

Board of Health Minutes October 12th, 2023

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Annette Kaminski, Leo Naidl, Nick Muench, Catherine Wagner. Absent: Jonathan Neils, Shirley Fessler, Shannon Kanter, Dr. Brian Konowalchuk. Also in attendance: Bob Ziegelbauer, Korina Aghmar, Heather Feest, Jessica Wanserski.

Regular Business:

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

Health Officer Report:

- *Strategic Planning:* Presented draft of Health Department initial Strategic Plan. Motion by Catherine Wagner to adopt, seconded by Nick Muench.
- *Communicable Disease Data & Reporting Changes:* COVID-19 will be moved from a Category I reportable condition to a Category II starting November 1st. In addition, RSV will be added as a Category II. Hospitalizations are now the primary surveillance indicator for COVID-19. Links to COVID-19 County Check are on Health Department website.
- *DHS 140 Review:* Wisconsin Department of Public Health was onsite for a formal assessment of health department's operations. A written report including the designation status is expected from the state before the end of the year.
- *Staffing Update:* One new vacancy in nursing, Community Health Strategist & PH Technician position filled.
- *Grants Update:* 2024 consolidated contract negotiation process has started. Continuing conversations with the Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Coalition to determine a location for PHVM grant. This Coalition also received funds from a private foundation for a machine, which is planned to go in the Econo Lodge.

Nurse Manager Report:

- *CD Report:* COVID-19 and chlamydia remain the highest reported diseases for August, and September. Cases of syphilis are increasing throughout the state and locally-working to increase provider awareness of need to test.
- *Immunizations:* Seeing an increase in clients coming to our onsite VFC clinics- immunization objective is to have 77% of children up to date on immunizations by age 2- currently we are at 76%. Will be hosting mass flu clinics later this month.
- One of the nurses was selected to participate in the Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention training program put on by the state. This will increase our capacity to respond to cases of multi-drug resistant organisms in our community.
- *Health Promotion & Outreach Activities:*
 - Hosted a "Back to School" event for local School Nurses in late September.
 - In efforts to prevent tick-borne illnesses, we have distributed over 200 tick kits to partners & individuals.
 - Distributed over 100 respiratory hygiene kits to public.
- *Community Health Improvement Plan:* One of the CHIP priorities is Youth Well-Being. The CH educator, and nurses collaborated with community to partners to organize a community baby shower this was very well attended, and good feedback received from partners on the event. All PHNs are now certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

Environmental Health Services Fee Review:

- Jessie Wanserski presented background on EH fees, proposal to increase fees and impact. Discussion on how establishments are categorized. Motion to approve fee structure by Nick Muench, seconded by Annette Kaminski. Planning to have the increase in fee proposal presented to County Board for approval in December.

WIC Director Report:

- Targeted case load is 934-Case load for was July- 991, August-988, and our projected numbers for September is 955.
- Discussion on how federal shut down may impact WIC area. Recent guidance from state WIC office indicated minimal impact to clients, but there is much unknown at this time. Korina will email any further info or updates to BOH.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be November 9th, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Annette Kaminsky. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Korina Aghmar, on behalf of Secretary