



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 5, 2025

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer, Vice Chair Schneider, Nicole McBride (virtual), Eric Gresens, Supervisor Fugelseth, Supervisor Schulz (virtual), Debra Kolste, Dr. Rachel Bergstrom (virtual).

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Blaine Nowak

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood - Health Officer; Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Assistant; Kelsey Cordova – Public Health Supervisor Rick Wietersen - Environmental Health Manager; Shari Faber – Public Health Strategist; Maddie Roberts – Public Health Policy Specialist

Others Present: Chuck Flynn – Citizen; Valeria Samaniego, Jana Asmar, Mouykea Dy, Sadie Mitchell, Imane Bueno, Jessica Lim, Damila Hurn, Rosmery Coroxon – Beloit College Students

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Vice Chair Schneider, Nicole McBride, Eric Gresens, Supervisor Fugelseth, Deb Kolste, and Supervisor Schulz were present. Dr. Rachel Bergstrom joined after roll call.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Debra Kolste, second by Dr. Bergstrom. MOTION APPROVED.

3. Approval of Minutes January 8, 2025

Motion by Vice Chair Schneider, second by Eric Gresens. MOTION APPROVED.

4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements

None.

5. New Business

A. Administrative Division

1. Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's January payments totaling \$20,610.11.

2. Transfer of Funds

No transfer of funds to report.

3. Public Health Department Report

a. Director's Report

Health Officer Harwood briefed members on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Topic Report, Local Impacts of Executive Orders, the upcoming Chapter 140 Review and Branded Apparel.

b. Opioid Settlement Update and Implementation Plan

Shari Faber gave an extensive presentation on the National Opioid Settlement and the work that Rock County is implementing with settlement funds. A timeline that spans the past three years shows when litigation was settled, when work groups were formed, when community needs assessments were completed, along with when grants were awarded. Prevention grants were awarded to Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change (JM4C), Building a Safer Evansville (BASE), Youth2Youth4Change (Y2Y), and the Milton Youth Coalition (MYC). Along with these grants, funds were also awarded to increase access to treatment in Rock County by adding a new intensive outpatient program. State grants helped to fund a Public Health Vending Machine, treatment and education at the Rock County Jail, free NARCAN and fentanyl test strip kits for distribution by several Rock County agencies and room and board for Medicaid members who are in residential treatment programs for an opioid use disorder. Priorities focused on in 2024 included housing, transportation, filling gaps and reducing barriers and prevention. Lastly, Shari shared a proposed budget for 2025-2027 along with future expected settlement payments.

c. Radon Project Update

Rick Wietersen, Environment Health Manager, gave a brief overview on the Health Department's current radon initiatives. The overview covered topics such as what radon is, health risks associated with radon, and goals of the current radon mini-grant.

B. Review and Approval of Resolutions and Committee Actions

A motion was made by Deb Kolste, seconded by Vice Chair Schneider to adopt the Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update & Implementation Plan and amend the 2025 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Deb Kolste and seconded by Supervisor Fugelseth to adopt the Board of Health Position Statement on Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT). Motion passed unanimously.

6. Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members

Health Officer Harwood thanked Kelsey Cordova for her 5 years of service and leadership to Rock County Public Health as a Public Health Supervisor before she departs for a new role.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Vice Chair Schneider, second by Dr. Bergstrom to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED.
Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Public Health Support Assistant
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