



**October 25, 2023 Board of Health Meeting
County Courthouse, Room G-302**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:17 pm
The meeting was called to order by Mark Kaeding

Board Members Present

Quorum is reached

Don Bodeau (virtual)
Jennifer Eddy
Mark Kaeding
Joshua Miller
Terry Miskulin
Catherine Wildenberg
Kim Cronk (5:23 pm virtual)

Board Members Absent:

True Vue

Staff Members Present:

Marisa Stanley
Hannah Artz
Lieske Giese
Gina Holt

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None Made

Public Comment:

- None Received

Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)

- a. Approval of minutes from September 27, 2023, meeting
- b. Grant/Contract Related Budget Adjustments
- c. Approval of Stipends

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Catherine Wildenberg

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item (Action Required)

- a. Receive Quarterly Financial Update
 - We are 75% of the way through the year.
 - Personnel is the largest portion of the budget.
 - No specific concerns or issues were identified.

Motion to receive Quarterly Financial Update as presented by Health Department Staff: Terry Miskulin

2nd Motion: Joshua Miller

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- b. Receive 2022 Single Audit Report
 - The Health Department operates under the City of Eau Claire's tax identification number so we are audited with the City. This Audit Report is specific to grant funding.
 - Nothing specific to the Health Department was found in the audit.

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Motion to receive 2022 Single Audit Report as presented by Health Department Staff: Joshua Miller
2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- c. Approve MPOX Grant
- This funding will help with outreach and education.

Motion to approve MPX Grant as presented by Health Department Staff: Catherine Wildenberg
2nd Motion:
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- d. Approve County Board Opioid Settlement Proposals
- The County board funded two projects that the Health Department will be working on. Project 1 will be providing Narcan and Fentanyl test strips. Project 2 will be providing sharps disposal locations throughout the community.
 - Staff time for these projects is not included and we no longer have that Opioid funding that was previously available.
 - The Sharps disposal project will have ongoing costs, the group is looking at potential funding sources for the future.

Motion to approve County Board Opioid Settlement Proposals as presented by Health Department Staff: Joshua Miller
2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- e. Approve Environmental Health Capacity Grant-Public Water Quality Viewer
- Displaying up to date public water quality data collection on newly created dashboards.

Motion to approve Environmental Health Capacity Grant-Public Water Quality Viewer as presented by Health Department Staff: Kim Cronk
2nd Motion: Catherine Windenberg
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- f. Approve Environmental Health Capacity Grant- Education on Radon Risks in Homes with Identified Foundation Defects
- Data from the housing survey will be used to identify houses that are at greater risk for radon. The grant does not supply funding to provide fee testing for all at risk homes, but does at least support some testing.

Motion to approve Environmental Health Capacity Grant-Education on Radon Risks in Homes with Identified Foundation Defects as presented by Health Department Staff: Don Bodeau
2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin
Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- g. Approve Medical reserve Corps STTRONG Grant
- This grant is from DHS Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care.
 - This funding will support staff time to continue work on volunteer management.
 - This was an area that was a need during the COVID Pandemic.

Motion to approve Medical Reserve Corps STRONG Grant as presented by Health Department Staff:

Joshua Miller

2nd Motion: Kim Cronk

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other information items from staff for the Board

- a. Health Department Report highlights include:
 - DATCP-Self Assessment results yielded results of met or exceeded 100%.
 - There are new vaping resources to reach out to adolescents.
 - Health Department staff volunteered for the United Way Day of Caring. Staff members worked at The Community Table providing deep cleaning.
 - The World Relief Organization has made the decision to have an office in Eau Claire. It is a refugee resettlement organization. The organization worked with the City Manager office over the summer and the Health Department was included. The Health Department will be involved as refugees arrive. We don't know how that will look right now but the board will be updated as more information becomes available.
- b. 2024 Budget Update
 - Links for the City and County budget were available on the agenda.
 - Tax Levy amounts that the Board of Health were aware of moved forward in City Manager and County Administrator recommended.
 - Final approval of the 2024 budget will be brought to the Board of Health for approval in December 2023.
 - Last night at the City Council meeting there was a discussion on fees. The proposed transfer of the Refuse program was also presented. The transfer of refuse that is nuisance framed into the City Neighborhood Services Division makes sense. There is a meeting later this week to discuss further details. There is continued concern about the possibility of housing moving from the Health Department into the Neighborhood Services Division. Refuse that is a Human Health Hazard will remain a Health Department Program for City and County for State Statute.
- c. Eau Claire Health Alliance Update
 - There is a new website for the Eau Claire Health Alliance. <https://www.echealthalliance.org/>
- d. Strategic Plan Update
 - We have started several new strategies.
- e. Update/review running list of Health Department Priorities
 - This is the quarterly reminder of some of the priorities that the health department is working on.

Board member informational items

- a. November work session discussion
 - Typically, the November work session doesn't have any business items.
 - Due to the holidays the November and December Board of Health meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
 - Board members are asked what they want to learn about, what would be helpful to have at that meeting to help guide the conversation.
 - Using the program and services document to spend time on what are we required to do by State Mandate and how those requirements are being met.
 - Foundational Public Health Services model discussion to digest what that looks like and see where our Health Department falls into the model.
 - The State of Wisconsin funds only \$7,000 per year for Communicable Disease.

- How do we focus on what priorities need to be completed, and what does funding look like to accomplish those priorities?
 - As two of the long-term board members' terms are ending, recruitment strategies may be a good item to discuss at the November work session.
- b. Standing Committee Updates:
- City Council: The city has posted the open Board of Health position by the City of Eau Claire. The City Council had a budget workshop where the fee schedule was discussed. Health Department fees were submitted for approval. The City Council was invited to attend the informational session with the World Relief Organization. This is a federal program that the Eau Claire City Council does not have a role to approve.
 - County Board: County Board is focused on the 2024 budget. The budget hearing will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 7pm.
 - Ground Water Advisory Committee: Set to meet on November 17th to discuss PFAS funding.
 - Opioid Settlement Task Force: The task force will be meeting in the next few weeks.
 - WAHLDAB is looking for a statewide board of health member to serve on the board.
- c. Board of Health Advocacy/Policy
- WPHA/WALHDAB legislative grid was distributed and discussed. There are a lot of proposed bills that never make it to the floor. There has been a lot of activity at the state legislative level. For example, Jessie James is working on a bipartisan bill that when people who call for emergency services at an overdose isn't charged for things such as parole violations.

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

Next business meeting – **November 8, 2023, 5:15 p.m.**

Mark Kaeding Adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.