



May 25, 2022, 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
Jennifer Eddy
Emily Berge
Mark Kaeding
Terry Miskulin
Kimberly Cronk

Board Members Absent:

Don Bodeau
True Vue

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Hannah Artz

Welcome and introduction of new Board of Health member Kimberly Cronk

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from April 27, 2022, meeting
- Approval of Grant/Contract Related Budget Adjustments

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Mark Kaeding

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item

- Approval of 2022-2023 influenza vaccination fee
 - This is for the influenza season starting in the fall.
 - The target population will be for those that have barriers to getting the flu vaccine.

Motion to approve 2022-2023 Influenza vaccination fee as presented by Health Department

staff: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- Approval of Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium (WWPHRC) additional funding and carryover
 - This is the first year that the Health Department has been the fiscal agent for the consortium.
 - The state approved carryforward dollars not spent; it is a short turnaround time to spend out.
 - The counties worked together to decide how the money would be spent.
 - There are a few Counties that are in the process of joining the WWPHRC for next year.

Motion to approve Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium additional funding and carryover as presented by Health Department staff: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Kimberly Cronk

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- c. Approval of Approval of Mobilizing Community for a Just Response funding
- This project will advance health equity by building on the success and lessons learned from the Community Health Equity Workgroup.
 - Part of what we want to look at is sustainable funding. This position is posted as a grant funded position for one year.
 - The position was posted as a Public Health Specialist which does have a degree requirement.

Motion to approve Mobilization for a Just Response funding as presented by Health Department staff: Emily Berge

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

- a. COVID-19 update [Coronavirus and COVID-19 Information Hub \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- The situation report continues to be available weekly.
 - The COVID community levels throughout the state increased.
 - If the community level was to move to red the health department would recommend masking indoors.
 - The Health Department received a large supply of home testing and are working on how to distribute them to those that need them throughout the community. We are coordinating with other entities on distributing the tests.
 - Lab based testing capacity throughout the community has gone down. The Health Department is offering PCR testing for those in need.
 - The CDC changed some recommendations for booster shots.
- Board member discussion on how to move forward with the COVID19 update during BOH meetings.
- Updates around anything that could be policy related.
 - The situation report is written, and helpful, so continuing verbal updates is helpful as it is an internal dialogue.
 - There isn't a need to repeat the situation report but continuing to hit the highlights is helpful.
- b. Director/Health Officer Report
- Accreditation annual report was submitted, and feedback was attached to the report.
 - Service Recognition:
 - Lori Reynolds, Office Associate, 5 years
 - Phillip Schumacher, Environmental Health Specialist, 10 years
- c. Review and Discuss 2023 Budget Development Process
- 2023 Budget timeline was shared.
 - In July the draft budget is brought to the board for review and approval.
 - In August Health Department fees will be brought to the board for review and approval.
 - Part of the upcoming year priorities is having wages at the department that support staff as best as possible.
 - Some level of funding to support staff with the trauma and difficulty that the last few years have brought.

- We saw enormous value in our ability to have retirees having adequate opportunity to train their replacement.
- Most of the department fees are related to the regulation and licensing program. Due to COVID discounts had been offered for the two years.

Board of health budget discussion:

- As childcare bubbles up as an issue, having options to help employees looking for quality childcare. This applies to the community as well.
 - Prioritizing the most vulnerable in the community should be a focus. Focusing on housing and equity.
 - Wage increases and ways to increase staff satisfaction is important.
 - The ability to recruit new hires is so important. Being competitive and not becoming behind with wages and benefits.
 - Addressing harm and not being part of policies that utilize violence to prevent violence. Investing in community relationships.
 - Space issues may be something to look at for the 2023 budget.
- d. Health Department Program Presentation Discussion
- Having a spotlight on a program would be informative.
 - Inviting staff to acknowledge great work that has been done to shine light on amazing work.
 - Present highlights linking prevention and outcomes into the presentation.
 - Perhaps a video update from staff would be a resource.
 - Is there something that could be sent out in advance, in the packet, that could be a reminder of what different programs are doing.

Board member informational items

- a. Advocacy training update
- b. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
- Legislative tracker did not change since last month.
 - Health Equity Council recommendations.
 - Advocacy training will take place on June 22, 2022, at the normally scheduled June meeting. There will be a short business section followed by the training, which is anticipated to run from 5:30-7:30 pm. Reading material will be sent prior to the meeting.
- c. Standing committee updates
- City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://eauclairewi.gov)
Water bottling plant, annexation, and alcohol licenses were discussed at the most recent meeting. Council had a work session on virtual meetings. Hybrid options is something that Council is looking into it.
 - County Board: [2022 Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
There are a lot of new County Board members who are orienting. Strategic planning discussions are happening.
 - Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
Greg Leonard is retiring, and they will be filling his position.
 - ARPA County Funding: [ARPA Committee | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
The County community application process is closed, and the notice of awards will be going out. The applicants for smaller dollar amounts were awarded. The applicants for the larger dollar amounts are being reviewed.

d. Board Evaluation discussion

- Board members answered most of the questions as satisfied.
- If there are other things that come up and there are things that board members would like to talk about or change, please bring those up to Merrey Price.

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

- a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is June 22, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.