

June 26, 2024 Board of Health Meeting
County Courthouse, Room G-302-Ground Floor
The Board of Health convened in open session at pm.
The meeting was called to order by Don Bodeau.

Board Members Present:

Quorum is reached

Don Bodeau
Catherine Wildenberg
Terri Nordin
Terry Miskulin
Mark Kaeding (5:25pm arrival)
True Vue
David Hirsch (virtual)

Members Absent:

Joshua Miller

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Marisa Stanley
Hannah Artz
Janessa VandenBerge
Gina Holt

1. Call to Order. Welcome Guests. Order of the Agenda. Request to pull items from Consent Agenda
2. Public Comment-none made
3. Staff presentation – Advancing Health Equity Among Youth in Eau Claire County Presentation
4. Consent Agenda- 5 minutes
 - a. Approve Minutes from May 15, 2024, Board of Health Meeting
 - b. Approval of Grant/Contract related budget adjustments

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: True Vue

2nd Motion: Catherine Wildenberg

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

5. Business Item (Action Required)-10 minutes

- a. Approve Immunization Supplemental COVID Program Funding
 - This is a one-time funding opportunity.
 - The goal is to increase overall vaccination rates including COVID-19 vaccination.
 - Reminder recall letters for MMR vaccinations will be sent out to those that are due/past due.
 - Funding will also support outreach activities

Motion to approve Immunization Supplemental COVID Program Funding as presented by Health Department Staff: Terry Miskulin

2nd Motion: Terri Nordin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- b. Approve Healthy Aging and Living with Disabilities Through Livable Communities Grants
 - These competitive grants were awarded by the State Department of Health Services to various public and private organizations to create effective ways to help people feel more connected and less isolated.

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- Funds will be supporting staffing and specific projects with community partners across Eau Claire County with a particular focus on more rural areas.
- Grants will support solutions for people to connect, get around, or stay engaged with greater ease as well as work with the EC Health Alliance.

Motion to approve Healthy Aging and Living with Disabilities Through Livable Communities Grants as presented by Health Department Staff: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Catherine Wildenberg

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

6. Other information items from staff for the Board-10 minutes

a. Health Department Report

- A WI Public Health Labs statewide workgroup was formed to evaluate potential opportunities to grow overall capacity and connection across the state.
- The health department team continues to work with partners on preparing for a potential measles response.
- Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance check update was discussed.
- PFAS updates and discussion around health hazards associated with high PFAS levels in local private drinking water. Drammen and Brunswick Townships had samples that exceeded recommended health levels.
- Cortney Nicholson, Community Health Educator, celebrated 5 years of Health Department employment.

b. 2025 Budget update

- The draft budget will be brought forward to the board at the July BOH meeting.
- City and County 2025 economic or step increases for personnel haven't been finalized at this point.
- 2.5% economic increases are estimated to cost \$123,900 for 2025 for health department employees.
- Step increases for staff are estimated to cost \$84,500 for 2025.
- The Health Department utilizes the City health insurance and there will be an increase of not to exceed amount of 3%.
- Tax levy funding from the City/County is uncertain at this time. We are working on this.
- The department continues to focus on sustainability of core and mandated programs and services.
- A few long-term grants that support community priorities are ending in 2024 or 2025 with no current sustainable funding source.
- Board of Health Question/Answer:
 - Q: ARPA dollars will be done; do you anticipate additional funding? -A: There isn't likely going to be funding available that is COVID connected.
 - Q: The Opioid taskforce settlement may be available. Have you thought about looking into that? A: We have applied for and received some funding and will potentially be asking for future funding.
 - Q: If shared positions were open, would you keep the nursing department in the University in mind? A: Absolutely
 - Q: Have you investigated operational grants? Otto Bremer grant was suggested. A: We have investigated that, including Otto Bremer, and will continue to do so. A lot of grants want to fund something new not something that you are already doing.

- c. Fee Discussion
 - Fees are analyzed by staff and the Fee policy is utilized to develop an updated fee schedule as part of the budget process.
 - There are some fees that the BOH recommends to the City of Eau Claire, but most fees are decided by Board of Health members.
 - Fees make up around 17% of revenue.
 - No specific concerns or feedback received from BOH at this time.
 - d. Director Performance Review Mid-Point Update
 - Board member Kaeding pointed out all the work done in section four-providing leadership related to public health policy at a local and state level.
7. Board member informational items-*10 minutes*
- a. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
 - WPHA/WAHL DAB Policy and Advocacy Committee
 - Assembly Joint Resolution 6/Senate Joint Resolution 5 to modify the state constitution has been moved to the August primary ballot.
 - Policy priorities for WPHA were discussed.
 - WPHA resolutions were shared.
 - b. Standing committee updates
 - City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://eauclairewi.gov)
 - The Health Department continues to work with the City Council on alcohol licensing requests.
 - City Council passed CBDG funding.
 - County Board: [Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
 - Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative presented at the most recent County Board meeting.
 - Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us) -meeting will be held in August
 - County Opioid Taskforce: [Opioid Task Force | Eau Claire County](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
 - Met last week and there are new members and a new chair.
 - Funding for a Project Manager was requested. It will move forward for approval at the next County Board meeting. The health department would be staffing this position if funded.
8. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-*none made*
9. Next business meeting – **July 31st one week later than usual**
10. Don Bodeau adjourns the meeting at 7:00 pm