

**April 27, 2016 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 Mery Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Mery Price
Gerald Wilkie
Jennifer Eddy
John Paddock
Kathy Mitchell

**Board Members
Absent:**

Donald Bodeau
Elizabeth Spencer
Blair Johnson

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Shane Sanderson
Denise Wirth
Gina Holt (recorder)

Additional Staff Members:

Public:
Li Cheng (5:20)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- Request agenda item 3.b Approve Get yourself Tested Initiative Grant

Public Comment:

- None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from March 23, 2016
- Approve mini grant from the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin (CHAW) in the amount of \$1,500

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Gerald Wilkie

2nd Motion: Kathy Mitchell

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item

- Approve Get Yourself Tested (GYT) Initiative Grant in the amount of \$4,000
 - The initiative is to increase public awareness of the importance of sexually transmitted infection testing
 - Lieske will get back to board members with number of people that were tested under last year's GYT initiative grant

□ 4/27/16 email sent to board members stating- "There were 114 individuals screened for sexually transmitted infections as part of the last Get Yourself Tested campaign between May-December last year. Health education and outreach was done in addition to the testing provided as part of this grant."

Motion to receive the Get Yourself Tested (GYT) Initiate Grant in the amount of \$4,000: John Paddock

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- Monthly Financial
 - Non calendar year grant carryforward amounts were added to the revenue and expense report
 - The original budget amount is the amount that the board approved for the 2016 budget and doesn't change

Motion to receive the Monthly Financial Review: Gerald Wilkie

2nd Motion: Kathy Mitchell

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

c. Approve CDC Adult Immunization Grant

- State Health Department received additional funding for adult immunizations from CDC
- The department choose to focus on HPV vaccinations to try and increase the percentage of adults that are vaccinated due to low vaccination rate currently
- The “Get the Shot” committee is transitioning into the “Immunization coalition” to serve a broader base as opposed to focusing primarily on influenza

Motion to approve CDC Adult Immunization Consolidated Grant in the amount of \$8,021 as presented by Health Department Staff: John Paddock

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

d. Approve NACCHO Lessons in Infection Control Initiative

- The health department was 1 of 11 nationally to receive this grant to focus on health care acquired infections
- Allison Gosbin-Public Health Nurse will be attending the training that’s required
- Infectious disease committee will support sustainability

Motion to approve NACCHO LINC Initiative grant in the amount of \$25,000 as presented by Health Department Staff: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: John Paddock

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

e. Approve NACCHO MRC Challenge Award

- This was also awarded last year, and the funding was used to support QPR training
- The grant will support work around engaging with people living with dementia in our community and preparing them and their families for public health emergency
- 1 in 9 adults age 65+ and 1 in 3 adults 85+, in Eau Claire County have Alzheimer’s disease, which is a form of dementia

Motion to approve NACCHO MRC Challenge grant in the amount of \$15,000 as presented by Health Department Staff: Kathy Mitchell

2nd Motion: Gerald Wilkie

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

f. Approve Nitrate Source Identification Grant

- New and existing partners are involved in this project at the County and UWEC
- The mass spectrometer gives the Health Department the ability to analyze what may be the cause of high nitrate levels

Motion to approve Nitrate Source Identification Grant for approximately \$18,500 as presented by Health Department Staff: John Paddock

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

g. Approve new Public Health Specialist Position classification

- This job title is one that we are seeing increasingly throughout the state

- The intent would be that the position description does not describe a specific bachelor degree required allowing for a variety of different experienced applicants to apply

Motion to approve new Public Health Specialist Position classification with appropriate placement in the PP12 pay range effective May 1, 2016 as presented by Health

Department Staff: Kathy Mitchell

2nd Motion: John Paddock

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

- a. Director/Health Officer Report
 - Congratulations to Kirsten Gierhart for winning WEHA Environmental Professional of the Year
 - Housing advisory meeting is a city focused group
 - Staff turnover and retirements-Nursing has two accepted offers for public health nurse positions. The department is in the process of trying to fill the open Nurse Practitioner position, and has Melyssa Heintz- filling in as an interim Nurse Practitioner
- b. Correspondence/Media –enclosed
 - No discussion
- c. Employee Handbook areas of interest/question
 - 2017 budget includes feedback from board members for recommendations in updating/revising the employee handbook
 - The health department works with both the City and the County to see any changes that they have made and work to have similar language
 - Board members will let Lieske know of any recommendations for revisions or additions to the handbook
 - With the Affordable Care Act requirements there may be some changes that need to be made
- d. Initial input from the Board of Health for proposed 2017 budget
 - Early stage of budgeting for 2017. The draft budget will be entered into MUNIS by the end of July 2016
 - Discussed the possibility of Living Wage Resolution being approved by County would not have a fiscal impact for the 2017 budget, but we would have to adjust the page range accordingly
 - Discussed budgeting for Software applications –making sure that the health department has what it needs to support projects and adequately building this into the budget
 - No specific input provided at this step in the process
 - Lieske will get back to board members with last year’s insurance percentages and the number of post retirees that are enrolled in Medicare and have dropped the health departments insurance plan
 - *4/27/16 email sent to board members stating-“3 previous retirees have opted to change their health care coverage based on the conversations that Tegan had with them in the past year about Medicare-connected options and The current health insurance split is 89% covered by employer/11% covered by employee”*
- e. NFP Partnership Expansion
 - Dunn County is moving forward and will join Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties with providing services
 - We continue to get questions from other counties that are exploring Nurse Family Partnership

f. Eau Claire Healthy Communities

- Tomorrow is the legislative event, board members are encouraged to attend
- Lieske will follow up with board members with the number of reported suicides that were the result of fire arms

□ 5/9/16 email sent to board members stating –“Below is a quick summary about our current data related to firearm related suicide deaths. We do work closely with the medical examiner and when the final annual data is available we will have a better idea of 2015 numbers. Chelsie Smith – one of the Public Health Nurses in the department – is the lead on the work that we are doing related to suicide prevention.”

The average of completed suicides due to self-inflicted gun-shot wounds from 2000-2014 is 46% (There were 182 completed suicides from 2000-2014, and 83 of them were gun-shot wounds).

Interestingly, this percent seems to be increasing. From 2010-2014, 48% of completed suicides were due to a firearm. I was not able to pull the data for 2015 in this percentage, however per Medical Examiner report more than half our last year’s completed suicides were due to gun-shot wounds.

Board member informational items

- a. BOH May meeting
 - The next meeting is on 5/18/16 due to the WPHA meeting it is one week early
- b. Director Annual Performance Review – Process and questionnaire/survey-
 - If board members have ideas or input for the review process they are encouraged to get that information to Meroy
 - Community partners will be surveyed this year
- c. April 28th Legislative Event - Talking points
 - There will be round tables with a facilitator at each table giving people the opportunity to talk with legislatures
 - BOH members encouraged to review background materials
- d. City Council and County Board 2016 appointment to the Board of Health –
 - Gerald Wilkie was reappointed to the Board of Health from the County Board and Kathy Mitchell was reappointed to the Board of Health from City Council
- e. 2015 Liaison Report to the County
 - A lot of accomplishments throughout 2015 were showcased in the report

Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration

- a. None

Next scheduled BOH meeting is **May 18, 2016** at 5:15 p.m.

Meroy Price adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.