

Board of Health Minutes

August 10th, 2023

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Leo Naidl, Nick Muench, Catherine Wagner, Dr. Brian Konowalchuk

Absent: Jonathan Neils, Annette Kaminsky, Shannon Kanter

Also in attendance: Bob Ziegelbauer, Korina Aghmar, Heather Feest, Jessica Wanserski, John ? (a member of the public)

Regular Business:

The meeting was called to order by Rita Metzger at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the June 2023 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. Motion by Shirley Fessler and seconded by Nick Muench to approve minutes. Motion carried. No public comment.

Health Officer Report:

- *Staffing Update:* Admin. Assist. position has been filled. One new vacancy for the Community Health Strategist position.
- *Strategic Planning:* Session will be held on 9/13/23 at the Health Department-BOH welcome to participate/attend.
- *Trainings:* Health officer has been attending the New Health Officer Onboarding Orientation. Next session will be in September in Madison.
- *Grants Update:* Public Health Vending Machine Grant-Health Department is collaborating with the Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Coalition to discuss the locations for the machine from the Health Department grant. This Coalition also received funds from a private foundation for a second Narcan Vending Machine.
 - The SUP Coalition will be having a meeting on 8/30 to get input on the location for both machines. Details on the meeting will be emailed to the BOH.

Nurse Manager Report:

- CD Report: COVID-19 and chlamydia remain the highest reported diseases for June, and for July.
- Working with Local Health Care Providers to educate on HPV-created educational resources for providers.
- Summer health campaign-encourages school age children to get up to date on vaccinations before school starts and education on other summer health topics. Book mark was created and provided to area organizations and summer schools.
- Locally have been seeing an increase in drug resistant organisms at LTCF's. In response Health Dept. collaborated with the state Department of Health Services to host an educational session for LTCF on prevention strategies. Attendees received resources to enhance environmental cleaning procedures. Based on positive feedback this may be an event that is offered again next year.

Environmental Health Services Presentation:

EH Manager Jessica Wanserski provided an overview of the Environmental Health (EH) Program. Presentation discussed: what EH is, qualifications required, how the program is funded and a review of EH programs. Most of the work that EH performs is funded by contracts (over 90%) and uses very little tax levy.

- One of the EH staff recently received a scholarship to attend a National Environmental Health Conference.
- The licensing renewal period has been completed-EH inspects almost 800 facilities annually and there is a short time period that staff has to complete the renewals.
- The Beach Monitoring will be wrapping up at the end of August-this is done in partnership with UW-Oshkosh students.
- EH Manager-Jessica Wanserski successfully completed the annual FDA/State Retail Food Standardization exercise. This is a very intensive process that involves a graded field exercise and is required by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP).
- One of the biggest changes seen in EH is a strong and steady growth in new short-term rentals (Tourist Rooming Houses).

WIC Director Report:

The WIC caseload for June final was 989 participants and 608 families. The initial for July is 984 participants and 603 families. Contracted caseload is 934 participants.

- WIC has been issuing Farmer's Market vouchers \$30 to participants starting on June 1st and will continue until Sept. 30th. They can use them at Farmer's Markets until October 31st.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be September 14th, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Leo Naidl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Korina Aghmar, on behalf of Secretary