



September 14, 2020 Board of Health Meeting

Virtual Meeting

The Board of Health convened in open session at 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Mery Price

Board Members Present Quorum is reached

Mery Price
Jennifer Eddy
Liz Spencer
Emily Berge
Don Bodeau
Martha Nieman

Board Members Absent:

Terry Miskulin

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Tegan Ruland
Gina Holt (recorder)

Additional Panelists:

Janessa Stromberger
Tim Sullivan
Dale Peters
Kathryn Shauf
Steve Nicks

Janessa Stomberger, Assistant City Attorney, speaks to the intent of the ordinances being reviewed by the BOH today.

Public Comment:

- Public Comments are presented to the Board

Business Item

- a. Review and provide input to City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County Ordinances related to Communicable Disease General Orders.
 - Typically, general orders are done at a state or national level which is why this is not something that has been done locally in the past. Basic state statutes frame what we do in communicable disease every day. The primary components of the ordinances include language related to procedural and substantive safeguards as well as enforcement authority. The language in each ordinance walks through those primary frames. To date there have been conversations across the state regarding local communicable disease ordinances. The WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) partnered with many statewide counties to look at ordinances and talked through the need for local measures. The National Network for Public Health Law and other national experts provided input on the ordinance. The board of health is being asked to provide input for these ordinances as the governing body. Proposed next steps are: 09/22/20 First reading Eau Claire City Council, 10/06/20 First reading Eau Claire County Board, 10/12/20 Eau Claire City Council Public Comment, 10/13/20 Eau Claire City Council Action, 10/22/20 Eau Claire County Board Action.
 - BOH discussion: The BOH reviewed the ordinances presented. Conversation related to these ordinances not increasing the health officer authority related to communicable disease prevention or control but does allow citation authority. BOH members also reviewed and discussed public comment/questions, clarified some of language used in ordinances, discussed BOH role, discussed the challenges of potential lack of agreement between City/County, and discussed challenges of publication.
 - BOH president summarized BOH feedback/input and indicated she would present this to the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County for consideration following an affirmative vote by the BOH.

Motion to Review and provide input to City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County Ordinances related to Communicable Disease General Orders: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Liz Spencer

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Jennifer Eddy, Martha Nieman, Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Emily Berge, Merey Price

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

Merey Price adjourned the meeting at 5: 40 p.m.