



June 22, 2023 Board of Health Meeting

County Courthouse, Room G-302

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:32 pm

The meeting was called to order by Don Bodeau

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Don Bodeau
Jennifer Eddy
Mark Kaeding
Joshua Miller
Catherine Wildenberg
Terry Miskulin

Board Members Absent:

Kim Cronk
True Vue

Staff Members

Present:

Lieske Giese
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- None Made

Business Item

- a. Approve New Benefit-Vision Insurance
 - The City of Eau Claire is moving forward to offer vision insurance with a start date of July 1st.
 - The vision insurance plan is a 100% employee-paid benefit.
 - This is a benefit that has been requested by employees in the past.

Motion to approve new benefit Vision Insurance as presented by Health Department staff:

Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other information items from staff for the Board

- a. Approval of remote meeting attendance
 - The current BOH remote attendance policy was established during the Public Health Emergency.
 - The Health Department and the Board of Health follow Committee requirements for both City Council and the County Board.
 - Open meeting requirements follow suit for both in person and remote attendance.
 - Standing rule guides are being drafted based on City and County recommendations. Having a standing rule around remote attendance is a requirement at the City.
 - Discussion on how to remove additional attendance barriers. Board members mention possibly paying mileage for those board members that have a distance to travel for meetings.

- Board members encourage language that leaves options open for attendance for instance if someone is ill, etc.
 - Planned to be an agenda item at the July BOH meeting.
- b. 2024 Budget Update
- The 2024 draft budget will be brought to the board in July.
 - Creating the budget without having to use as much fund balance for operations has prompted conversation and discussions around work prioritization, not filling open positions, etc.
 - Possibly using ARPA and Fund Balance for a cushion with the 2024 budget if needed.
 - Tax Levy continues to question based on our preliminary conversations with City and County leadership.
 - One discussion is the salary grid that the department is currently using.
 - The County is doing a 3% cost of living increase and the City is doing a 1.5 in January and 1.5 % July increase.
 - Health Department staff pay 12% insurance premiums.
 - Rent negotiations are not finalized for 2024.

Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-none stated

Next business meeting – July 26, 2023

Adjourn -Don Bodeau adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm