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Health
Department**

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BOARD OF HEALTH**February 1st, 2022**

Board chairperson, Kathy Jo Locke called the Board of Health meeting to order at 11:01 A.M. The following members were present. Judi Nigbor, Kathy Jo Locke, Suzanne McCartney, Dr. William Franks, Nick Coenen and Abby Swan. Also present were Jayme Sopha, Health Officer/Director, Ron Barger, County Administrator, Dan Buchholz, MIS Department, and Melissa Rose, Public Health Technician.

Members Absent: Jon Sheller, Mike Raddatz, Jessica Jungenberg, Environmental Specialists

Motion by Judi Nigbor, seconded by Suzanne McCartney to approve the agenda as posted.
Motion carried.

Motion by Suzanne McCartney, seconded by Dr. William Franks to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2021, Board of Health meeting. Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COUNTY CONCERNS – A written report for the month of January was presented by Jayme Sopha. The month of January included the following contacts: 7 contacts-rabies program, 1 quarantine orders and 2 released from quarantine, no well water tests, 1 contact-well water test and 18 radon testing kits sold as of 1/31/2022. 1 housing contacts, regarding mold in a closet of a home on the second floor.

AGENT STATUS PROGRAM UPDATE – The month of January included 16 contacts with walk throughs. There were 8 Marquette County inspections, 3 re-inspections, and 1 pre inspection. There were 8 Waushara County inspections, and 1 pre inspection and 1 Green Lake County inspections. Took the Radon Measurement board exam and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID UPDATE – Jayme provided updates on the CDC and DHS websites showing the US, Wisconsin and Marquette County with a high transmission rate. Marquette County had a surge of COVID cases before the big surge of Omicron. Omicron appears to be more contagious but less deadly.

Isolation guidelines have been shortened to 5 days, and then if they are fever free without fever reducing medications and feeling good then they are able to leave isolation after 5 days but to continue to wear a tight-fitting mask for 5 more days after isolation.

FLU UPDATE- Mel gave an update on the counts of Flu vaccines that the Health Department has given during the 2021-2022 flu season. 220 vaccines to school aged kids, 70 vaccines to 18–64 year old's and 280 high-dose vaccines to the 65 and plus age group. Jayme followed up by informing the Board that we still have flu vaccine in our inventory and are still promoting it.

NEW BUSINESS

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS FOR COVID CASES- Jayme discussed the prioritization process that was decided for COVID cases in Marquette County that was necessary with 50 or so cases coming in, each day. The groups that we are focusing on calling and investigating are school aged children/daycares, unvaccinated, and anyone living in a cogenerate setting (ex. Nursing homes). Several other counties decided to focus on the age range of 65 plus, Marquette County chose not to focus on that group since they are our most vaccinated (protected) population. Though we won't be contacting every case that comes through, we will always take calls from those with questions or concerns.

DEPARTMENTAL TRANSITION PLAN-POST COVID- Jayme discussed the plan of post covid, with going back to our programs. The hope is that COVID response will be self-directed with the community education readily available. The public may also self-report or request test results if they wish to. The links for these actions will be on the Marquette County COVID webpage. It'll be a survey form for people that need to know the what's next steps, and/or if they need a work/travel note which will only be available for PCR and antigen tests taken at an observed site. There will also be an isolation calculator to help the community when they need to know how long to isolate whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic.

BUDGET

BUDGET REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION – No budget report from administration.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT BILLS – A voucher of expenses for the month of January 2022 was provided for the Board of Health members to review.

UPCOMING EVENTS / ISSUES (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by chairperson, Kathy Jo Locke at 12:01PM

Next Board of Health Meeting:
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 @ 11:00AM

Minutes submitted by Melissa Rose