

BOARD OF HEALTH

April 5th, 2022

Board chairperson, Judi Nigbor called the Board of Health meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. The following members were present. Judi Nigbor, Kathy Jo Locke, Suzanne McCartney, Mike Raddatz, and Nick Coenen. Also, present were Jayme Sopha, Health Officer/Director, Jessica Jungenberg, Environmental Specialists, Ron Barger, County Administrator, Dan Buchholz, Director MIS, Matt O'Connell, MIS Department, Dawn Eskau, Public health Nurse, Lauren Olson, Health Educator, Melissa Rose, Public Health Technician, and Peggy Krause.

Members Absent: Abby Swan, Jon Sheller, Dr. William Franks

Motion by Mike Raddatz, seconded by Suzanne McCartney to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Suzanne McCartney, seconded by Kathy Jo Locke approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2022, Board of Health meeting. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Peggy Krause addressed the BOH regarding her concerns about the COVID vaccines, asking that all COVID efforts be discontinued. She also encouraged the use and promotion of alternative treatments by the County Health Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COUNTY CONCERNS– A written report for the month of February & March was presented by Jessica Jungenberg. The month of February included the following contacts: 2 contacts-rabies program, 1 quarantine orders and 2 released from quarantine, no well water tests and no radon testing kits, 6 housing contacts regarding a garage roof that had collapsed, living condition concerns, as well as mold concerns in a students home.

The month of March included the following contacts: 0 contacts-rabies program, 0 quarantine orders and 0 released from quarantine, no well water tests and 3 radon testing kits, 9 housing contacts, regarding collapsed roof of a garage, concerns of living condition per tenant, and no running water or heating system at a home.

AGENT STATUS PROGRAM UPDATE– The month of February included 18 Marquette County inspections, 3 re-inspections, and 3 pre inspections. There were 1 Waushara County inspections and 1 Green Lake County re-inspection. One training was attended.

The month of March included 15 Marquette County inspections, and 2 pre inspections. There were 2 Waushara County inspections and 0 Green Lake County inspections. Three trainings were attended.

NEW BUSINESS

INVOLVEMENT IN STATE BOARDS AND TASKFORCES

Jayme stated that one of the big things happening with Public Health is the rebuilding process. This involves evaluating what we are currently doing, what are we good at, the skill sets we have, what areas do we not need to focus on and bringing our Health Department up to the Public Health 3.0

Accreditation standards. Part of this involves participating in state boards and taskforces to assure the local perspective is integrated into rebuilding our State's Public Health infrastructure.

Jayne discussed how providing Board of Health orientation will be important moving forward. The statewide group Marquette County is participating in include: WALHDAB (Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards), the State Funding Workgroup, and a Preventative Health and Health Services Advisory Committee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT-DAWN ESKAU-PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Dawn discussed that the Health Department is working on the recovery from COVID so transitioning into population health. We will still do direct services, we are looking at the community for what they need and what the gaps are, will be doing a community assessment. Collect all the data, compile and analyze it. Then we will prioritize it and come up with a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years and how we will be moving forward.

We are educating our department on Public Health 3.0 on what it is, why were doing it, and why it is important.

We are redeveloping our Quality Improvement Program; we had a policy prior to COVID and have continued to use these practices these past few years, but now we are going to focus on improving our formal plans, assuring consistency in the process, and documenting our progress.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING-DAWN ESKAU-PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

De Beaumont foundation has created a survey for Public Health staff, which showed a lot of stress, burn out and mental health was poor. Leaders for Public Health have had a lot of threats and/or harassment. We are expecting to get our data in the summer to see where our gaps are so we can work on a plan to rebuild our local workforce and infrastructure.

BEGINNING CHA/CHIP PROCESS- LAUREN OLSON- HEALTH EDUCATOR

Lauren discussed the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and that is the data that we will collect to identify the key health needs in the county & then Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is taking the data and making an improvement plan based on what the community thinks that our health needs are.

This is a state requirement and to be done every 5 years to assess what the County has and what it needs. This is something that we want the community to be involved in. We will be doing surveys and focus groups. Striving for the best health for Marquette County as a whole.

KENNEL DISCUSSION

Judi started by stating this topic started in Public Safety Committee, the person that quarantines the dogs brought to our attention that the owners of these animals weren't paying the fees.

We had a meeting with the Sheriff, County Administrator Ron Barger, Treasurer Jody Myers, Kennel Operator Gary, Natalie Corp Council and Public Health. We discussed on how to address this situation; created a flow chart explaining who does what. The kennel intake form has been updated to make sure animal owners understand what they are responsible for. If they don't pay for their animal, we will soon have protocols in place to address it.

Ron expressed that it was a productive meeting, and everyone left feeling better about the process. We anticipate rolling out the formalized process next month.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID UPDATE

Jayne discussed that Omicron is still occurring in Wisconsin, but numbers are down. Other variants are emerging in other parts of the world. Marquette County is now experiencing moderate transmission. We anticipate those rates will drop soon, but they've remained at moderate due to increased travel/spring break.

Marquette County Cases									
	Aug 8, 2021	Sept 7, 2021	Oct 12, 2021	Nov 9, 2021	Dec 14, 2021	Jan 11, 2022	Feb 8, 2022	Mar 15, 2022	April 5, 2022
Positive	1449	1562	1909	2169	2470	2786	3265	3332	3358
Probable*	203	211	253	284	316	363	450	458	456
Total Cases (Increase)	1652 -----	1773 (121)	2162 (119)	2453 (291)	2786 (333)	3149 (363)	3715 (566)	3790 (75)	3814 (24)
Currently in Isolation	5	42	178	130	160	200	240	5	
Total Hospitalized (increase)	114 -----	122 (8)	140 (18)	151 (11)	177 (26)	190 (13)	209 (19)	212 (3)	216 (4)
Total Died (Increase)	28 -----	29 (1)	32 (3)	35 (3)	38 (3)	41 (3)	48 (7)	53 (5)	62 (9)

VACCINE UPDATE

Jayne stated that the Health Department has partnered with AMI, and they are holding vaccination clinics on Fridays 1-5pm at Brakbush. She has been in contact with community leaders from Neshkoro and Packwaukee about having smaller clinics.

Jayne informed the board that we have been approved to give the 2nd booster vaccines.

Then discussed our efforts of safety of vaccines. Though still exceedingly rare, Johnson & Johnson vaccine has the highest risk of adverse events. Public Health must report to VAERS if these occur. When there is an increase in a specific adverse reaction, they know to stop vaccine distribution or investigate it further.

To be an approved COVID vaccine provider in the United States, you must have 4 doses of Epinephrine onsite, be CPR certified, monitor recipients for 15-30 minutes and have plans in place with local EMS to address vaccine emergencies.

BUDGET

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

UPCOMING EVENTS / ISSUES (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Judi stated since transitioning from COVID to the other programs and would like to see some progress on Health Care. As well as putting citizen comments back on the agenda since Board of Health meetings are in person again.

Jayne mentioned that it is back on our template.

Jayne had also mentioned that the Health Department in conjunction with other community organizations will be launching a wellness challenge in May called: Be aMAYzing BINGO. This challenge encourages participants to try new physical activities, healthy foods, healthful habits, and even gives credit for annual doctor's visits. The more they do, the more chances they have to win prizes. The 140 review will be October 11th.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by chairperson, Judi Nigbor at 12:42PM

Next Board of Health Meeting:

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 @ 11:00AM

Minutes submitted by Melissa Rose