

**January 25, 2017 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 Mery Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Mery Price
Elizabeth Spencer
Blair Johnson
John Paddock
Kathy Mitchell
Jennifer Eddy (5:19 pm)

**Board Members
Absent:**

Gerald Wilkie
Donald Bodeau

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Paulette Magur
Janice Vinopal
Shane Sanderson
Gina Holt (recorder)

Additional Staff Members:

Jackie Krumenauer
Beth Draeger
Carleigh Olson

Public:

Introduction of Carleigh Olson –Health Educator

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- No requests made

Public Comment:

- None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from December 14, 2016 meeting
- Approve continuation of contractual agreement with the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) community water samples
- Approve DPH Public Health Emergency Preparedness Scholarships
- Approve DOT Child Safety Seat Grant
- Approve FDA Voluntary Food Standards Grant

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Blair Johnson

2nd Motion: John Paddock

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item

- Monthly Financial
 - Board member suggests that the board closely review the end of the year financial report once it is final and go through what areas need to be worked on, what is working well, and to try and forecast for the next year. Connect efforts to BOH and ECCHD Strategic Plan and consider options for improvement
 - Discussion regarding what impact different policy action at State and National level could have on the Health Department funding

Motion to receive the Monthly Financial Review: Kathy Mitchell

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- Approve Health Care Education and Training (HCET) training and subscription stipend
 - UpToDate is an internet based program

Motion to approve Health Care Education and Training (HCET) training and subscription stipend in the amount of \$910.00 as presented by Health Department Staff: John Paddock

2nd Motion: Kathy Mitchell

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

- c. Adopt Resolution 17-01 Recognizing the Reproductive Health Clinic and Staff for 40 years of dedicated service
- The reproductive health clinic has been committed to protecting and promoting reproductive health and decreasing the spread of communicable diseases
 - BOH discussion about the history and strength of the program

Motion to Adopt Resolution 17-01 Recognizing the Reproductive Health Clinic and Staff for 40 years of dedicated service as presented by Health Department Staff: Elizabeth Spencer

2nd Motion: Blair Johnson

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

- a. Director/Health Officer Report –Topics below were specifically discussed by BOH members
- “Evicted” gives voice to families whose lives have been impacted by housing situations. The Health Department currently has a student collecting data from Eau Claire County on the number of people who have been evicted, and under what circumstances
 - BOH member stated that dentists experience low reimbursement rates from Medicaid which creates access to care issues for those in need
 - Compliance checks for alcohol and tobacco can take place at any establishment that sells them
 - The frequency of e-cigarette exposure calls to the Wisconsin Poison Center has increased highest among children. The enticing smells and packaging of E-cigarettes can be appealing to children causing them to ingest the liquid
- b. Correspondence/Media –enclosed
- No discussion
- c. Service Recognition
- John Paddock – Board of Health-8 years-enclosed
 - Becky Knutson-Public Health Nurse-20 years-enclosed
- d. Quarterly update on Eau Claire Healthy Communities
- Chronic Disease Prevention, Healthy Relationship Promotion, High-Risk Drinking Prevention, Mental Health, and Oral Health Action Teams continue their hard work
- e. Health Department Strategic Plan Update (2012-2016 Final Report)
- The health department staff accomplished a lot in the past five years related to the strategic priorities. The new strategic plan will build from this success
 - The same type of dashboard and structure will be developed for the new strategic plan
 - BOH members discussed accomplishments and next steps
- f. CDC Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) Vector Research Project Report
- Lyme disease is one of the most commonly reported communicable diseases

- 42% of the ticks tested were carrying the causative agent for Lyme disease-how to reduce the tick population is being looked at as a result of the study
 - BOH members discussed the importance of the opportunity to participate in the research project. The intent is to explore opportunities for publishing the report
- g. City of Eau Claire Housing Ordinance/Rental Inspection Program Update
- Housing ordinance revisions include considerable updates to language and the addition of focusing on rental properties
 - The City of Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan directs the city departments to consider beginning a program that requires rental housing to be registered and inspected by the health department
 - The proposal being looked at is more of a universal registration proposal for rentals with all housing inspections based on different criteria
 - Board members suggest adopting a resolution in support of Housing Ordinance to be forwarded to City Council for consideration
- h. PHAB Accreditation Update
- The team continues to work to make sure all of the pieces are coming together
 - After all of the documentation is turned in a site visit date will be set. A more in depth review will be shared with the Board before the site visit is scheduled
- i. Director Performance Measure
- No discussion
- j. Board of Health photo for annual

Board member informational items

- a. Final 2017 Board of Health calendar
- Fee discussion is added to the June meeting and Board of health photo will be moved to December 13th meeting
- b. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
- Discuss and establish prioritization criteria for consideration of advocacy topics-Board members agree that urgency/timeliness will be the forefront in deciding what to prioritize. BOH members see advocacy role as critical concerns expressed related to the number of potential topics to address. BOH discussed individual ability to advocate as well as more formal health department/BOH advocating. Also discussed the importance of prioritizing vulnerable populations and connecting to existing efforts. The Health department is working on talking points that can be shared with the board members on certain topics.
 - Communicable Disease –Letters in responses to the Communicable Disease funding resolution were received from the Kathleen Bernier and Kathleen Vinehout’s staff.
 - It is suggested utilizing the NACCHO document- “Strengthening America’s Health and Safety by Partnering with Local Health Departments Recommendations for the Next President and the 115th U.S. Congress” when advocating and preparing letters regarding public health funding
 - Affordable Care Act Update-There are a lot of items intertwined in the ACA that people aren’t aware of, for example 14% of CDC’s budget is funded through the ACA
 - Tobacco Funding-Board members are encouraged to start an advocacy file and save the tobacco funding information for future discussion. The state has low funding certain parts of the state including Eau Claire, Dunn, and Chippewa County receive no funding for tobacco coalition
 - Other-It is suggested that at some point in the future a time line of goals and topics for the year

be established, similar to discussion on the three existing topics: Communicable Disease Living Wage, Gun Violence

- It is expressed that the health department and BOH members need to be vigilant and reactive
- c. Annual Board evaluation-
- Will discuss more at the February meeting to review comments and decide if any action or planning needs to take place

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

- a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is **February 22, 2017** at 5:15 p.m.

Merey Price adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.