

**August 26, 2020 Board of Health Meeting
Virtual Meeting**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:20 pm
The meeting was called to order by Mery Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Terry Miskulin
Jennifer Eddy
Mery Price
Martha Nieman
Liz Spencer

Board Members Absent:

Emily Berge
Don Bodeau

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Marisa Stanley
Janice Vinopal
Tegan Ruland
Gina Holt (recorder)
Jeff Robb
Matt Steinbach

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- Guests welcomed by the Board of Health President
- Public comments received

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from July 22, 2020 meeting
- Approval of Americorp/Healthcorp member fee for one-year position-(per board member request the fact sheet will be updated to include African Americans and Native Americans in the paragraph with Collaborating with Health Department staff)
- Approve 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant
- Approve DPH Tuberculosis (TB) Contract

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Liz Spencer

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Jennifer Eddy, Martha Nieman, Terry Miskulin, Liz Spencer, Mery Price

Business Item

- Review and receive COVID-19 Prevention and Control Orders – 8/6 and 8/20
 - Metrics were discussed. 20 positive cases were reported on 8/26/2020.
 - We are looking at a variety of data models. The Harvard model, which is one of the models recommended at the state level, is composed of different risk levels. Red > 25 daily new cases per 100,000 people. Orange 10 to <25 daily new cases per 100,000 people. Yellow 1 to <10 daily new cases per 100,000 people. Green <1 daily new case per 100,000 people One primary measure to look at is the cases over 7-14 days.
 - Our goal is to be at 10 or fewer cases per day.
 - The recommendations based on risk factors remain consistent throughout the state, including physical distance of six feet apart.

- Health Department directors throughout the state are following consistent and risk-based recommendations, although many counties do not have orders.
- The Eau Claire order has been based on risk. We now have an order where no one is required to stay home. No specific activities are restricted.
- Our goal continues to be keeping the economy and activities happening as well as slowing spread of disease.
- We are equally concerned about social isolation as well as mental health concerns. This order is written deliberately to encourage people connecting and being physically active, while maintaining six feet of distancing.
- As schools open throughout the community, we will be monitoring data closely and after a few weeks we will have a better understanding of the trends and reevaluating next steps.
- Question and Answer from Board of Health members:
 - Q: Is Eau Claire County the only county with a specific distance of six feet written in the order? How do they apply this to sports?
 - A: Other counties recommend social distancing but may not have six feet specifically written in their order. The feedback that health departments have in other parts of the state has been consistent that high-risk level sports should not happen if there are high levels of disease
 - Q: Would it be possible to make an exception of the six feet for sports in this order?
 - A: That would be something that if requested by the board to be amended would be verified through the legal department.
 - Q: Who makes the decision if sports will be played? How could a contact sport be played with social distancing?
 - A: The decision is made by the superintendent as well as school leadership. The school would have to evaluate if sports or any activity is possible to do at six feet social distancing. If there is a way that any sport can be creatively done with the requirement of six feet distancing being met, they would be able to do that.
 - When do schools need to make the decision if fall sports will be played in the fall or moved to the spring?
 - A: September 1, 2020 is our understanding.
 - Q: What is an acceptable number of positive cases per day?
 - A: We are trying to hold at ten or fewer new cases per day.
 - Q: What is the sense with testing and are we testing enough?
 - A: We currently do not have a high level of testing and we are working with partners on this.
 - Q: What data points are being used?
 - A: We are part of the state data team and chose more than one data point to use because we need to look at the whole and how disease is spreading throughout the community. Reminder to look at metrics on website.
 - Q: What is an acceptable number of positives?
 - A: The goal continues to have the number of cases per week not drastically increase. We are trying to hold at ten new cases a day or under
 - Q: (statement) If unable to maintain six feet of distance while playing sports it is putting others at risk who are not playing sports. For example, teachers, staff, students who are not playing sports would possibly be exposed because of the sports teams not maintaining social distancing.

- Q: (Statement) While many emails received were opposed to the order, we did receive emails in support of it.
- Q: The moratorium on some team sports unevenly affects those who are economically challenged. Some families have the fortune and privilege to make different choices for their children but is difficult for those who can't do that. What evidence of mental health vs COVID risk factors can be measured? Does statistical evidence show an increase in local suicide rates during the epidemic? Board members request that sometime in the near future a rough look at increase in mental health rate/ suicide rates in the community be brought to the board.
 - A: We are tracking the negative impacts that happen in any large disaster event such as this. There is minimal real time local data on some health outcomes regarding COVID and mental health issues. The suicide rates have not had a dramatic increase during the pandemic that we are aware of. We have a close connection with the Department of Human Services on mental health issue.
- Q: Can you remind us of the other community partners involved in drafting the orders?
 - A: Our core focus has been the Respond Together Plan with the Incident Command team. We continue to work with Federal and State experts, as well as local resources. We are guided by input received across the community. The Chippewa Valley Economic Recovery Taskforce, leadership from schools, and others. The order is one very small part of the response. Most of the time spent with COVID 19 response outside of our disease work is around education and technical assistance to mitigate risk and pay attention to doing those commonsense things that we know need to happen. The writing of the order uses several measures, the data team reviews data and tracks trends, and then we talk through that as a team with the legal department's assistance. Our continued goal is to support slow spread of disease and we are getting to a place where we are seeing some positive results and we want that to continue.

Motion to Review and receive COVID-19 Prevention and Control Orders – 8/6 and 8/20 as presented by Health Department staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

b. Approval of 2021 Health Department Fees

- Question-has there been feedback, concerns, or issues that have been brought to management team? Answer-No feedback has been received. License holders receive advance notification regarding proposed fees. July 1 through June 30.
- **Adopt BOH State Agent Program fee resolutions**
 - i. Resolution 20-01 Adopting fees for Retail Food Establishments and Mobile Food Processing Facilities
 - Flat fees

Motion to approve Resolution 20--01 Adopting fees for Retail Food Establishments and Mobile Food Processing Facilities as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- ii. Resolution 20-02 Adopting fees for Swimming Pools and Recreational Facilities
 - Flat fees

Motion to approve Resolution 20-02 adopting fees for Swimming Pools and Recreational Facilities as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- iii. Resolution 20--03 Adopting fees for Bed & Breakfast Establishments, Motels-Hotels, and Tourist Rooming Houses
 - Flat fees

Motion to approve Resolution 20-03 adopting fees for Bed & Breakfast Establishments, Motels-Hotels, and Tourist Rooming Houses as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- iv. Resolution 20-04 Adopting fees for Body Art Facilities
 - Flat fees

Motion to approve Resolution 20-04 adopting fees for Body Art Facilities as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- v. Resolution 20--05 Adopting fees for Manufactured Home Communities
 - Flat Fees

Motion to approve Resolution 20--05 Adopting fees for Manufactured Home Communities as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes; Jennifer Eddy, Martha Nieman, Terry Miskulin, Liz Spencer, Merey Price

- **Recommend approval to the City of Eau Claire Program Fees:**

- i. Recommend approval to the City of Eau Claire for Garbage Program Fees as presented by Health Department Staff.
 - This is a city fee that is recommended by the Board of Health.

Motion to Recommend approval to the City of Eau Claire for garbage Program Fee as presented by Health Department Staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- **Recommend approval of updated Family Planning Clinic Fee Setting Policy**

- i. Recommend approval of updated Family Planning Clinic Fee Setting Policy
 - We have typically brought a long list of fees for family planning that are challenging to calculate each year. We want to be able to purchase supplies as cheaply as possible while following state guidelines.
 - Because we set the fees the prior year the flexibility to adjust how the cost is either passed along as an increase or decrease is affected.

Motion to Recommend approval of updated Family Planning Clinic Fee Setting Policy as presented by Health Department Staff as presented by Health Department Staff:

Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- o **Approval of all 2020 Health Department fees**

- i. Approval of 2020 Health Department fees
 - We have presented a fee schedule that is primarily flat. There are challenges with covering actual costs. We don't know how this will play out in 2021. This seemed like the best way to strike a balance with all of the unknowns.
 - A lot of data is used to complete our cost analysis for programs.

Motion to approve 2020 Health Department Fees and State Agent Program resolutions as presented by Health Department Staff: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes; Jennifer Eddy, Martha Nieman, Terry Miskulin, Liz Spencer, Merey Price

- c. 2019 Year End Financial report-close out 2019 budget

- Nothing has changed since the start of the preliminary report of 2019.

Motion to receive final 2019 Year End Financial Report as presented by Health Department Staff: Terry Miskulin

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

- d. Approve Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success Grant

- We have applied for and created different strategies to continue to fund the work with youth and substance abuse prevention.
- This supports our work with the Alliance.

Motion to approve Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success Grant as presented by Health Department Staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

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

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

- a. Director/Health Officer Report
 - Discussion regarding inequities.
- b. COVID – 19 Situational Update
 - The jail testing was voluntary. It was offered to staff and those who are residing in the jail. The turnout was less than what was hoped for. 36% who were currently housed were tested.
 - We had a person with lived experience reach out to inmates and put together a very strong statement encouraging inmates to be tested.
- c. Correspondence/Media
 - No discussion
- d. Service Recognition-enclosed
 - Daniel Peterson, Environmental Health Specialist/Lead, 35 years
- e. 2021 Budget Status report
 - The department has compiled and submitted the county administration the format that they request for the county budget. Copies will be shared with board members.
 - A meeting next week with City/County partners to talk through levy. More information will be known after that meeting takes place. The levy proportion the % that the City and County covers is again changing.

Board member informational items

- a. Board of Health Advocacy/Policy –
 - WPHA/WALHDAB Legislative Update
- b. Wisconsin Counties Association update
 - <https://www.wicounties.org/blog/wca-public-health-guidance-released/>
 - https://www.wicounties.org/uploads/legislative_documents/guidance-communicable-diseases-final.pdf
 - WPHA and WALHDAB are focused on the election. The platform is being developed and will be given to whomever is elected.

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

- a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is September 23, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Merey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.