

**September 28, 2022 Board of Health Meeting  
County Courthouse, Room G-302**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:31 pm  
The meeting was called to order by Mery Price

**Board Members Present  
Quorum is reached**

Mery Price  
Mark Kaeding  
Emily Berge  
Jennifer Eddy (5:41)  
Kim Cronk (5:45)

**Board Members  
Absent:**

Terry Miskulin  
True Vue  
Don Bodeau

**Staff Members Present:**

Lieske Giese  
Cortney Sperber  
Marisa Stanley  
Tegan Ruland (recorder)

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

- Moved agenda item 6.d Strategic Planning to take place after the Community Health Improvement Plan overview

**Public Comment:**

- No public comment

**Eau Claire County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Overview**

- Copy of Community Health Assessment (CHA) also available for review.
- CHIP is the plan designed based on the CHA to improve on the community priorities.
- The CHIP is a live document that changes as things are worked on.
- Community health care providers are represented in the teams as well as many other stakeholders.
- Virtually connecting has been different and had some benefits for connections but would like to have in-person opportunities as well again.
- COVID has had an impact on how some of the action teams moved goals forward.
- Challenges with data because often what we have access to is county data that is sometimes a couple years old.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of minutes from August 24, 2022, meeting
- b. Grant/Contract Related Budget Adjustments
- c. Approval of Stipends

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda:** Mark Kaeding

**2nd Motion:** Kimberly Cronk

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

**Business Item**

- a. Approval of a Resolution - State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program

- Recently, the Health Department and City of Eau Claire were notified that because we carry separate Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) account numbers, we need to also set up a separate account for Health Department employees to participate in the WDC.
- This form is required by the State to begin the set-up of the Health Department's individual WDC account.

***Motion Approval of a Resolution - State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program***

***as presented by Health Department staff:*** Emily Berge

***2nd Motion:*** Jennifer Eddy

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

Other information items from staff for the Board

a. COVID-19 Update - verbal

- Community level is currently at low.
- Basic information continues to be posted on our website
- One big change is the bivalent vaccine which we are offering here at the health department and worked to bring AMI in for clinics at UWEC and at Oakwood Mall. Also offered specific opportunities for County/City employees to be vaccinated. Also have mobile sites.
- Testing also significantly changing. State is no longer using PCR model, so we will not be offering after September. Proctored antigen tests are still available through the State ACL site at CVTC, and we can continue to provide antigen home tests to individuals, and organizations.
- Health care guidance has changed recently, and we are working through that with area healthcare systems.
- Hospitalizations are not increasing rapidly which is keeping our level low. Treatments are also still available for many people.
- Some of the rollbacks of protections in place related to the federal emergency or State ARPA funding are now having impacts locally, e.g., rent assistance.
- We do still have team supporting schools related to questions and outbreaks.
- Does not appear that flu has had impact on us yet, but we are watching and planning for school and high-risk vaccinations.

b. Health Department Report

- Noted all the drug related outreach and the large number of attendees

c. 2023 Budget Update-

- What is included is the version that goes to the County each year.
- Tax levy is higher than what was previously brought as the net new revenue was higher than anticipated and City/County agreed to allocate some to health department. Still does not cover increase in costs to operate in 2023.
- Rent increase included in documents is not the proposed County increase but is still an increase as based on previous agreements. We have asked for a one-year extension on the current agreement.
- Fund balance use is noted, and we continue to work on ways to bring in additional funding.

- d. 2023 Strategic Plan Update-
  - Cross divisional team working on this. Team developed using a variety of strategies including StrengthsFinder strengths, tenure, etc.
  - Engaging all staff in a variety of ways; also including Board of Health.
  - Currently working on mission, vision (move away from internal focus), guiding principles (have a lot now)
  - All staff have worked on facilitated SOAR sessions, (strengths/opportunities/aspirations/results)
  - Would like to have final version for approval at December meeting
- e. 2021 Annual Full Health Department Report – “Big Book”
  - TOC included in packet to see the variety of programs done at the health department. Link to full document is included in the packet. It is posted on website along with summary document. No requests for hard copies.

**Board member informational items-**

- a. Board of Health Advocacy/Policy
  - WALHDAB / WALHDAB BOH Updates
    - Noted that the prevention funding was removed from the state opioid settlement funding which were in part going to go to local and tribal health departments.
- b. July Advocacy Training Discussion-
  - Request for feedback on the training. Emily was able to reflect on this training in discussions she was part of with legislators. Kim – would like to continue to get ongoing ways to support getting diverse input because she can advocate but feels it is more powerful when people show up to talk about experiences.
  - What do BOH members need to be able to advocate? Time/resources are a challenge – to learn topic, create talking points, etc. If provided the information can perhaps do more than otherwise. Does it make more sense to pay someone that is an expert to do advocacy for us? Kim noted that they are likely advocating regularly without “formally” doing something. Perhaps different silo’ed groups – City/County/Schools/Etc. – could do more work if they worked together instead of working on the same topics separately.
  - Could Communications Specialist put together bullet points for advocacy topics? Currently working on basic information but could look at developing something more specific to advocacy topics.
  - Do we want to do something specific around prevention? May want to look at what state priorities are so that we can match up to that work.
- c. Standing Committee Updates:
  - City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](https://www.eau-claire.wi.gov/city-council-agendas)
  - County Board: [2022 Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](https://www.eau-claire.wi.us/2022-meeting-agendas-minutes)
  - Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](https://www.eau-claire.wi.us/groundwater-advisory)
  - ARPA Funding: [ARPA Committee | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](https://www.eau-claire.wi.us/arpa-committee)
  - Other

Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration—5 minutes

Next business meeting – **October 26, 2022, 5:15 p.m.**

Adjourned meeting at 7:12pm.