

**September 23, 2020 Board of Health Meeting  
Virtual Meeting**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:18 pm  
The meeting was called to order by Mery Price

**Board Members Present  
Quorum is reached**

Liz Spencer  
Emily Berge  
Jennifer Eddy  
Martha Nieman  
Terry Miskulin  
Mery Price  
Don Bodeau  
Mark Kaeding

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda**

- None Requested

**Welcoming of newest Board of Health Member Mark Kaeding**

**Public Comment:**

- None made

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of minutes from September 14, 2020 meeting-add Steve Nick as an additional panelist
- b. Approval of minutes from August 26, 2020 meeting

***Motion to approve Consent Agenda:*** Martha Nieman

***2nd Motion:*** Don Bodeau

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

**Business Item**

- a. Review and receive COVID-19 Prevention and Control Orders – 09/03/2020 and 9/18/2020
  - Measures are updated weekly and are available on the website.
  - The Website and weekly situation report continue to be important resources.
  - The exponential increase in cases is a reality here as well as across the state.
  - Wisconsin is considered a hot spot in the nation right now.
  - We are considered high risk according to the Harvard model.
  - Our public health response is significantly challenged right now due to increasing numbers.
  - We are averaging about 200-300 positive COVID-19 tests per week in Eau Claire County.
  - State order for face masks has been extended.
  - September 3<sup>rd</sup> order had no changes, it remained the same as the previous order.
  - September 18<sup>th</sup> order had a minor language change on page 3 second bullet down.
  - BOH discussion: The BOH reviewed the orders presented and asked questions accordingly.

- Board members express their gratitude to Health Department employees for the hard work that everyone is doing during this difficult time.

***Motion to Review and receive COVID-19 Prevention and Control Orders – 9/3/20 and 9/18/20 as presented by Health Department staff: Liz Spencer***

***2nd Motion: Don Bodeau***

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

#### **Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board**

- a. Director/Health Officer Report
  - Report is discussed
- b. Correspondence/Media
  - No discussion
- c. 2021 Budget Update
  - Board members will receive copies of what is submitted to the City/County.
  - Equalized value discussion for tax levy.
  - Group Health, rather than the 3% increase we were anticipating is giving a 1% decrease in health insurance costs.
  - There will be a lot of fluctuation in the 2021 budget due to COVID 19.

#### **Board member informational items**

- a. Board of Health Advocacy/Policy –
  - WPHA/WALHDAB Legislative Priorities -opportunities to support the important work to support Communicable Disease. There has been some federal action taken by the PA committee to support strong strategy at a national level. APHA has asked for support and funding at a national level.

**Meeting dates for November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> are discussed with the board.**

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

- a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is October 28, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. being held via WebEx  
Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.