



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 02, 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, Dr. Somaraju, Eric Gresens, Debra Kolste, Supervisor Williams, and Supervisor Wilde.

Board of Health Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood – Health Officer/Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Jennifer Weadge – Public Health Nurse; Taja Hereford – Health Educator; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present:

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Supervisor Rynes, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, Ms. Kolste, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Somaraju, Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Wilde were present. 9 PRESENT. 0 ABSENT.

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes – 5/5/2021

Dr. Winter made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/5/2021 Board of Health meeting. Dr. Meyers 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 May payments in the amount of \$4,026.63.

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 communications for the Wisconsin National Guard (WING) staffed testing site at Blackhawk Technical College. Statewide, there has been a decrease in overall testing. Most of the testing in Rock County is currently being done through Health Care providers. Rock County will have WING support until at least July 29th. If a testing site is still needed in the fall, the need will be re-evaluated to determine a potential new location since classes are tentatively slated to start in-person at Blackhawk Technical College and they will need their space back. Positive case numbers have significantly decreased, which has lessened the workload on our Contact Tracing staff. A few weeks ago, a mobile vaccine clinic was held in conjunction with the City of Janesville to provide the vaccine to those who are homebound. The clinic was deemed a successful initiative. Several successful school-based vaccine clinics have been held at several local schools in the area (Evansville, Milton, Edgerton, Parkview & Clinton). Second dose clinics will also be held. The Environmental Health Division continues to provide support to businesses as they plan to reopen.

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

Communications: Ongoing throughout the pandemic. Media briefings have moved to every other week (on alternative weeks as the "Numbers with Nick" presentation). A weekly media summary is being distributed to all Board Members.

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

RCPHD Program Spotlight

Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR)

- Health Equity Alliance of Rock County
 - A multisector collaboration
 - Mission: HEAR is committed to health equity, through community collaboration, to ensure that Rock County reaches its full health potential
 - Vision: Rock County is a healthier place to live, work, learn, play, and grow
 - Values: Community, Health & Well-being, Equity, Collaboration

What is the CHA-CHIP?

- Community Health Assessment
 - Community health assessment survey
 - Secondary data
 - Public Health systems analysis
 - Key informant interviews
 - Community conversations
- Community Health Improvement Plan
 - Health priorities
 - 3-5 year plan
 - HEAR involvement
- Assess → Prioritize → Plan → Implement → Monitor/Evaluate



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- Updates and results
 - 1030 total surveys
 - 15-20 focus groups
 - Special groups (Fresh Start Youth, Youth Justice Workers, CPS, House of Mercy, big city conversations, etc.)
 - 20-25 key informant interviews
- Next steps
 - Secondary data
 - Public health systems analysis
 - CHA write-up
 - Health priorities
 - CHIP write-up

Public Health Spotlight

10 Essential Public Health Services

- Essential Public Health Service #3
 - Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it
 - This service includes:
 - Developing and disseminating accessible health information and resources, including through collaboration with multi-sector partners
 - Communicating with accuracy and necessary speed
 - Using appropriate communication channels (e.g., social media, peer-to-peer networks, mass media, and other channels) to effectively reach the intended populations
 - Developing and deploying culturally and linguistically appropriate and relevant communications and educational resources, which includes working with stakeholders and influencers in the community to create effective and culturally resonant materials
 - Employing the principles of risk communication, health literacy, and health education to inform the public, when appropriate
 - Actively engaging in two-way communication to build trust with populations served and ensure accuracy and effectiveness of prevention and health promotion strategies
 - Ensuring public health communications and education efforts are asset-based when appropriate and do not reinforce narratives that are damaging to disproportionately affected populations
 - Examples from our work:
 - Issuing press releases

- Posting information on social media
 - Engaging in conversations with our community
- Essential Public Health Service #4
 - Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health
 - This service includes:
 - Convening and facilitating multi-sector partnerships and coalitions that include sectors that influence health (e.g., planning, transportation, housing, education, etc.)
 - Fostering and building genuine, strengths-based relationships with a diverse group of partners that reflect the community and the population
 - Authentically engaging with community members and organizations to develop public health solutions
 - Learning from, and supporting, existing community partnerships and contributing public health expertise
 - Examples from our work:
 - Convening partners including transportation providers to address transportation needs
 - Attendance at a City of Janesville Manager Meeting to provide a Public Health perspective
- Essential Public Health Service #5
 - Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health
 - This service includes:
 - Developing and championing policies, plans, and laws that guide the practice of public health
 - Examining and improving existing policies, plans, and laws to correct historical injustices
 - Ensuring that policies, plans, and laws provide a fair and just opportunity for all to achieve optimal health
 - Providing input into policies, plans, and laws to ensure that health impact is considered
 - Continuously monitoring and developing policies, plans and laws that improve public health and preparedness and strengthen community resilience
 - Collaborating with all partners, including multi-sector partners, to develop and support policies, plans, and laws
- Essential Public Health Service #6
 - Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health
 - This service includes:
 - Ensuring that applicable laws are equitably applied to protect the public's health
 - Conducting enforcement activities that may include, but are not limited to sanitary codes, especially in the food industry; full protection of drinking water supplies; and timely follow-up on hazards, preventable injuries, and exposure-related diseases identified in occupational and community settings
 - Licensing and monitoring the quality of healthcare services (e.g., laboratory, nursing homes, and home healthcare)
 - Reviewing new drug, biologic, and medical device applications
 - Licensing and credentialing the healthcare workforce
 - Including health considerations in laws from other sectors (e.g., zoning)

Budget



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Katrina Harwood reported on the 2021 budget monitoring, along with the 2022 budget development (which will include additions to workforce capacity and IT related needs). A mid-year summary will be available at next month's meeting.

- 3 potential new positions to budget for in 2022
 - Policy Specialist
 - Public Health Planner
 - Data Scientist

Pending Grant Applications

- 2022 WDATCP Clean Sweep – Unwanted Prescription Drug Collections
 - Due May 28th
 - Historically \$5,000 - \$6,000
- Mid-Year 2021 FDA-AFDO Managed Retail Program Standard Grant – Category 2 Moderate Project Equipment Needs
 - Due June 4th
 - Requesting ~\$6,000
- 2021-22 WDHS Environmental Public Health Tracking Grant – Taking Action with Data
 - Due mid-July
 - Up to \$10,000

Workforce

Katrina Harwood reported on current workforce updates.

New staff

- Olivia Feider, Environmental Health Specialist

Current Position Vacancies

- PT Environmental Health Specialist
- Public Health Supervisor

Communications and Announcements

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Dr. Winter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Wilde seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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