



**March 27, 2019 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  
Blair Johnson (5:20)  
Jennifer Eddy  
Emily Berge  
Kari Stroede  
Liz Spencer  
Martha Nieman

**Board Members  
Absent:**

Donald Bodeau

**Staff Members  
Present:**

Lieske Giese  
Matt Steinbach  
Marissa Stanley  
Gina Holt  
(recorder)

**Public:**

Jim Dunning-County Board Supervisor  
Greg Leonard- Land Conservation  
Manager

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

- None Made

**Public Comment:**

- Letter received from Dr. Layde regarding vaccinations for children.

**Informational Item**

- Overview on Water as a public health issue
  - PowerPoint presentation by Matt Steinback "Health Department Role in Water Resources Protection and Management"
  - Discussion after presentation by Board members research and policy related to:
    - o The health department has been following microparticles in plastic and is participating in a working group that is investigating the issue. Our lab would require different equipment than we are currently using to perform microparticle testing. Currently the lab does offer some "non" standard testing for things such as metals. When looking at longevity of equipment we are looking at what additional testing options could be available.
    - o Frac Sand Mining -high capacity wells and quantity of water discussion.
    - o The department continues to work on outreach materials related to testing wells. The state does not require well water maintenance like they do for Septic maintenance. The current well permitting ordinance that we follow aligns with the state requirements. This might be a future policy issue. We have well data of tests that we do here. The Wisconsin State lab of hygiene collects also tests and has data, this data is released to the Wisconsin department of natural resources and is not easily brought back to the Health Department. Improving data is also something that the department would like to work on.
    - o Outreach with the Amish population-the Think Water team discussed this topic and is in the process of having a community liaison person to try and bridge the gap. Additional outreach in Augusta will take place as part of the ag. ordinance review program.
    - o The department has talked about holding satellite locations for sample pick up, and other ways to support water testing. The department is also brainstorming ideas such as reduce fee testing, etc. to try and encourage testing.
    - o Planning and development for prevention before issues come up is part of the health department focus.

- Last October the large livestock moratorium was passed. Agriculture performance standards adopted by the state of Wisconsin are proposed to become part of the county code. This includes surface water and ground water measure protections and manure storage, and several other areas.
- When looking at gaps in data, groundwater flow is one area to look at improving.
- Board discussed ongoing look at these issues, potential opportunity for advocacy with program changes/additions.

**Consent Agenda**

- b. Approval of minutes from February 27, 2019 meeting
- c. Approval of Stipends
- d. Sign Public Health Week Proclamation
- e. Sign Parents Who Host Proclamation

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda:** Liz Spencer

**2nd Motion:** Blair Johnson

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

**Business Item**

- a. Monthly Financial
  - Current year data for the report becomes challenging to pull until the 2018 year is officially closed out at the end of March

**Motion to receive the Monthly Financial Review:** Martha Nieman

**2nd Motion:** Jennifer Edy

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

- b. Approval of Generous Jurors Contribution
  - The money will be used to purchase safe sleep equipment.

**Motion to approve Generous Jurors Contribution as presented by Health Department Staff:**

Jennifer Eddy

**2nd Motion:** Martha Nieman

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

- c. Approval of Accreditation Mentoring grant from Department of Health Services
  - Great opportunity to share what the department learned from the accreditation process.

**Motion to approve Accreditation Mentoring Grant as presented by Health Department Staff:**

Blair Johnson

**2nd Motion:** Emily Berge

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

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

- a. Director/Health Officer Report
  - Wintermission-general feedback was not offered during the survey. Board member suggests opening school gyms on the weekends. Emily Berge noted the issue.
- b. Correspondence/Media

- Julian Emerson is no longer at the Leader Telegram
- c. Service Recognition-
  - Ruth Kilness, Public Health Nutritionist, 5 years
- d. Website Update
  - The website was pulled up and shared with board members, including locating all Board of Health materials.
- e. County health Rankings Report
  - Early death related to things like suicide and overdose, STI rates, housing, and income/equality are being looked at. Preventable hospitalization visits data is a new concern to address.
  - County health rankings are shared broadly to partners.

**Board member informational items**

- a. Director Performance Evaluation Planning and Discussion-no attachments
  - Information and surveys will be coming out in May. The process is being looked at to streamline and remain anonymous.
- b. Eau Claire Healthy Communities – Legislative Event and Celebration-
  - Focusing on ALICE report at the legislative event. Alcohol and other drug abuse will be the focus at the Celebration.
- c. Board Evaluation-
  - The evaluation will be sent out to board members next week and the results will be shared at the April BOH meeting.
- d. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
  - State budget update-Hoven Consulting, Inc. summary document discussed.
  - Legislative agenda WPHA/WALHDAB-Legislative Action Alert (draft) handout distributed and discussed. If Medicaid expansion isn't accepted a large amount of the Governor's budget won't be funded. If board members would like to go to speak on public health at Joint Finance Committee meetings this Spring, coordinate with Cortney Draxler on topic choice etc. so that she has a sense of how to tie that all together.

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

- a. Housing coalition update
- b. Communicable disease updated

Next scheduled BOH meeting is April 24, 4029 at 5:15 p.m.  
Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.