



January 27, 2021 Board of Health Meeting

County Courthouse, Room G-302

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**

Mery Price
Martha Nieman
Don Bodeau
True Vue
Martha Nieman
Jennifer Eddy
Emily Berge
Mark Kaeding (5:27pm)

**Board Members
Absent:**

Terry Miskulin

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- None made

Thank you and recognition outgoing City-Appointment Board of Health Member: Elizabeth Spencer

- Recognized for 10 years of service on the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health.

Welcome and introduction new City-Appointed Board of Health Member: True Vue

- True Vue was introduced and welcomed.

COVID-19 Update

- COVID19 case numbers and vaccination rollout was discussed. Weekly COVID-19 vaccination meetings are being held with local providers and the Health Department. The first case of the variant COVID-19 was found in Eau Claire County.
- Board member question and answer:
 - Q-How many vaccines are being requested each week in Eau Claire County? The state currently does not have a jurisdictional report available, but it has been requested. It appears that around 1,200 vaccines per day on average are being given in our area. We have asked the state if there is a way to calculate how much vaccine can be expected weekly based on population size to allow for more effective planning. In some cases, providers have received less than half of the amount requested. For example, 300,000 requests were made to the state for vaccine this week, but the state only received 70,000 doses to distribute.
 - Q-How are the second doses prioritized? Locally it is set up so that the vaccinator automatically gets the second dose volume as a vaccinator. The available supply for a second dose is guaranteed at this time and will remain that way unless there would be a policy change at the state or federal level.
 - Q-Is there a time frame in which the second dose must be given for effectiveness? The recommendation is that it is given in close proximity to 4 weeks for Moderna and 3-weeks for Pfizer. It can be outside the window a bit, however, to build the best response receiving the

second dose within that scope is recommended. There is one dose vaccine on the horizon, when and if we get that is unknown.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from December 09, 2020 meeting
- b. Approval of minutes from January 12, 2021 Joint meeting between the Board of Health and Committee on Administration-
- c. Approve continuation of contractual agreement with the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) community water samples
- d. Approval of NARCAN Direct Grant

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Marthan Nieman

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item

- a. Review and receive COVID-19 Public Health Expectations
 - This was based on a review of the data from November 2020 to present.
 - Discussion regarding what changes were made to the Expectations.
 - Board member question and answer:
 - Q-Is there any guidance to wear double face masks? Double masking is a newer discussion on the national level. The state has not made any specific recommendation. Multiple layers are better for protection.
 - Q-What kind of response have you received since the new expectations were updated? We have been asked is if people can find ways for activities to happen in a safe way is it allowable, and there is value in that. The volume of people does make a difference, but mitigation strategies are also very important.

Motion to review and receive COVID-19 Public Health Expectations as presented by Health Department staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Don Bodeau

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- b. Receive and Review Quarterly Financial Review
 - We always talk about the January report being odd because the end of year is not yet closed out. There are a lot of moving parts that will land over the course of the next two months.
 - Board member question and answer:
 - Q-Why were utilities budgeted for lower than it came in? We had a large group of people who needed phones primarily due to COVID work so most of the increase expense in that budget item came from the additions of cell phones.
 - Q-Is the fund balance listed a short-term parking place? Most of that will be set aside for certain COVID-19 costs in 2021.

Motion to review and receive Quarterly Financial Review as presented by Health Department Staff: Don Bodeau

2nd Motion: Emily Berge

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- c. Approval of 2020 Routes to Recovery Funding

- This is a retrospective approval, we talked about this funding, but were not sure of the exact amount that would be distributed and reimbursed specifically to our department. This was not confirmed until December. Funding was from the Department of Administration at the State level and distributed to local municipalities.
- This money is from expenses from March-November 2020. It was not built into the 2020 budget and we were not sure if we were going to receive it.

Motion to approve 2020 Routes to Recovery Funding as presented by Health

Department Staff: Emily Berge

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

d. Approval of 2020 CARES COVID-19 State of WI reallocations

- This is another example of 2020 adjustment. The board previously approved CARES funding and in December the State Health Department reallocated funds within this funding source. The overall additional funding is \$42,415.

Motion to approve 2020 CARES COVID-19 State of WI reallocations as presented by

Health Department Staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Don Bodeau

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

e. Approval of Overdose to Action Community Prevention Grant-Opioid Prescription Pathway Project 2020 reallocation

- This is additive to our yearly funding. We will have a bigger budget with this reallocation.
- Staff continue working on COVID as well as their core public health division grants including this priority of overdose prevention.

Motion to approve Overdose to Action Community Prevention Grant-Opioid Prescription Pathway Project 2020 reallocation as presented by Health Department

Staff: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Emily Berge

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

f. Approval of 2021-2022 Federal COVID Response Funding

- This is the start of new 2021 budget funding that was not known about when we did budget planning last fall.
- We are still waiting for more information regarding this funding as far as the scope and timing of funding.
- A large percentage of this will cover existing and future contract tracing costs and vaccination clinics.

Motion to approve 2021-2022 Federal COVID Response Funding as presented by

Health Department Staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Don Bodeau

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

g. Approval of CDC 1815 Diabetes and Heart Disease Grant Medication Therapy Management funding

- This is one of the two Diabetes and Heart Disease grants that the Health Department works on. We were asked to participate with pharmacies regarding additional support that pharmacists can give around diabetes and heart disease. Only two sites were chosen in Wisconsin to pilot this program.

Motion to approve CDC 1815 Diabetes and Heart Disease Grant Medication Therapy Management Funding as presented by Health Department Staff: Martha Nieman
2nd Motion: Emily Berge
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

h. Approval of additional 2021 allocation Family Foundations grant

- This is additional funding that is replacing what previously was a direct funded training/support amount. There are no change in actual local activities.

Motion to approve additional 2021 allocation Family Foundations grant as presented by Health Department Staff: Jennifer Eddy
2nd Motion: Martha Nieman
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

i. Approval of 2021 State Division of Public Health Contracts

- Every year in January we bring forth to the board the repetitive grants received by the State Division of Public Health.
- We do receive grants and entities from other funding sources. Those will continue to be brought to the board on an individual level. We will also continue to bring to the BOH during the year any substantive changes to Division of Public Health Grants/Contracts.

Motion to approve 2021 State Division of Public Health Contracts- as presented by Health Department Staff: Don Bodeau
2nd Motion: Martha Nieman
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

j. Approval of 2021 Health Department Director Performance Objectives

- The first objective is specifically around transition. We have two management positions that have announced their retirement. It will take a lot of work in transitioning.
- These priorities were shared and discussed with the management team.

Motion to approve 2021 Health Department Director Performance Objectives as presented by Health Department Staff: Emily Berge
2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

- Director/Health Officer Report
 - The Community Health Assessment process is moving forward.
- Correspondence/Media
 - No discussion
- Face Covering Ordinance Update

- The City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County are moving forward with ordinances that mirror each other. The County Board and City Council have both had a first reading. The ordinance is to be in place if the state order is no longer in place.
- d. Communicable Disease Taskforce Update
- There is representation from Eau Claire City Council, County Board, and The Eau Claire City-County Board of Health. A facilitator has been named for the project and the meetings are in the process of being set up. Meroy is coordinating with the leadership of the City Council and County Board.

Board member informational items

- a. Board of Health Advocacy/Policy –
- BOH/EC Healthy Communities January Legislative event report – note that the document in the packet was from last year’s event. Verbal update given
 - WPHA/WALHDAB Legislative Priorities
 - Multiple bills have moved forward in the last few weeks
 - Discussion on advocacy and reaching out to governing bodies and local entities.
 - COVID 19
 - State Biannual budget

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

- a. None requested

Next scheduled BOH meeting is February 24, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

Meroy Price adjourned the meeting at 7: 13 p.m.