



ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 03, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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1. Call to Order
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – (2/3/2021)
4. Citizen Participation
5. New Business
 - A. Administrative Division
 - (1) Review of Payments
 - (2) Transfer of Funds over \$5,000
 - (3) Public Health Department Report
 - a. In the News
 - b. Surveillance
 - c. Community Events/Outreach
 - d. Budget
 - e. Personnel
 - B. Resolution: Accepting Wisconsin Lead-Safe Homes Program Grant and Amending the 2021 Rock County Public Health Department Budget
6. Communications and Announcements
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 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, Mr. Gresens, Ms. 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; Alison Chouinard – Community Health Education Coordinator; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Lori Soderberg – Public Health Supervisor; Jessica Turner – Communications Specialist; Seth Loncar – Administrative Services Supervisor; Falcia Martinez – Public Health Nurse; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Terri Carlson – Corporation Counsel, Risk Manager; Faleasha Gallagher – MPH Candidate at the University of Wisconsin.

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Meyers made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 1/6/2021

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/6/2021 Board of Health meetings. Ms. Kolste 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, Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Wilde were present. Dr. Somaraju joined after roll call. 8 PRESENT. 1 ABSENT.

Citizen Participation

None at this time.

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 January payments in the amount of \$1,576.31.

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Bailey reported on one case of human infection of the novel Influenza A (H3N2 variant) virus in Wisconsin. Other strains of the flu are very low so far. She also commented on remaining patient and vigilant on continuing to control the spread of COVID-19.

Ms. Kolste asked how many people had been vaccinated against the flu this year. Mr. Zupan and Ms. Chouinard responded accordingly.

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

Ms. Martinez reported on the COVID-19 testing site at Blackhawk Technical College. She reported some logistical changes that have currently happened, along with changes due to harsh, inclement weather. In addition, new hours have been released and children as young as 12 months can now be tested.

Mr. Wesson commented on recent COVID-19 facility complaints, which are still coming in each week.

Mr. Loncar gave updates on the newly created vaccine request form and vaccine hotline.

Ms. Chouinard reported on what is happening at the local level regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. She reported on the vaccine shortage among the entire state of Wisconsin.

Ms. Cordova reported on the POD (Point of Dispensing) clinic that was held at Blackhawk Technical College. Over the course of the four days of the clinic, a total of 944 doses were given. She gave her sentiments on everyone's efforts and hard work to make the clinic happen in such a short amount of time.

Mr. Wietersen announced the collaboration of the Rock County Public Health Department with a national vaccine vendor to begin administering vaccines. This is in the very early stages, more news to come at a later date.

Ms. Chouinard reported on the Rock County Vaccine Advisory Committee.

Ms. Turner gave updates regarding communications.

Surveillance

Nothing to report.



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Community Events/Outreach

Budget

Ms. Bailey reported on receiving an Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity Grant from DPH in the amount of \$793,500.00.

Personnel

Ms. Chouinard reported the addition of Michael Miles as the newest Health Educator for the Rock County Public Health Department. He will begin on March 8th.

Ms. Cordova announced the onboarding of three contact tracers, which brings our total to 14 nearly full-time positions. Also mentioned was the recruitment of LTE Support Staff. She also reported on the Health Officer position and is hoping to have a more concrete announcement soon. Mr. Wesson announced the resignation of Josh Shere, Environmental Health Specialist.

Ms. Soderberg reported on the addition of Edgewood Nursing students and one student from Beloit College, who will both be helping with various projects at the Rock County Public Health Department.

CHIP Evaluation Presentation

Faleasha Gallagher, Masters of Public Health Student at the University of Wisconsin, presented the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) Evaluation.

Communications and Announcements

Supervisor Peer read a letter addressed from Josh Smith, County Administrator, regarding the interview process for the new Health Officer position.

Adjournment

Dr. Winter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Somaraju seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

Not Official Until Approved by the Board of Health

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



Michelle Bailey
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

February 24, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

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

1 **WHEREAS**, childhood lead poisoning continues to be a significant public health issue in Rock County;
2 and lead-based paint in older homes continues to be the main source of exposure; and approximately
3 42,000 dwelling units in Rock County were built before 1978, the year lead-based was banned for use in
4 residential settings; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department (RCPHD) is mandated to identify sources of
7 exposure in high level childhood poisoning cases; and the RCPHD has and continues to provide
8 assessment services for local housing rehabilitation grants and programs aimed at reducing sources of
9 lead exposure; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, a X-ray fluorescence (XRF) device is a necessary tool for efficient and non-destructive
12 analysis of housing components to determine lead (Pb) concentrations and hazards; and the XRF currently
13 utilized by RCPHD staff is nearing the end of its usable life; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Lead-Safe Homes Program Grant will provide funding to purchase a new XRF.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
18 this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public Health
19 Department to accept this Lead-Safe Homes Program Grant in the amount of \$22,595, and amend the
20 2021 Rock County Public Health Department Budget as follows:
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<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 Aid	-0-	\$22,595	\$22,595
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3114-0000-67120			
Capital Assets	-0-	\$22,595	\$22,595

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Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

Louis Peer, Chair

Dr. Connie Winter, DDS, Vice Chair

Supervisor Doug Wilde

Supervisor Shirley Williams

Eric Gresens, R.PH

Dr. Kaitlyn Meyers, DVM, MPH

Supervisor Danette Rynes

Dr. Vijaya Somaraju, MD, MPH, FACP

Debra Kolste

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of _____

Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of state aid for the purchase of a lead analysis device. No County funds are required.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), 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 § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

Executive Summary

Lead-based paint in older homes is the primary source of childhood lead poisoning in Wisconsin and Rock County. Although there have been great strides in reducing the poisoning rates, Rock County continues to have a significant number of cases each year due to the high number of older houses. Lead-based paint was commonly used in residential homes until it was banned in 1978 and there are approximately 42,000 pre-1978 homes in Rock County with potential lead hazards. The prevalence of lead paint hazards and childhood poisoning cases has had a disproportionate effect on children from low-income and minority families within our communities.

Children are most often exposed to lead through debris and contaminated dust that originates from older deteriorating lead-based paint. Lead may interfere with a child's development and exposure greatly increases the risk of mental or physical development issues. Research has shown that even low levels of exposure can result in learning deficits.

The Rock County Public Health Department (RCPHD) is mandated to conduct assessments to identify hazards on residences of children that have been identified as having an Elevated Blood Lead Level. These are also completed for partner agencies that have home rehabilitation grants and programs designed to abate potential lead hazards in homes.

The X-ray fluorescence analyzer (XRF) is the standard testing device used by regulatory agencies and industry professionals to identify the lead concentration in paint and other surface coatings. This is a necessary tool that provides a cost-effective, efficient, and non-destructive method to identify existing and potential lead hazards.

The current XRF utilized by the RCPHD is nearing the end of its usable life due to the natural decay of the radioactive source it needs to identify the element lead (Pb). The Wisconsin Lead-Safe Homes Program grant will provide the funding necessary to fully purchase and license a new XRF.