



## **MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**April 07, 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, Eric Gresens, Debra Kolste, Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Wilde and Dr. Somaraju.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Winter.

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood – Health Officer/Director; Michelle Bailey – Assistant Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist; and Holly Bowers – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Wes Davis – County Board of Supervisors.

### **Adopt Agenda**

Debra Kolste made a motion to adopt the agenda. Eric Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

### **Approval of Minutes – 3/3/2021**

Dr. Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/3/2021 Board of Health meetings. Supervisor Wilde 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 March payments in the amount of \$3,790.76.

#### **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. For testing, the Health Department is continuing to provide staff support and communication for the Wisconsin National Guard (WING) staffed testing site at Blackhawk Technical College. Statewide, there has been less testing occurring at WING sites and the state Health Department is looking at the future of community-based testing sites throughout the state. Rock County will have WING support until at least May 27<sup>th</sup>. One of the main components to the response is to complete case investigations and contact tracing for people who have positive test results. Another large component of the response is vaccinations. Vaccine eligibility is open to all Wisconsin residents over the age of 16, beginning on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alison Chouinard from the Rock County Public Health Department is serving as the Vaccine Coordinator and is leading the Vaccine Advisory Committee. There is also a vaccine transportation subcommittee. The Environmental Health Division continues to provide support to businesses on the mask order and the phased reopening guidance.

The following pieces below go along with the different categories of the COVID-19 response.

**Communications:** Coordinated by Jessica Turner from the Rock County Public Health Department. Board members and community members are encouraged to watch the weekly media briefing, which can be viewed on the Rock County Public Health Department's Facebook page every Thursday at 11 a.m.

**Public Health Orders and Guidance:** The current mask mandate is enforced by Rock County and is ongoing through May 5<sup>th</sup>. The phase reopening guidance will be updated after that date.

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

Debra Kolste asked about the comparison between the number of positive cases last year at this time vs. the number of positive cases this year at the same time. Nick Zupan responded accordingly.

Supervisor Davis asked about the effects of mask wearing against the flu numbers this year. Nick Zupan responded accordingly.

### **RCPHD Program Spotlight** **2019 Annual Report**

- Licensed facilities
  - Rock County permits over 1,000 facilities (restaurants, pools, lodging, campgrounds, etc.)
  - Overall goal is to reduce illness and injuries
  - In 2019, Rock County received a grant to perform a foodborne illness risk assessment
- Childhood Lead Poisoning
  - In Rock County, more than half of the homes were built before 1960, many of which still contain lead
  - Many children do get referred for blood tests
  - If care is needed, coordination is done by a Public Health Nurse and an Environmental Health employee
  - Healthy Homes Lead Risk Assessment is done
  - Rock County Public Health Department partners with the City of Janesville on many home rehab projects and programs
  - Occasionally, lead abatement orders are sent, if necessary
  - Several different funding sources are available to help pay for repairs
- Immunizations (non-COVID)
  - Michelle Bailey presented on various immunization program objectives



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- Objective 1: Increase % of 2-year-olds who are up to date with all immunizations by 24 months of age to 68%
- Objective 2: 100% of schools (73) total will submit immunization report by 40<sup>th</sup> day of school
- Objective 3: By December 31, 2019, school waiver rates will decrease to 6%
- Objective 4: By December 31, 2019, all Rock County licensed daycares will report immunization data to State DHS and LDH based on reporting requirements

### **Public Health Spotlight**

#### **10 Essential Public Health Services**

1. Assess and monitor population health
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health hazards and root causes
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate
4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws.
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions
7. Enable equitable access
8. Build a diverse and skilled workforce
9. Improve and innovate through evaluation, research, and quality improvement
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health
  - The core of public health is Equity
  - Released in September 2020
  - National framework for health departments
  - Alignment with other public health frameworks
    - Public Health 3.0 Model
    - Public Health Accreditation Standards and Measures

### **Budget**

Katrina Harwood reported on the current year to date expenses

- Budget: \$3,351,599.00
- Actual: \$813,201.83 (24.2%)
- Encumbrance: \$1,077.00
- Balance: \$2,537,320.17

### **Workforce**

Katrina Harwood reported on new staff members

- Erin Yenser, VISTA member serving a year long commitment with the Rock County Public Health Department
- Holly Bowers, Public Health Support Specialist
- Michael Niles, Health Educator
- Taja Hereford, LTE Health Educator

Current Position Vacancies

- FT Environmental Health Specialist
- PT Environmental Health Specialist

Future Position Vacancies

- Public Health Supervisor
- Medical Advisor

**Communications and Announcements**

Nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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