



# Health Department

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## Board of Health Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Sauk County Board Room, 505 Broadway, Baraboo WI – Held Virtually via Zoom

### REGULAR MEETING

**Members Present:** Patricia Rego, Rebecca Klitzke, Thomas Dorner, Ross Curry, Ken Carlson, Melanie Burkhalter  
**Members Absent:** Kiana Beaudin  
**Others Present:** Treemanisha Stewart, Cathy Warwick, Amy Elizabeth Merwin, Julie Jaech, Jody Bruni  
**Public:** None

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Patricia Rego, Board of Health Chair. Certification of the open meeting was noted.
2. Motion by Ross Curry, second by Rebecca Klitzke to approve the Board of Health Agenda for April 13, 2021. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Melanie Burkhalter, second by Ross Curry to approve the minutes for the March 09, 2021 Board of Health meeting. Motion carried.
4. **Communications:**
  - A. March 15, 2021 – Weekly Coronavirus Update Newsletter for March 11, 2021
  - B. March 26, 2021 – Sauk County Chapter 3 Ordinance – Board of Health edits from Corporation Council
  - C. March 26, 2021 – Weekly Coronavirus Update Newsletter for March 25, 2021
  - D. April 01, 2021 – April Covid-19 Test Site Banners in English and Spanish
  - E. April 08, 2021 - Weekly Coronavirus Update Newsletter for April 08, 2021
  - F. April 09, 2021 – Press Release – Continued Use of Masks
5. **Public Comment** – None
6. **Business Items for Discussion and/or Action**
  - A. Jody Bruni, Public Health Nurse gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Maternal Child Health (MCH) programs. Jody gave the history of the MCH programs; prior to 2013 the MCH programs were based on home visits to high risk families. This changed to a system based coalition building based programming in 2013. The primary focus was on Safe Sleep and Child Death review. In 2016 it evolved to include Adolescent Suicide Prevention. In 2020 as the Covid-19 pandemic escalated the primary focus was Covid work. In 2021 we are continuing the Covid-19 focus and additionally focusing on Perinatal Depression.
    - i. The Child Death Review (CDR) team meets quarterly and reviews all child deaths up to 26 years of age. This review is confidential, participation includes all applicable first responder partners including; Local law enforcement, EMS, school district personnel etc. This discussion review is not open to the Public. The goal is to prevent deaths and find ways to educate on Safe Sleep, provide a grieving guide and grief cards given out by local ambulance services.
    - ii. Car Seat Technician services. The Health Department has 3 Car seat technicians who provide education and installation of the proper way to install car seats for infants and children. We partner with the Department of Transportation and Safe Kids Madison to obtain car seats and work with Community Partners to distribute car seats to anyone who needs them. Car seats are provided at no cost to the



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client. The Health Department staff also assist anyone with proper car seat installation whether they purchased their own car seat or received it through our programs.

- iii. Community Connections is a program that provides support for the children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers, offering assistance and connections with local resources. The Health department staff work closely with the Sauk County jail staff. Specifically Captain Lewis Lange has been instrumental and open to revising the jails standard operating procedures to also benefit inmate's children, by asking additional questions to the intake process and working collaboratively with the Health Department on referrals. The high priority focus is on pregnant inmates, inmates with a pregnant significant other, children without insurance or no medical home, caregivers of inmates' children who don't have income coming into the home due to a partners' incarceration, and grandparents as caregivers of grandchildren due their child's incarceration.
- iv. The MCH program also does some home visiting programs for children with low birth weight, Failure to Thrive, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome – NAS and Safe Sleep education. We also provide pack-n-play through a small grant.

Jody also works in our Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) home visitor program, she is an intake nurse, is the Rabies nurse and provides immunizations.

- B. Discussion of the Chapter 3 Board of Health (BOH) ordinance. Patricia Rego handed out additional suggestions for revisions to the ordinance. It was suggested a work group be created to really dig deep and make sure this revision is inclusive of all needed changes. To have this group meet with in this next month so that the Chapter 3 BOH ordinance be considered at the May 11, 2021 Board of Health meeting. Motion by Tom Dorner, second by Melanie Burkhalter to create an AdHoc work group that could include the County Administrator, Corporation Council, Health Department Director and anyone Board of Health members who would like to attend, to meet and work on all needed changes to the Chapter 3 Board of Health ordinance. Motion Carried.
- C. Discussion of the Sauk County Health Department to proceed and submit for Re-Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The promise of the initial accreditation process was that accredited Health Departments would receive an increase in funding. This did not happen. Treemanisha requested Health Department staff to participate in a survey that asked staff whether they thought we should continue Accreditation. Treemanisha reported that out of 23 responses 12 said not to continue, 4 were on the fence and 7 said yes to continue. The costs to continue and time commitment needed by staff are high with not much in return. Discussion to not continue and mirror the initial motion from the October 14, 2020 motion was suggested. Motion by Tom Dorner, second by Ross Curry, to not apply for PHAB re-accreditation, but strive to meet and exceed our current standards at the accredited level and to maintain the Local Level III Health Department. Motion carried.
- D. Treemanisha Stewart gave the Director's monthly report.
  - i. Covid-19 cases are on the rise. We are currently averaging 12 cases per day which is higher than the last two months. There are Covid variants and reinfections in vaccinated and unvaccinated populations. We continue to encourage wearing masks. The FDA and CDC are calling for a pause, not a recall, but a pause on the

use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as 6 cases out of 6 million doses have had a blood clotting issue. Of those 6, one was fatal and one is critical. Treemanisha is currently working on a joint Press Release.

All Wisconsin residents are now eligible to receive the vaccination. Cathy Warwick explained the clinical specifics of the blood clotting issues for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. It's not the typical blood clotting issue that can be fixed with heparin (blood clotting medications.) It's called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) and is seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia). This must be treated differently. Cathy noted that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is NOT the same as the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines and that these vaccines are NOT affected by the issue that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is currently seeing.

ii. Treemanisha reported on future plans and goals.

1. She announced Cathy Warwick's retirement effective June 1, 2021. This is a huge loss for the Health Department. Cathy has been a huge strength and resource for the Health Department and is able to give a clinical perspective to all programming. Cathy's extraordinary skills and historical information are irreplaceable. Treemanisha is currently working on posting this impending vacancy sometime this week.
2. A staff survey was conducted. The results were placed within the goals that were created last year. The goal is to work on meeting with each unit in the Health Department, to further flesh out goals and planning. Major goals from the survey were related to staff cross training and retention. Treemanisha is inviting the Board of Health to participate in the goal setting for the health department. Treemanisha will be requesting more support staff in the 2022 budget as the Health Department is in desperate need of support personnel and we don't have enough backup support in general.
3. The Monthly Directors report was emailed to Board of Health members and posted on Granicus that contained all program numbers and coalition updates.

**7. Department Updates**

- A. Amy Elizabeth Merwin gave an update on the Covid-19 Budget Impact. Total Health Department Covid-19 year to date expenses for 2021 are \$313,529.78. We just received specifics on the Covid-19 funding for 2021. Just received an email just before this meeting, stating we will be receiving approximately \$912,000 of additional grant funding for current Covid-19 expenses.
- B. Amy Elizabeth Merwin gave the monthly financial reports for March 2021.
- C. Amy Elizabeth Merwin reported on the March 2021 invoices Warrant 041621. Motion by Tom Dorner, second by Ross Curry to approve the March 2021 invoices, Warrant 041621 in the amount of \$31,914.00. Motion carried.

**8. Wisconsin Public Health Association (APHA)/ Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB).** Tom Dorner reported that there is nothing to report.

**A. Agenda Items for next meeting**

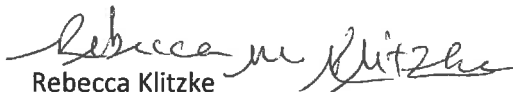
1. Chapter 3 Ordinance – Board of Health
2. Communicable Disease and Immunization Vaccination Report

**B. Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**C. Call for Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rebecca Klitzke, second by Melanie Burkhalter. Motion carried.

Time: 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Rebecca Klitzke  
Secretary