

Draft Board of Health Minutes: February 13th, 2025

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

Regular Business: Supervisor Metzger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the January 2025 meeting reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Neils to approve, seconded by Supervisor Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously. No public comment.

Health Officer Report:

- a. Discussion and action on ordinance amending Manitowoc County Code 7.21(1m) Public Health-Permit and License Requirements.
 - Discussion on ordinance-Health Department Director, Korina Aghmar explained that the recent evaluation of EH licensing program by the state noted the name for the state program is in need of updating in the Manitowoc County Code. The proposed amendment would reflect this name change. Motion by Supervisor Neils to approve, seconded by Supervisor Jadowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Nursing Report:

- *Communicable Disease-*
 - The most frequently reported conditions in December were: chlamydia (14), and COVID-19 associated hospitalizations (11).
 - WI-DHS Weekly Resp Surveillance Report: In the NER-Overall respiratory illness activity is very high
 - Predominant respiratory virus circulating is influenza (very high, and increasing)
 - RSV activity is high and stable, and COVID-19 activity is low and decreasing.
- *Health Promotion-* MCHD is supporting a local school district in their initiatives related to efforts to get a Drug-Free Community Grant. Currently, they are in the initial stages of developing a coalition.

Environmental Health Report:

- Licensing Program-Health Department Director, Aghmar provided an update of the DATCP contract reimbursement rates. The state fees to administer the program are set to escalate by 1% for the next 3 years.

WIC Report

- The target caseload for 2025 is 1,061 participants. December caseload exceeded the target at 1,116 participants and anticipate January caseload will be even higher at 1,145 participants.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be March 13th, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Jadowski, and seconded by Supervisor Grambow. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar