

## Board of Health Minutes

May 9th, 2024

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Nick Muench, Tim Jadowski, Jonathan Neils, Annette Kaminski. Absent: Mike Grambow, Dr. Brian Konowalchuk, Shannon Kanter. Also in attendance: Bob Ziegelbauer, Heather Feest, Korina Aghmar

**Regular Business:** The meeting was called to order by Rita Metzger at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the April 2024 meeting reviewed. Motion by Shirley Fessler, seconded by Annette Kaminsky to approve. Motion carried. No public comment.

**Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair:** Motion by Jonathan Neils to elect Rita Metzger as chair. Seconded by Shirley Fessler to approve. Motion carried. Motion by Rita Metzger to elect Jonathan Neils as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Shirley Fessler to approve. Motion carried. Motion by Jonathan Neils to elect Nick Muench as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. Seconded by Rita Metzger to approve. Motion carried.

### Health Officer Report:

- Update on implementation of 140 review recommendations to complete revision of plans.
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update: CHIP has good alignment with State Health Improvement Plan, and has been used as an example in other counties by the state. Continuing to support the CHIP workgroups through Healthiest Manitowoc County (HMC).
- Emerging Issue: Information on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)-provided. The risk of humans getting Avian flu is low right now, and is being monitored by state and federal agencies. MCHD has updated website with a Quick link to *Immunizations & Respiratory Diseases* where people can sign up for CDC updates.

### Nurse Manager Report:

- *Wisconsin Respiratory Surveillance Report:* Influenza, COVID-19, & RSV continue to circulate at low levels. Predominant virus of the week Rhinovirus/ Enterovirus. Human metapneumovirus activity remains elevated. Parainfluenza virus activity increasing
- *Communicable Disease Report*-Review of and discussion on updating monthly communicable disease report-
  - *Chlamydia Trachomatis infections (6) and COVID-19 (4) associated hospitalizations.*
- *Health Promotion*-
  - Implementation of the Mental Health Awareness Project for May "Go Green", have been getting positive community response to this initiative. Promotional items are available from Health dept.
  - Nurse Manager presented on Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms, and increasing cases of invasive serogroup Y meningococcal disease at AMCMC- Infection Prevention Meeting.

**Environmental Health Report:** Calls for tourist rooming houses increasing. Preparing for license/renewal season.

**WIC Report:** WIC has been consistently seeing more participants than what we had contracted for. The contract number is 936 participants a month. The state will be increasing funding for remainder of 2024.

- The final caseload for March was 960 participants. The initial caseload for April is 976 participants.
- The Farmer's Market Program starts on June 1st. WIC participants can get vouchers to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at local Farmer's Markets.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:** The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be 6/13/2024 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Jonathan Neils. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Korina Aghmar