



**October 18, 2017 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**

Gerald Wilkie  
Mery Price  
Blair Johnson  
Kathy Mitchell  
Liz Spencer  
Joan Berlin  
Don Bodeau

**Board Members  
Absent:**

Jennifer Eddy

**Staff Members Present:**

Lieske Giese  
Cortney Draxler  
Paulette Magur  
Carleigh Olson  
Audrey Boerner  
Gina Holt (recorder)

**Public:**

Ashlynn Alsteen-UWEC  
Richard Buckmaster-UWEC

**Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda**

- No requests made

**Public Comment:**

- No public comments made

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of minutes from September 27, 2017 meeting

***Motion to approve Consent Agenda:*** Don Bodeau

***2nd Motion:*** Kathy Mitchell

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

**Business Item**

- a. Monthly Financial
  - The City Tax levy for 2017 has been received as well as the majority of Licenses and Permits

***Motion to receive the Monthly Financial Review:*** Jerry Wilkie

***2nd Motion:*** Joan Berlin

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

**Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board**

- a. Director/Health Officer Report
  - Tristin Christopher started as the Environmental Health Specialist working in the Housing Program. She was previously an intern at the Health Department
  - The Invest Health Team along with Northwest Wisconsin and LaCrosse Area REALTORS Associations sponsored a training for employers interested in learning about employer assisted housing. This gave an opportunity to start thinking broadly at health and the built environment. The workforce housing idea is primarily focused on individually owned properties, but rental properties were also discussed
  - Board members expressed that Family planning clinic video was very creative and a great way to advertise
- b. Correspondence/Media –enclosed
  - There is a glitch in the data systems that resulting in some of the interviews not being listed. This is being worked on

- c. Service recognition-Kris Bohlinger-Program Office Specialist, 30 years
  - Kris has been an enormous asset to the department
- d. Health Impact Assessment update-
  - The HIA for the Cannery District Redevelopment is near completion. There will be a release party for the final report on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Children's Theater. The report will be presented to various groups throughout the community including the City Redevelopment Authority
  - The community partnerships and advisory committees were a key part to the health assessment. The advisory groups met 10-12 times throughout the process
  - The cannery district assessment was a great time to work on building relationships and work on building health equity into the process of development. Conversations are starting to help people see the health impact of business decisions
  - This is the first HIA of its kind in our area and will hopefully plant the seed for future projects. Health Assessments don't have to take two years, they can be done relatively quickly
  - Getting a Health Chapter in the City comprehensive plan was a big accomplishment and was the start to looking at HIA as a strategy
  - HIA report will be added to the December BOH agenda
- e. 2018 ECCCHD Budget update-
  - Yesterday the City Council received the budget at their budget work session.
  - The Board will get the budget in December for final approval
  - BOH discussed current changes/update to 2018 budget
  - Communicable disease funding-there will be a process of putting a team of people together with representation from local health departments
- f. Eau Claire Healthy Communities Update
  - All of the action teams are moving forward with their priorities. Board of Health discussed current status
  - The Health Department received a phone call from Wisconsin Public Radio asking questions regarding the chronic disease prevention action teams health food marketing collaboration
  - Mental health action team continues to focus on prevention
  - The community health assessment-we are in the process of recruiting a limited term position. The assessment needs to be completed by April 2018. Board of Health discussed collaborative process
- g. Strategic Plan Update
  - This is the beginning phase of the five year plan
  - The strategic plan is linked to activities directly assigned to staff teams as well as individuals which helps see staff see how they fit into the plan
  - We are finding that some goals and strategies are intertwined
  - Our vision statement, mission statement, and guiding principal are also a huge part of the strategic plan. The Board of Health suggested to post them in the conference rooms or throughout the department for visibility
- h. Quality improvement plan update
  - The department continues to work on QI culture and take the opportunity to make sure that changes being made are an improvement
  - The department creates a story board to capture the process during the process improvement plan
  - Part of accreditation is showing that the department is using a quality improvement plan
  - Board of Health discussed use of QI for process improvement

### **Board member informational items**

#### a. Advocacy

- The thank you email sent regarding communicable disease funding was shared
- Discussion regarding other legislative topics that have not yet become a bill but could impact on the Health Department if they move forward
  - Act 176 related to rental registration restrictions-this is being opened for discussion by the same group that initiated the act. What is potentially being proposed would provide more restrictions for local government. The following example was given -if a housing inspection is conducted and no areas of improvement were identified that dwelling wouldn't be allowed to be inspected again for ten years.
  - The board of health has approved a local Tattoo and Body Art ordinance for Eau Claire County that includes a practitioner's license. Tattoo and Body Art practitioners are required to have a state license as well. The state is concerned that this is duplication of licensing. The Eau Claire County ordinance requires blood borne pathogens training and mentored experience. We have strongly recommended that the state extend their license to include these requirements
  - Opioid use is a very important topic-we have received grant funding and continue to look at additional partnerships with DHS. The county has entered into a lawsuit with the pharmaceutical companies in regard to opioid use. Part of the lawsuit will be trying to figure what the cost of the opioid epidemic to Eau Claire County. The health department may be called upon to help gather some of this data. One opportunity that may happen as a result is to signal how important prevention is. Ongoing legislation and grants may be developed
  - Eliminating professional Wisconsin licenses are also a potential impact that could affect RN's and Sanitarians, dieticians, plumbers, etc.

#### b. November work session overview

- The board will focus on health equity in Eau Claire County. Lieske and Merrey are working on collecting the data and resources needed for the meeting. During the meeting the board will work to health equity gaps and gather current information on health equity projects in Eau Claire County. The goal is to walk away with what the next steps the board will make to be to support the Health Department and the County

#### c. PHAB follow-up

- Board members will receive a packet with information prior to the mock site visit

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

#### a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is November 8, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.