

Board of Health Minutes

April 13th, 2023

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Leo Naidl, Jonathan Neils, Annette Kaminsky, Nick Muench, Shannon Kanter.

Absent: Brian Konowalchuk, Catherine Wagner Also in attendance: Bob Ziegelbauer, Heather Feest, Dr. Pradeep Giriappa, Stephanie Lambert

Regular Business:

The meeting was called to order by Rita Metzger at 5:00p.m. The minutes of the March 2023 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 among Manitowoc County residents continues to decline, with a 7-day average of 6 cases/day (Total: 25,388 cases.)
 - COVID-19 hospitalizations in the NE region have declined, with a 7-day average of 25 people hospitalized/day
 - COVID-19 deaths have slowed, with 1 death reported since last meeting. (Total: 221 deaths)
 - COVID-19 antigen tests available through June
- Health Department is continuing planning for the Community Health Improvement Plan
- 2022 Annual Report was completed in March.
- COVID ELC grant extended through the end of the year. Will be supporting Community Health Worker through NEWAHEC. Also looking at partnering with NEWAHEC and Healthiest Manitowoc County on a grant for Narcan Vending Machines.
- Health Officer Transition
 - Korina Aghmar started on April 3rd, Stephanie Lambert is leaving her role as Health Officer, tomorrow is her last day. Thank you to Stephanie for her leadership and guidance to the health department and community.

Nurse Manager Report

- CD Report – COVID-19 and chlamydia the highest reported diseases in March. Increased testing for syphilis was noted.
- Handwashing Program and Outreach Monday at the YMCA went well
- DHS COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Virtual Site Visit occurred April 3 2023. No deficiencies or Follow-up needed Our program was referred to as a “GOLD Standard”
- LTCF outreach initiated to improve communication and understanding of protocols.
- STI program updates: Milwaukee Keenan Rescheduled from April 6 to 13 two PHN went to learn more about HIV/ STI testing
- PHN will complete New to Public Health program on April 19 - Kelsey Weaver
- NEWIC 2023 Immunization Champion awarded to Nicole Spevacek – ceremony on April 26th.
- School vaccination clinics planned for several area schools

Environmental Health Manager Report

- Nothing new to report

WIC Director Report:

- The final participants for February was 1,017 participants and 605 families. The initial caseload for March is 987 participants, 596 families.
- The Contracted caseload is 934 participants.

Annual Report

- 2022 Annual Report reviewed and discussed.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be May 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Jonathon Neils. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Korina Aghmar, Health Officer