

**May 27, 2020 Board of Health Meeting
Webex Meeting**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:25 pm
The meeting was called to order by Merey Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Emily Berge
Jennifer Eddy
Terry Miskulin
Martha Nieman
Merey Price
Liz Spencer (5:51pm) after consent
agenda

Board Members Absent:
Don Bodeau

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Marisa Stanley
Janice Vinopal
Tegan Ruland
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- One public comment was submitted via email, and was shared with Board of Health

COVID 19 Public Health update

- Situation report and Incident Command Structure reviewed.
- The COVID-19 Prevention and Control Order reviewed and discussed.
- Dashboard of measures reviewed, and board members expressed their appreciation. The team is working on the metric that will continue to guide moving forward using data and best practices. See website for updates. As case numbers are increasing and concerns that we have regarding community spread indicates to us that education and an order continues to be vital.
- Communication and messaging shared.
- Funding sources and updates reviewed.
- The health department is in meeting with various venues regarding events planned in Eau Claire.
- The state declaration of emergency did allow the state to allow isolation and quarantine funds. That funding ended when the state of emergency expired in the second week of May. The state has continued to fund these expenses.
- The federal CARES dollars are being dispersed amongst Wisconsin. The governor has announced dollars going out to the local levels. Some of those dollars are going out to government entities. We as a health department are not part of these conversations and sort them through as they come in.
- Question and sharing from Board members
 - Board member shared positive comments that they have heard from the public and businesses.
 - Concerns that were sent to county board member from community members regarding the legality of the order and legal authority. It was suggested to share more of what the legalities are and why they are in place with the general public.
 - For the most part people are being cautious about the disease.
 - Contact tracing, how is the department keeping up and what is the plan moving forward? There have been a group of internal staff members that have been trained. It is anticipated

that around 24 staff members would be needed to keep up. We are looking at additional capacity.

- Gretchen Sampson, MPH, RN former Director/Health Officer of Polk County Health Department, has been working for the ECCHD working closely with Marissa.
- Board member shares that Prevea medical residents are available, trained, and ready to help if interested.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from April 22, 2020 meeting
- b. Approval additional funding for Prevention Block Grant
- c. Approval of WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Grant
- d. Approval of Farmers Market grant
- e. Approval of WIC Budget Outreach funding

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried on a Roll Call Vote: Yes

Ayes: Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin, Martha Nieman, Merey Price

Business Item

- a. Approval of West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) funding
 - This is a really creative opportunity to incorporate water related priorities in our county in a hands-on way.
 - Due to COVID 19 and associated concerns related to large event,s work on this will be delayed.

Motion to Approval of West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) funding as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried on a Roll Call Vote: Yes

Ayes: Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin, Martha Nieman, Liz, Spencer, Merey Price

- b. Approval of Board of Health Regulation – Chapter 7: Communicable Disease Prevention and Control
 - History of board of health regulations discussed.
 - This was suggested through government entities throughout the County. Our legal counsel is typically Eau Claire County Legal, and they have reviewed this regulation.
 - If there is a situation where the public is in danger having these enforcement tools in place is essential.
 - The public health order that was updated today and the Board of Health regulation are in alignment with the feedback that we received when the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision was reviewed.

Motion to approve Board of Health Regulation – Chapter 7: Communicable Disease Prevention and Control as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried on a Roll Call Vote: Yes

Ayes: Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin, Martha Nieman, Liz, Spencer, Merey Price

- c. Election of BOH Vice President

- Due to health concerns we had a board member leave their term early and we are now looking for a replacement as well as a board member to serve the rest of the 2020 year as Board of Health Vice President.
- Liz Spencer nominates Terry Miskulin for Vice President.
- Terry expressed that he would be interested.

Motion to elect Terry Miskulin as Board of Health Vice President: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried on a Roll Call Vote: Yes

Ayes: Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin, Martha Nieman, Liz, Spencer, Merrey Price

Other information items from staff for the Board-

- Director/Health Officer Report
 - Board members express that they appreciate the report.
- Correspondence/Media
 - No discussion
- Service Recognition- Ellen Jacobs, Public Health Nurse, 5 years
- Employee Handbook - discuss areas of interest/questions
 - There could be additional policy changes.
 - Board members voice no questions.
- Preliminary 2019 Year End Financial report-close out 2019 budget
 - These are pre audited financial results and is where we believe the year is closing out at financially.
 - The finalized audit report will be shared when it becomes available, typically in July.
- Review and discuss 2021 budget development process-
 - Putting together a 2021 budget will be very difficult this year.
 - We will continue to discuss 2021 budget development.
 - Some of other revenue sources are flat due to services that we cannot do that are fee reflective.

Board member informational items

- Board of Health Advocacy/Policy –
 - WPHA/WALHDAB have been very active regarding COVID-19. Lieske is part of a group that meets every weekday at 7:00am. A lot of work is being done to have shared planning and communication. A letter was shared acknowledging support regarding health departments local orders. Board of Health members expressed that they are impressed and supportive regarding the acknowledge support.
- NALBOH 2020 annual meeting cancelled and they are still planning on how to do education and connection remotely. NAACHO annual meeting was also cancelled and will be rescheduled to a virtual meeting.
- BOH meeting format-web based
 - Will continue to be holding meetings via WebEx.

- The health officer review will be moved to the September agenda.

Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration

- None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is June 24, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.