

## **Board of Health Minutes January 12, 2023**

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Leo Naidl, Jonathan Neils, Shannon Wanek, Catherine Wagner, Annette Kaminsky, Nick Muench. Absent: Brian Konowalchuk. Also in attendance: Bob Ziegelbauer, Heather Feest, William Fessler, Lexi Otis, Sydney Herman.

### **Regular Business:**

The meeting was called to order by Rita Metzger at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the November 2022 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shirley Fessler and seconded by Jonathan Neils to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### **Health Officer Report:**

- COVID-19 Update
  - Reported COVID-19 cases have stayed consistent, with a 7-day average of 11 cases/day (Total: 24,780 cases.)
  - COVID-19 hospitalizations in the NE region have risen, with a 7-day average of 52 people hospitalized/day
  - COVID-19 deaths continue, with 11 deaths reported since last meeting. (Total: 216 deaths)
  - Health Department administering COVID-19 bivalent booster shots and monovalent primary series every Friday from 10AM-4PM
- Respiratory virus update – after an aggressive and early influenza and RSV season, we are seeing a decline in respiratory infections (Influenza, RSV, rhino-entero viruses, and parainfluenza).
- Proposal to reduce Nutrition Educator FTE from 0.9 to 0.8. A motion to vote was made by Jonathan Neils, seconded by Shannon Wanek. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Nurse Manager Report:**

- Communicable Disease Report
  - COVID-19 remains the number one reported infectious disease in the County. Influenza-associated hospitalizations are the second most reported disease.
  - COVID-19 disease investigation and individual case management is being discontinued in order to increase focus on outbreak investigations.
- STI Program Update – Health Department continues to explore options to better respond to STIs in Manitowoc County. We will have a guest speaker to discuss testing and treatment options at next month's Board of Health meeting.
- Jail vaccination update – quarterly vaccination opportunities to be provided to county jail residents.
- Pediatric flu shot update – The Health Department is able to administer free influenza vaccines to any school-going child in Manitowoc County regardless of insurance status. Forty-four doses given thus far. Walk-ins and appointments for flu shots are welcome.
- The Health Department hosted a representative from the WI DHS Immunization program on January 12<sup>th</sup> for a Vaccines For Children (VFC) compliance site visit. We received a good report from the State representative and are certified as compliant.

### **Environmental Health Manager Report:**

- Radiation sampling bid awarded to the Health Department.

### **WIC Director Report:**

- WIC caseload for November final report was 977 participants, 588 families. Initial December report has 1,001 participants and 599 families.
- Contracted caseload is 923 participants.

### **Community Health Assessment Presentation:**

Lexi Otis (Health Educator) and Sydney Herman (Community Health Strategist) presented the results of the Community Health Assessment Report.

### **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:**

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be February 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Shannon Wanek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Lambert, Acting Secretary