

## Board of Health Minutes: January 9th, 2025

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

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

### Health Officer Report:

- Health Officer, Korina Aghmar presented findings from the Costing and Capacity Assessment Report. This report was completed by WI-DHS, and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards and provides information on the capacity and capability of local health departments in the state to implement the Foundational Public Health Services.
- An update on the Public Health Infrastructure Grant activities, and the recent Community Health Needs Assessment was provided.

### Public Health Nursing Report:

- a. Correspondence- Supervisor Metzger received correspondence from a former health department employee. Referred to Personnel Committee.
- *Communicable Disease-*
  - The most frequently reported conditions in December were: chlamydia (14), and COVID-19 associated hospitalizations (11).
  - WI-DHS Weekly Resp Surveillance Report: Overall respiratory illness activity is high
    - Predominant respiratory viruses circulating continues to be rhinovirus/enterovirus
    - COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV are all circulating at moderate levels, with COVID-19, and RSV levels increasing.
  - MCHD has a quick link to Wisconsin Respiratory Illness Data on homepage of website, continue to offer COVID-19, and flu vaccines through the VFA and VFC program.
- *Health Promotion-* Nurse Manager, Heather Feest presented on a Pertussis Prevention project. This project reviewed data from state systems and census tract to identify target populations, and provide education/resources to.

### Environmental Health Report:

- Environmental Health Manager, Jessica Wanserski provided a report on the recent state evaluation of our licensing and inspection program. This program continues to achieve a 100% inspection completion rate.

### WIC Report

- The target caseload for is 1,017 participants a month. The final November caseload was 1,150 participants. The initial December caseload was 1,103. The drop for December is likely due to the holiday and illnesses.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:** The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be February 13th, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Muench, and seconded by Supervisor Grambow. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar