	\$16,307	\$3,490	\$19,797

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

Communications and Announcements

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Dr. Winter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Meyers seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder
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