

**April 24, 2019 Eau Claire 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  
Kari Stroede  
Jennifer Eddy (left 6:48)  
Martha Nieman  
Emily Berge (left 6:48)

**Board Members  
Absent:**

Donald Bodeau  
Liz Spencer  
Blair Johnson

**Staff Members Present:**

Lieske Giese  
Paulette Magur  
Marisa Stanley  
Audrey Boerner  
Gina Holt (recorder)

**Additional Staff Members:**

Jackie Krumenauer  
Bi Xiong-WIC Dietetic Intern  
**Public:**  
Greg Leonard- Land  
Conservation Manager  
Chase Anderson-UWEC

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

**Public Comment:**

- None Made

**Informational Session- Communicable Disease and Immunization**

- Paulette Magur presents on the Health Department's Role in the Prevention and Control of Communicable Disease with BOH member conversation about policies and programs.
- Majority of work focuses on the more than 70 different reportable communicable diseases reported to the health department.
- Emergency preparedness is part of communicable disease division.
- Communicable Disease services include: Disease investigation, outbreak response, immunization clinics, tb testing, STI testing and treatment, HIV testing and referral, HIV partner services, Public and Partner Resource.
- Community Partnerships: Medical directors, infectious disease committee, HAI Coalition, PHEP Committee, Chippewa Valley Immunization Coalition, Get the Shot Committee, Schools, Chippewa Valley Free Clinic.
- Counter acting myths and providing education on the effectiveness of immunizations is always something that the health department is working on.
- The increase in measles outbreak is something that is being discussed at the emergency preparedness level in preparation for an outbreak in our area. Communication with other Health area providers is always happening.
- Emerging Priorities: Increase numbers of communicable disease and outbreaks, decreasing vaccination rates and increasing personal conviction waives, and emerging antibiotic-resistant organisms.
- Opportunities: Strengthen and expand partnerships with healthcare and schools, increase community education, expand the use of CD surveillance data and continue to be advocates.
- Lyme disease and E.coli reporting requirements and case definitions changed which is why the dramatic change in numbers.
- Incident command system training for staff is low due to new staff and looking at how and who gets trained at what level.

- 90-95% vaccination rate is considered herd immunity.

#### **BOH Policy/Practice priorities – County Ag Ordinance discussion**

- Greg Leonard, Eau Claire County Land Conservation Manager shared update. The Eau Claire County Agriculture Ordinance Review Special Committee was appointed by the Eau Claire County Board to proceed with the action items contained within the Large-Scale Livestock Moratorium adopted by the Eau Claire County Board in October of 2018.
- Recommendations made to update the ordinance will help provide uniform standards throughout the county.
- There is a place for accountability if there is leakage or clear violation. Responsibility of contamination of water becomes a civil matter in the court systems.
- BOH members discussed potential health connection between this ordinance and safe drinking/surface water.
- Recommendation to approve County Ag Ordinance will probably be on the May BOH agenda.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of minutes from March 27, 2019 meeting
- Approve Get Yourself Tested (GYT) Grant from HCET
- Approve supplement to CDC WI Division of Public Health Prevention grant
- Approve stipends

***Motion to approve Consent Agenda:*** Martha Nieman

***2nd Motion:*** Jennifer Eddy

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

#### **Business Item**

- Monthly Financial-Board of health questions included:
  - Balance sheet-things are still moving. Last year we purchased a lot of capital purchases which explains why the assets are not as high this far in comparison to last year.
  - Total Expenses is not what is owed it is carry forward from non-calendar year grants.

***Motion to receive the Monthly Financial Review:*** Jennifer Eddy

***2nd Motion:*** Martha Nieman

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

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

- Director/Health Officer Report
  - Erin Healey is working on the Sprint to reduce homelessness
- Correspondence/Media
  - No discussion
- Cindy Birtzer, Office Associate-32+ years retirement certificate
  - Cindy has been a long-term employee and will be missed.
- Eau Claire Healthy Communities update-
  - The Healthy Communities Celebration is tomorrow night, board members are encouraged to attend.
- Workforce Development Update-
  - No discussion

- f. 2018 Annual Report
  - The annual report summary was distributed to board members.
  - BOH plans longer discussion when the larger Annual Report is released in the summer.
- g. Preliminary 2018 Year End Financial report-close out 2018 budget-
  - We are anticipating positive outcome in the audit. The 2018 financial year is considered overall successful.
  - No BOH member questions at this time
- h. City of Eau Claire - Lead Service Line replacement update-
  - There is a potential proposal coming to City Council to mandate replacement of privately managed service lines that contain lead components.
  - The City currently treats the water to make sure that lead is not in the drinking water.
  - About 90% or more of cases of lead poisoning are related to lead paint.
  - The Health Department has asked to be able to review the ordinance and give feedback prior to the ordinance going forward for approval.
  - Disruption of pipes can cause elevated risks; this is something that the health department is concerned about and looking at research/best practices.

**Board member informational items**

- a. BOH Policy/Practice priorities – County Ag Ordinance discussion-
- b. BOH Self-Evaluation-
  - Brief review of results. BOH members are generally satisfied with how the board is functioning.
  - Checklist for evaluating monthly financial reports was a great suggestion.
- c. Public Health Policy/Advocacy-
  - Update on WPHA/WALHDAB legislative action-grid shared and briefly discussed
  - State Budget – testimony and listening sessions-two Health Department staff testified at the Joint Finance Listening session. Two BOH members were also there and testified.
  - Eau Claire Healthy Communities Celebration-reminder for BOH members
  - Kari Stroede talked about her trip to Madison on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to advocate on home visiting funding.

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

- a. None requested
2. Next scheduled BOH meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. **(one week early due to Public Health Conference)**

Merey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.