



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 6, 2024

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

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

Board of Health Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood - Health Officer; Carrie Clark – Business Supervisor; Kelsey Cordova – PH Supervisor; Rick Wietersen - Environmental Health Manager; Madison Roberts - PH Policy Specialist; Nicole Nichols (virtual) - Environmental Health Specialist; Randy Terronez (virtual) - Acting County Administrator.

Others Present: None

Roll Call

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

Adopt Agenda

Motion by Deb Kolste, second by Supervisor Fugelseth. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes September 4, 2024

Motion by Dr. Blaine Nowak, second by Debra Kolste. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements

None.

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's October 2024 payments totaling \$87,606.43.

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000.

Public Health Department Report

Director's Report

Health Officer Harwood briefed members on a recent Health Equity Workshop where 6 Public Health Programs were reviewed and evaluated against health equity criteria, a recent site visit by the State Department of Health's Informatic, which Rock County was the pilot participant; further upcoming efforts related to Opioid Settlement Planning, a recent outbreak of Pertussis in the area, and the Community Health Assessment & Community Health Improvement Plan 2025 – 2027 Priority Areas.

Beloit Public Library (BPL) Initiative

Health Officer Harwood reviewed the findings of the BPL Initiative and informed members of a pivot in 2025 to provide occasional outreach through libraries for specific topics or events. Promoting the radon program was given as an example.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Public Health Supervisor, Kelsey Cordova, presented information on historical and current STI data in Rock County and known barriers to prevention and treatment. Cordova also explained the history and concept of Expedited Partner Therapy as a strategy to reduce STI transmission. Cordova and Health Officer Harwood recommended the Board develop a Position Statement as a tool to promote practice and/or policy change. Following discussion, BOH members Dr. Rachel Bergstrom, Supervisor Schneider and Supervisor Fugelseth volunteered to co-author a Position Statement for Board review, approval and adoption at an upcoming meeting.

Review, Consideration and Possible Action - 2025 Recommended Budget

Health Officer Harwood presented a proposed appeal of the proposed 2025 Public Health budget to increase a Part-time Environmental Health Specialist position from .5 to .7 FTE and provided a document to the BOH outlining which accounts the expense funding of \$16,947 would come from to be able to support the increase to .7 FTE. Harwood presented the appeal as a benefit to employee retention, expansion of capacity to perform inspections. A motion was made by Dr. Nowak, seconded by Schneider to proceed with the budget amendment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Resolutions

A motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Kolste to accept Integrated HIV Prevention grant funds and amend the 2024 Public Health budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members

None

Adjournment

Motion by Deb Kolste, second by Supervisor Schulz to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Clark, Business Supervisor

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