

**May15, 2024 Board of Health Meeting
County Courthouse, Room G-302**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:15 pm.
The meeting was called to order by Don Bodeau.

Board Members Present:

Quorum is reached

Don Bodeau
Mark Kaeding
Catherine Wildenberg
Terry Miskulin
Terri Nordin
David Hirsch
True Vue (virtual)

Absent:

Joshua Miller

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Marisa Stanley
Hannah Artz
Gina Holt

1. Call to Order. Walk through remote meeting process. Welcome Guests. Order of the Agenda. Request to pull items from the Consent Agenda -5 minutes
2. Public Comment-*The Board of Health and Eau Claire City-County Health Department welcome you. Statements pertinent to agenda items may be made by attendees during the public comment section. We do ask that statements are limited to three minutes per person. Written comments may also be provided.*
3. Health Department Program Presentation on Beach Closings-15 minutes
4. Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)- 5 minutes
 - a) Approval of minutes from April 24, 2024, meeting
 - b) Approval of Grant/Contract related budget adjustments
 - c) Approval of Stipend

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

5. Business Item (Action Required)-15 minutes

- a) Approval to waive the fee for influenza vaccination during the 2024-2025 influenza season.
 - The health department is the vaccinator of last resort after providers and pharmacies.
 - Vaccination outreach goes primarily to those that are high risk and who have barriers to access.
 - The “Get the Shot” campaign is still active in the Chippewa Valley.

Motion to approve waiving the fee for influenza vaccination during the 2024-2025 influenza season : Catherine Wildenberg

2nd Motion: Terry Nordin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- b) Approval of Eau Claire Community Foundation Safe Sleep funding
 - Educational materials and sleep sacks will be provided for up to 30 families.

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- It is a needed resource in the community that the health department has done in the past.

Motion to approve Eau Claire Community Foundation Safe Sleep Funding: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- c) Approval of Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) funding
- The goal of this project is to improve death review team data systems. The three teams in Eau Claire County – Overdose Fatality Review Team, Suicide Death Review Team, and Child Death Review Team will improve the use of data that will result in recommendations that have a positive impact in the community.
 - We are in the co-design phase working on all the details.
 - This moves us forward in terms of how we share data between different entities.
 - The work ties into the HD strategic plan and the foundations of public health
 - There are several community entities that have also received this funding.

Motion to approve Michigan Public Health Institute Data Across Sectors for Health funding:

Catherine Wildenberg

2nd Motion: David Hirsch

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

6. Other information items from staff for the Board-25 minutes

a) Health Department Report

- Safe water and testing is a priority for the Health Department-the promotion was well received by the community.
- Kay Bogumill, Public Health Nurse, 36 years of service retirement certificate.
- The housing survey will be starting up again. This year the survey will be on the East side of Eau Claire.
- Measles update discussion.

b) Review budget development process. Initial input from the Board of Health for the proposed 2025 budget, including discussion of salary and health insurance for employees

- The 2025 budget will be on the Board of Health agenda in June and July and through the end of the year.
- The board of health has final approval of the Health Department Budget. This happens in December.
- The budget is built around what we anticipate the City and County tax levy may be as well as other anticipated revenue sources.
- We try to mirror the City and County cost of living/inflationary increase amounts for staff.
- Health insurance premiums are a large part of our personnel budget. The health insurance premiums for 2025 will not be more than 3% as long as all City Employees meet requirements.
- A new capital improvement plan (CIP) will be prepared for review and approval at the July BOH meeting. The health department has historically not been part of the City or County CIP. Capital purchases are based on replacement schedules for office updates and equipment purchase over \$5,000
- The largest portion of our funding comes from grants, which are not always secure.

- Most of the grant funding is flat so it doesn't increase with inflation.
 - COVID grant funding was significant over the past two years (ARPA) and will likely be gone in 2025.
 - A few long-term supported grants are ending in 2024 with no current sustainable funding source identified to continue this important work.
 - Grant writing takes a lot of time and work. We currently aren't tracking the amount of time to write and complete -vs- the return on investment. A future agenda item could be discussing what goes into deciding to apply for grants.
 - Budgets historically have been built using fund balance for operations. Some years we have not had to use it due to bringing in new revenue sources or cutting costs.
 - There has been no indication from the City or County that there will be specific budget cuts to the Health Department but both have budget concerns which may be reflected in our levy conversations.
- c) Health Department Communicable Disease and Clinical Services Division Update
- There was not an ability to fund both a Clinical Services Division Manager and a Communicable Disease manager long term and the Divisions had cross over of people and functions, so the two divisions have combined.
 - Emergency Preparedness has moved out of the Communicable Disease division with the Marisa Stanley managing.
- d) ARPA Update
- ARPA funds have allowed us to remain fiscally whole in 2023/2024 providing consistent programs and service based on our strategic plan, community health priorities, and long standing BOH priorities.
 - Overview provided of various ARPA projects.
- e) Board of Health website overview-
- Lieske walked through what the Board of Health website updates that Gina facilitated to clean up the site.
7. Board member informational items-20 minutes
- a) Public Health Policy/Advocacy
- WPHA/WAHL DAB policy and lobby group is working on budget and policy priorities for 2025-2027.
- b) Standing committee updates
- City Council: no report
 - County Board: HSHS Prevea Closure and how to find viable work arounds for the lack of health care.
 - Ground Water Advisory Committee: Meeting was last week; funding was a large part of the discussion. The next meeting will be in three months.
 - Opioid Taskforce: has not met since previous meeting.
8. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-5 minutes
9. Next business meeting – June 26, 2024
10. Adjourn at 6:55 pm