

Board of Health Minutes

February 8th, 2024

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

Regular Business: The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Neils at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the November 2023 meeting reviewed. Motion by Shirley Fessler, seconded by Nick Muench to approve. Motion carried. Motion by Jonathan Neils to approve agenda as is, seconded by Annette Kaminski. Motion carried. No public comment.

Health Officer Report:

- *Strategic Plan*- The department's 5-year plan was presented. Question and discussion on details for actions on community issues, and reporting progress.
 - Plan complements other dept. & external plans such as the CHIP which have additional details on addressing health issues. Tracking & reporting progress will align with PM system being developed.
 - Next steps for implementation include finalizing strategies, action steps, and creating metricsMotion by Nick Muench to adopt Strategic Plan, seconded by Catherine Wagner. Motion carried.
- *Discussion & action on ordinance amendment to align with Level 3 requirements for health officer qualifications.* In December WI-DHS issued a finding that MCHD exceeded requirements for a level 2 & moved up to a level 3 health dept. Current county code specifies health officer qualifications for a Level 2. An overview of the 140-review process, level requirements, and findings from the report discussed.
 - There are 3 Levels, which are determined by staff qualifications and services, level 3 is the highest
 - In the NE Region there are 19 LHD, only 7 others are Level 3.
 - Level III status is associated with higher quality services to the community
 - The department will see an increase in funding for certain grants with the new level
- Motion by Nick Muench to adopt ordinance to align with health officer qualifications for a level 3, seconded by Annette Kaminski. Motion carried.

Nurse Manager Report:

- *CD Prevention:* CD report for January & Respiratory Surveillance report reviewed. Flu, COVID-19 & RSV circulating. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 are at low level. Continue to encourage vaccinations.
- *Lead Poisoning Prevention:* 2024 objective added to increase testing. Focusing on onsite testing with WIC
- *Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention Program:* PHN is participating in this state program to assist in increasing capacity to combat the increasing rates of antibiotic resistance organisms in healthcare facilities.
- *Community Outreach-* Presentations provided for 1st aid, CD prevention, and Naloxone training.

Environmental Health Report: No report

WIC Report:

- Final WIC caseload for December was 922 participants (566 families). The initial January caseload is 936 participants (574 families). The contracted caseload is 936 participants

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be March 14th, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Jonathon Neils and seconded by Nick Muench. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Korina Aghmar, on behalf of Secretary