

February 28, 2024 Board of Health Meeting
County Courthouse, Room G-302

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:16 pm.
The meeting was called to order by Don Bodeau.

Board Members Present:

Quorum is reached

Terri Nordin (virtual until
5:26, in person after)
Terry Miskulin
Don Bodeau
Mark Kaeding
Catherine Wildenberg
Josh Miller
Kim Cronk (virtual)

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Marisa Stanley
Hannah Artz
Matt Steinbach
Nicole Kragness
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of the Agenda. Request to pull items from Consent Agenda -None Made

Public Comment-None Made

Housing Program Overview-Nicole Kragness, Program Manager

- Power point presentation on Environmental Health Housing Program
- ECCHD housing program model is looked at as best practice throughout the state
- All properties (rentals, private ownership) are treated the same when doing inspections and enforcement.
- 2.3 FTE field staff employees support the program; .8 is grant funded and the rest is levy funded. Leadership is also involved in the programs responding to calls and attending meetings, etc.
- Health Department providing the intensified housing program in the City of Eau Claire was a policy decision in the late 1970's. City of Eau Claire Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been utilized to partially fund this work since that time. City of Eau Claire housing code provided a framework for this effort. This code has also been utilized by other EC County municipalities. The code was updated in 2017 utilizing the American Public Health Association template/best practice language for housing code with a public health framework. This code, including the most recent update and the CDBG annual funding has been a policy decision by Eau Claire City Council.

Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)

- a. Approve minutes from January 24, 2024, meeting
- b. Approve Grant/Contract Related Budget Adjustments

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Catherine Wildenberg

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item (Action Required)

a. Fee setting policy review and update

- This policy will be reviewed annually and is used as the department framework to develop fees and procedures for fee setting.
- Year to year projections can fluctuate. An example would be private septic and well programs which are heavily impacted by the construction market.
- Fees for supplies may be increased or decreased by the amount that the supply cost changes during the year without additional BOH approval.

Motion to review and update Fee Setting Policy as presented by health department staff: Terry Miskulin

2nd Motion: Terri Nordin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

b. Finalize Fund Balance Policy

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the board.
- 2-3 months operating cost for 2024 would be approximately \$1.28 million for two months and \$1.93 million for three months.

Motion to finalize Fund Balance Policy as presented by health department staff:

Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Catherine Wildenberg

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

c. Approve NACCHO Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Grant

- This funding will increase ongoing management of active volunteer members.
- COVID taught us the importance of having volunteers available when needed.

Motion to approve NACCHO Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Grant as presented by Health Department staff: Terri Nordin

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

d. Adopt Resolution 24-1 Supporting Collaboration and Health Equity Considerations in Efforts Related to Hospital Sister Health System (HSHS) and Prevea Health Closure

- The board has done resolutions on a variety of subjects in the past. This resolution is an opportunity to reinforce health department work related to this issue.
- HSHS/Prevea update discussed. A Board member expressed concerns about the access to care in rural areas.

- Clinical data has not been available from Prevea during this process. The Health Department is working with Prevea to see if that can be shared with partners throughout the community to help see where there may be gaps.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-1 Supporting Collaboration and Health Equity Considerations in Efforts Related to Hospital Sister Health Systems (HSHS) and Prevea Health Closure was presented by health department staff: Catherine Wildenberg

2nd Motion: Mark Kaeding

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other information items from staff for the Board

- a. Health Department Report
 - Staffing updates were discussed
 - Opioid data dashboard was reviewed
 - Service Recognition:
 - Jackie Krumenauer-retirement
 - Tammy Raeder-retirement
 - Abby Hinz, Nurse Practitioner, 10 years
- b. Performance Management Update
 - This update paired down the number of measures and made it easy to see if we are on task and where we want to be in the areas that we are working in.
 - Board member suggest color coding the current column to show if the goal is on track, above measure, or behind.
- c. 2023 Board of Health Year in Review
 - Each year we look back at how we connected with our policy body. This review showcases everything that the Board of Health accomplished throughout the year and potential opportunities for improvement in the department support and connection with the BOH.
 - Discussion on board packets and program presentations. Board members express that the program presentations are helpful, and 15-20 minutes seems to be the right amount of time.

Board member informational items-20 minutes

- a. Quarterly review of tracking BOH Priorities
 - Further discussion to discuss updating the 2020-2024 priorities will be on a future Board of Health meeting agenda.
- b. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
 - WPHA/WALHDAB Legislative Priorities- update provided
 - NACCHO State Health Priorities across the nation came out and will be shared with board members.
- c. Standing Committee Updates: verbal
 - City Council: Day resource center funding received from Mayo clinic was

discussed. [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](#)-

- County Board: [County Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes](#)
- Ground Water Advisory Committee: Mark Kaeding, representative for the Board of Health term ends March 31, 2024. Mark Kaeding expressed that he would like to continue to serve on the Groundwater Committee. [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](#)
- County Opioid Taskforce: [Opioid Task Force | Eau Claire County](#)

d. Conference attendance: NALBOH and WPHA/WALHDAB annual 2024 conference

e. Board members are encouraged to think about attending.

[NALBOH 2024 Conference August 12-14th Nashville](#)

[WPHA-WALHDAB Conference May 21-23 Wisconsin Dells](#)

2. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration – 5 minutes
3. Next business meeting – March 27, 2024
4. Adjourn at 6:51 pm