



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 2, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Peer at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Winter, Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Rynes, Dr. Somaraju, Eric Gresens.

Board of Health Members Absent: Supervisor Clasen, Debra Kolste.

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood – Health Officer/Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Jill Camber-Davidson – Public Health Supervisor; Seth Loncar – Administrative Services Supervisor; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Josh Smith – County Administrator; Terri Carlson – Risk Manager; Rich Bostwick – County Board of Supervisors.

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Dr. Winter, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Somaraju, Supervisor Williams, Eric Gresens and Supervisor Rynes were present. Debra Kolste and Supervisor Clasen were not present. 7 PRESENT. 2 ABSENT.

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Winter made a motion to adopt the agenda. Eric Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 2/2/2022

Dr. Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/2/2022 Board of Health meetings. Eric Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's February payments in the amount of \$5,047.06.

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000.

Public Health Department Report

COVID Response Update

Katrina Harwood shared a slideshow of the representation of the work that the Health Department is involved in for the county-wide COVID-19 response. On Friday, February 25th, the CDC updated their metrics for preventative measures for COVID-19. Rock County is currently in the “Medium” category for transmission. This means that in most situations, masks are no longer necessary. However, there are some recommendations for those who are at risk for severe COVID-19 to continue some precautions. There are some situations where masks are still required, such as hospitals, long term care facilities and transportation.

Surveillance: Katrina Harwood provided the Board members with the current COVID-19 data.

Workforce

Katrina Harwood reported on current workforce updates.

New staff

- No new announcements

Vacant Positions

- Summer Intern (Environmental Health)

Foundation Public Health Services Framework

- Foundational areas
 - Community-specific services
 - Communicable Disease Control
 - Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention
 - Environmental Public Health
 - Maternal, Child & Family Health
 - Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care
- Foundational capabilities
 - Assessment & Surveillance
 - Community Partnership Development
 - Equity
 - Organizational Administrative Competencies
 - Policy Development and Support
 - Accountability & Performance Management
 - Emergency Preparedness & Response
 - Communications
- Protecting the Public’s Health: An Estimate of Staffing Needed to Serve the Nation (October 2021)
 - From 2008-2019, there was a 15% decrease in staffing at local and state health departments
 - It is estimated that 80,000 additional full-time positions are needed in local and state health departments to provide minimum public health infrastructure and minimum package of public health services
- Our next steps:
 - Continue to onboard new staff to their roles



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- Build capacity through training and development for staff
- Utilizing the upcoming staffing tool to assess current capacity

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members

None.

Executive Session – Per Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats – Performance Evaluation – Health Officer/Director

Dr. Meyers made a motion to begin the Executive Session. Dr. Somaraju seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Adjournment

Dr. Meyers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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