



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 4, 2023

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

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer (in person), Supervisor Schulz (virtual), Vice Chair Kolste (in person), Dr. Nowak (in person), Nicole McBride (virtual), Supervisor Clasen (virtual), Supervisor Schneider (in person)

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Bergstrom, Eric Gresens

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood – Health Officer/Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Manager; Kelsey Cordova – Public Health Supervisor; Carrie Clark – Public Health Supervisor; Karen Nsiah-Ababio – Public Health Americorps Member; Michael Niles – Public Health Strategist; Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist

Others Present: Rich Bostwick – County Board; Chuck Flynn - Citizen

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Supervisor Schulz, Chair Peer; Vice Chair Kolste, Dr. Nowak, Supervisor Schneider, Supervisor Clasen and Nicole McBride were present. Dr. Bergstrom and Eric Gresens were not present. 7 PRESENT. 2 ABSENT.

Adopt Agenda

Vice Chair Kolste made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Schneider seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 09/06/23

Dr. Nowak made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/6/2023 Board of Health meeting. Supervisor Schulz seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

None.

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's September payments in the amount of \$10,110.92.

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000.

Public Health Department Report

- Director's Report
 - Anti-Stigma Campaign Impact
 - Katrina Harwood reported the ROI on this campaign and the positive impacts it had on our local communities
 - Qualitative Data Grant – Community Conversations
 - Katrina Harwood shared positive feedback related to the community conversations that the Health Department have been co-facilitating
 - Beloit Public Library Initiative Update
 - Katrina Harwood reported that this initiative will tentatively begin on January 2, 2024
 - Public Health Thank You Day Celebration
 - Rock County Public Health Department managers will serve a thank you breakfast to employees to show appreciation for the work that is done on a daily basis
- Water Quality Update
 - Environmental Health Manager Rick Wietersen gave an update on the current water quality in Rock County
 - Main concerns
 - Nitrates
 - Health Concerns
 - Blue Baby Syndrome
 - Birth Defects
 - Cancer Risks
 - Thyroid Disease
 - About 1 in 4 wells are considered unsafe (>10ppm)
 - Nitrate Sources
 - Fertilizer Inputs
 - Animal Waste
 - Septic Systems
 - Action Being Taken
 - Well-Testing – Awareness
 - Nitrate Work Group
 - Mitigation Funds
 - Bacteria
 - Health Concerns
 - Coliform Bacteria (indicator)
 - E. coli (acute concerns)
 - About 1 in 7 wells have bacteria
 - Bacteria Sources
 - Well Maintenance Issues
 - Surface Water Intrusion
 - Actions Being Taken
 - Well Testing – Awareness



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- Disinfection of Wells
 - Well Repairs/Replacements
- PFAS/PFOS
 - Health Concerns
 - High Cholesterol
 - Thyroid Disease
 - Fertility Issues
 - Low Birth Weight
 - Sources
 - Fire Fighting Foam
 - Water & Stain Repellents
 - Cookware Coatings
 - Fast Food Packaging
 - Personal Care Products
 - Landspreading?
 - Septic Systems?
 - Actions Being Taken
 - Well Testing – Awareness
 - Establish Health Standards
 - More Research Needed
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- Other Issues of Concern
 - Arsenic
 - Occasional High Detects
 - Lead
 - Piping/Plumbing Sources
 - Service Line Replacements
 - School/Daycare Testing
 - Pesticides
 - Recent DNR and DATCP Testing
 - Volatile Organic Compounds
 - Pharmaceutical Drugs
 - Unwanted Drug Take Back Programs collect over 4,000 lbs/yr
- Communicable Disease Update
 - Kelsey Cordova, Public Health Supervisor, and Michael Niles, Public Health Strategist, reported on current updates in the Communicable Disease unit

- Confirmed, Probable and Suspect Diseases – Year to Date
- STI Case Rate Trends from 2021 – 2023
- STI Assessment Project
 - Analysis of chlamydia and gonorrhea cases from January 2019 – June 2022
 - Assessed a variety of factors
 - Age
 - Race and ethnicity
 - Testing location and provider
 - Partner treatment strategy
 - Results
 - Majority of the cases occur in those age 15 – 29
 - About 19% of cases were reinfections
 - Black or African Americans are disproportionately impacted
 - Less than 1% of cases were offered/accepted EPT (expedited partner therapy)
 - Healthcare Provider Engagement
 - GovDelivery Implementation
- Quarterly Budget Update
 - Katrina Harwood reported on the department’s year to date revenue and expenditures
 - Seeing a higher revenue than expected for the travel vaccine program and a slightly higher revenue than what was budgeted for facility permits
 - Overall, expenses are on track with an overall variance at .608 (compared to an expected .75)
 - Overall, the portion of the budget covered by tax levy is lower than the expected variance

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members

None.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Kolste made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Schneider seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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