

Board of Health Minutes: June 13th, 2024

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

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

Health Officer Presentation: Board of Health Orientation/Refresher:

- Health Officer presentation on local health department & BOH roles/responsibilities, information & resources.

Health Officer Report:

- Staffing updates: PHN position, filled, individual expected to start early July.
 - A casual call position will be posted to assist with vaccination outreach efforts through July 2025. This position is possible due to an extension and additional funds provided through a COVID related grant.
- Healthiest Manitowoc County (HMC), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) updates:
 - A community partner that is part of the Substance Use Prevention (SUP) group has written for a Narcan vending machine grant. They are working with the Manitowoc Library as a location.
 - Funds from the vending machine grant that Health Dept. submitted for were unused as an alternate location was not identified. The original location written in the Health Dept. grant (EconoLodge), did not move forward for a number of reasons including a pending change in ownership.
 - SUP group will be promoting awareness around the prevention of overdose deaths, and education for Naloxone use, including a couple electronic billboards that will be going up soon.

Nurse Manager Report:

- *Communicable Disease Report*- Most frequent reported condition was Chlamydia.
 - Continue to monitor and share information with healthcare partners regarding Avian influenza
 - The predominant respiratory virus circulating this week is Rhinovirus/ Enterovirus.
- *Health Promotion*-
 - Mental Health Awareness Project for May "Go Green" wrapped up in May. This project and resources were possible through a grant that supports activities to promote mental health and well-being.
 - Summer Safety campaign started in late May. Focus is on health and safety tips for families during the summer with an emphasis on rural community and low-income families.
 - Tick-borne illness prevention: Grant funds allowed us to extend our outreach this year to provide education and resources to several new partners.

Environmental Health Report:

Beach water monitoring has started in partnership with UWO students. 11 different beaches will be monitored and tested for unsafe levels of bacteria. Notices will be put up if beaches are unsafe to swim in.

WIC Report:

- The state increased our contracted caseload from 936 to 1017 for the remainder of the 2024 budget year.
 - Final caseload for April was 981 participants. The initial caseload for May is 1,002.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be August 8th at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Muench, and seconded by Jon Neils. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar