

**June 24 2020 Board of Health Meeting
County Courthouse, Room G-302**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:17 pm
The meeting was called to order by Merrey Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Jennifer Eddy arrival 5:37 pm after consent agenda
Terry Miskulin 5:25 pm arrival after consent agenda
Liz Spencer
Don Bodeau
Merrey Price
Martha Nieman
Emily Berge

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Janice Vinopal
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- None received

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from May 27, 2020 meeting
- Approval of Year Two of CDC Diabetes & Heart Disease Prevention Grant funding
- Approval of Title X State funding for Family Planning
- Approval of Get Yourself Tested funding-enclosed
- Approve Various Stipend

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Emily Berge

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Merrey Price, Martha Nieman, Emily Berge

Business Item

- Recommend approval by the County Board of the Racism as a Public Health Crisis/Racial Equity declaration
 - The declaration mimics what WPHA created and recommends.
 - The GARE work that is listed in the fact sheet is a national organization that worked with teams on how government interacts with race and equity. The Eau Claire City County Health Department has been engaged with GARE and focused on Racism issues through our current Strategic Plan.
 - The ordinance will be voted on at the Tuesday, July 21st County board meeting.

Motion to recommend approval by the County Board of the Racism as a Public Health Crisis/Racial Equity declaration as presented by Health Department Staff: Liz Spencer

2nd Motion: Don Bodeau

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Merrey Price, Martha Nieman, Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin

b. Approval of Alliance Funding Streams

- This will support existing staff and allow for new hires. Program materials, equipment and training will also be included.
- This funding is a new model of collaborative community funding.

Motion to approve Alliance Funding Streams as presented by Health Department Staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Liz Spencer

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Merrey Price, Martha Nieman, Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin

c. Approval of Federal COVID-19 Funding

- New funding comes from a variety of sources to support COVID 19 related activities.
- CARES dollars were distributed to every local health department throughout the state.
- The department will be hiring additional Limited term employees to help do this work.
- WE are currently allocating expenses to various places. Some existing grants are allowing some COVID time to be billed.

Motion to approve Federal COVID-19 Funding as presented by Health Department Staff:

Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Merrey Price, Martha Nieman, Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin

d. Approve Influenza Vaccination fee for 2020-2021

- Influenza vaccination is a priority.
- The fee is lower this year to reach more individuals and be similar in cost to other providers.
- There is a sliding fee scale where people self-report their income and pay accordingly.

Motion to approve 2020-2021 influenza vaccination fee as presented by Health Department Staff: Don Bodeau

2nd Motion: Liz Spencer

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Merrey Price, Martha Nieman, Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin

e. Recommend approval of revisions to the City of Eau Claire Clean Air Ordinance

- The intent was to bring this forward in March, but due to circumstances it had been postponed.
- There remains support for this ordinance to happen from Community partners.
- This would go forward to City Council at a date yet to be determined.
- State organizations submitted a letter or approval.

Motion to recommend approval of revisions to the City Clean Air Ordinance as presented by Health Department Staff: Jennifer Eddy

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Liz Spencer, Don Bodeau, Merrey Price, Martha Nieman, Emily Berge, Jennifer Eddy, Terry Miskulin

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

- a. Director/Health Officer Report
 - No discussion
- b. COVID-19 Update
 - Board members are encouraged to utilize the Health Department's website for current data.
 - We have increasing disease and an increase in outbreaks in workplace settings.
 - The team is doing an amazing job during the current circumstances.
 - There will be a new public health order going into effect at midnight.
 - COVID 19 messaging around cause of death and clear and concise language is being drafted.
 - Board members are asked to forward emails with COVID related questions received from constituents to the health department email.
- c. Correspondence/Media
 - No discussion
- d. Financial snapshot COVID-19 expenses and revenue
 - The City and County signed an agreement that any unfunded work costs would be split between the City and County.
 - The department is hoping that with the incoming funding sources will cover costs. Currently there is no anticipation of utilizing fund balance dollars.
 - COVID funding that the department received cannot be used to cover lost revenue for 2020 or 2021.
- e. 2021 Preliminary Budget Discussion
 - There will likely be a zero or small increases in tax levy increase proposed by City/County.
 - There is an anticipation of a 2% health insurance increase.
 - WRS increase has yet to be announced.
 - There are several employees eligible for retirement.
- f. Fee Discussion
 - The fee related programs have been enormously impacted by COVID 19.
 - Our fees are built off actual costs and are averaged throughout multiple years.
 - For regulation and licensing holding fees steady at the same rate as 2020 may be an option when creating the budget and fees.
 - For those that are current license holders and are renewing the BOH discussed an option to receive some sort of reimbursement or credit as inspections weren't done this spring and business had a loss of revenue. The five areas are lodging, restaurants, pools, retail food and body piercing/tattoo. If this is something that the Board is in agreement with a fee deviation policy change would need to be made at the July Board of Health meeting. Board members expressed support in moving forward.
- g. Annual report summary
 - No discussion

Board member informational items

- a. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
 - NACCHO newsletter-
https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?ep=NbFpkyb8zWvcVVkxallKBjOmkhLCkwYICQT9EHVy8m0QtB4I7iSphtJ5F0iRIRAVWXkeW5NojSYyPMYF692V2kw58HCaeZm2JPoYEjWyBz77OwX9FIPFNjjx3uYSofQj
 - WPHA/WALHDAB legislative update-enclosed
- b. Director/Health Officer performance review
 - Moving forward with planning for September, more information will be coming out.
- c. Status update for BOH member position-verbal
 - An add went in the paper and we are hoping to have the position filled by the end of July.

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

- a. None Made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is July 22, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.