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Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Board Room Gallery, West Square Building
REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Donna Stehling, Diane Reinfeldt, Scott VonAsten, Glen Johnson, John Miller

Members Absent: Kiana Beaudin, Ken Carlson

Others Present: Tim Lawther, Cathy Warwick, Amy Elizabeth Merwin

Public: Amberlee Ohlsen, Judith Jolly, Jamie Bernander, Theresa Krusko, Kara Paske, matt Paske, Rebecca Hill, Lisa Khlow, Patrick Murnane, Amanda Murnane, Joan Fordham, Shelby Lemke, Erin Runk, Barb Walsh, Jessica Phalen, Kaitlin Gasser, Laura Rindfleisch, Heather Suemnicht, Andrea Garcia, Jolene Soerfass, Sierra Gillespie, Denise Brusveen, Dr. Melanie Burkhalter, Crystal Deut, Andrew Deer, Dan Rindfleisch, Carla Cross, Jody Boetcha, Tina Hinze, Beth Harpolel, Trisha Hege, Kristen Miller, Tyler Hendrickson, Jason Theobald, Deanna Moore, Alissa McLaughlen Bletsch, Kristen McFarland, Debbie Knerzer, Tom Turner, Molly NewmanJackie Gawronski, Dennis Gawronski, Ken Knerzer, Kendall McFarland, Jodi Grosinske, Peter Muro, Anna Muro, Leanne Hanson, Travis Francis Ngvyen, Teresa Goetzke, Naomi French, Dwight Halstead, Diane Higgins, Jennifer Rodriguez, Crystal Anderson, Bart Anderson, Maureen Murphy, Justin Rachzing(?sp), Shannon Palmer, Linda Lopez Camarillo, Ashley Zirzow, Cindy Gustin, Alex Feldmann, Kim Smith, Naomi Gaetzke, Nathan Gaetzke, Elliotte Witters, Samuel Varney, Abigail Englert and multiple others that did not sign in.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Donna Stehling. Certification of the open meeting law was noted.
2. Motion by Diane Reinfeldt, second by John Miller, to approve the Board of Health Agenda for December 10, 2019. Motion carried.
3. Motion by John Miller, second by Scott Von Asten to approve the minutes for the November 19, 2019 Board of Health meeting. Motion carried.
4. **Communications:**
 - a. Emailed: 11/25/19 – “Low child immunization rates in region concern health officials,” Baraboo News Republic 11/25/19, emailed 12/09/19 – “vaccine Injury Claims Are Few and Far Between” The New York Times 06/18/19, handed out 12/10/19 – “US data on vaccine injury pay-outs show strong immunisation safety record,” www.bmj.com 06/19/19,
 - b. Handed out: 12/10/19, Letter of support from Board of Health Community member, Ken Carlson, who was not able to attend tonight's meeting, in support of the Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use to personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations, 12/10/19 - Handed out letter opposing Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use to personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations from Michael Plautz, Sauk County resident, 12/10/19 – Handed

out an email with a letter of support attached in favor of the Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use to personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations from Dr. Cheryl Goeckermann, 12/10/19 – Handed out a letter of support signed by ten (10) medical professionals from SSM Health Dean Medical Group Baraboo; Ethan Carlson MD, Trudy Mara APRN, Jason Ankumah-Saikoom MD, Kristine Johnson MD, Jamie Petzke MD, Sara Schaaf MD, Zachary Droeszler MD, James D. Mathers MD, Elizabeth M. Lownik MD, Danny R. Sessler MD, in support of the Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use to personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunizations.

5. **Review of Roberts Rules of Order** - Jim Witecha, from Sauk County Corporation Counsel reviewed the Roberts Rules of Order for the Board of Health members reminding them that there is a difference between facts and opinions and to be mindful while listening to public comments. It is also the responsibility of the Board to correct facts after communications have convened. Jim stated that Public Comment was not something regularly seen at Board of Health meetings and that it had been decided that the public comment section at tonight's Board of Health meeting would be given a total of one hour to speak, with a maximum of three minutes per person.

6. **Public Comment**

- a. Jamie Bernander, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- b. Judith Jolly, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- c. Madison Elmer, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- d. Amberlee Ohlsen, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- e. Theresa Krusko, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- f. Joan Fordham, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- g. Shelby Lemke, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- h. Erin Runk, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- i. Joyce Farber, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- j. Kaitlin Gasser, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- k. Trisha Hege, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- l. Alesha Cowel, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers

- m. Heather Suemnicht, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- n. Anna Murro, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- o. Dr. Maureen Murphy, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- p. Kim Smith, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- q. Abigail Englert, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers
- r. Denise Brusveen, re: Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers

7. Business Items for Discussion and/or Action

- A. Discussion of the Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of to personal conviction waivers for school and day care centers.
 - a. Tim Lawther shared where there is risk there must be choice, and infant's who can't be vaccinated don't have a voice. Tim gave the example; in Samoa they have a very low to moderate vaccination rate and now they have a nationwide epidemic. The Country has basically shut down. Multiple preventable deaths have been seen.
 - b. Discussion of the resolution and decision affects other people and was put forward for the greater good of the public as a whole and to start a conversation, similar to eliminating smoking in the workplace and drinking then driving. It was reported that the benefits of vaccines far outweigh the potential negative of the vaccines. The majority of injury compensation since 1989 has been for influenza vaccine, which is not a required vaccine.
 - c. Scott Von Asten expressed his concern if ending "only" the waiver is the right thing to do for Sauk County. Increased education and awareness of the impact of the falling immunization rate and the risk associated with not having herd immunity. Scott also expressed the timing of this could be a benefit with Big Pharma dropping the ball on the Opioid crisis.
 - d. Concern was expressed with delaying action on this resolution. It's the Health Department's responsibility to deal with what is in front of us now. There was agreement for the need of increased transparency in testing vaccines and that Big Pharma companies should stand behind their product.
 - e. John Miller shared the issue at hand is not Herd immunity vs. Personal Choice the resolution is specific to personal waivers. He suggested on working on medical exemption waivers separately.
 - f. Cathy Warwick reported that we can all come to the table. The difficult responsibility of the Health Department is to look at all the trending data. The

trending data on vaccinations is going in the wrong direction. We have to look at the entire issue and how that affects everyone. It can't be just one person.

- g. Glen Johnson clarified that pharmaceutical company's can be sued and are liable for their products. A patient can sue the company after two hundred twenty-five (225) days. After that they are responsible to prove that a vaccine caused a disease, which is relatively rare. Glen also pointed out that of the 18 people who spoke in public comment, only 6 of them were from Sauk County. The mission of the Health Department is "To protect Sauk County residents and visitors by taking action through collaboration to promote health and safety and prevent illness, injury and disease." The concern is lack of herd immunity, this is similar to a huge pile of kindling and hoping no one brings a match.
- h. Diane Reinfeldt reminded everyone of the numerous letters of support that were shared in communications and we also need to remember those and consider them when voting.

Motion by Glen Johnson to approve the Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for required school and day care center immunizations, second by John Miller. VOTE: AYES (4) Donna Stehling, John Miller, Diane Reinfeldt, Glen Johnson. NAYES: (1) Scott Von Asten. ABSENT: (2) Ken Carlson, Kiana Beaudin. Motion carried.

- B. Discussed and considered a name change for the of a name change for Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to Justice, Diversion, and Support (JDS). Cathy Warwick reported that there needs to some clarity in the name so the community understands what we do and also, there is some confusion with the CJCC committee and the CJCC program itself having the same name. Tim Lawther reported that the name change was brought up at the last CJCC advisory committee meeting, where they were in support of the name change, by Regina Baldwin, Program Manager, and brought forward to this committee, as the oversight committee has the authority to give for final approval. Motion by Diane Reinfeldt, to approve the name change from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to Justice, Diversion, and Support (JDS), second by Glen Johnson. Motion carried.
- C. Tim Lawther gave a report on a grant opportunity for Farm to School, that would partner with local farmers and school districts to bring fresh food to schools. The plan is to apply for the grant next year.
- D. John Miller gave a report on his trip to Tulsa, OK on the Stepping Up Initiative Training. The basis of this training is to share what other sites/areas/counties are doing with the Stepping Up Initiative. He learned that keeping the programs local so they reflect and are accepted and work within the community is best practice. Each program should be customized by demographic areas/ cultures etc. He shared several booklets and pamphlets that were handouts from his training.
- E. Tim Lawther gave his monthly report for December 2019:
 - Respiratory illness on the rise. Influenza activity increased 10.2% since first week of December.

- 661 pneumonia-related deaths and 6 flu-related deaths in WI so far this season (5% of all deaths).
- General Communicable Disease, 9 general communicable disease investigations, 25 STI case investigations, Hepatitis A from Fresh Thyme Farmer's market Store Blackberries. There was a multistate outbreak 16 people in 6 states; 4 cases in WI, with 3 hospitalizations.
- Provided 114 immunizations in November, down from 261 in October
- Hepatitis A vaccines for jail inmates started December 6 – provided 22 on first day! Working with insurance provider to be able to immunize jail staff for MMR and Hepatitis A. The Sheriff and department have been supportive. Additionally the goal is to provide immunizations in the WIC clinics, we are still perfecting the logistics and working on promotions.
- Tobacco and Vaping - 97 cases in WI; additional 9 under investigation, 39 fatalities and well over 2,000 cases of lung injuries and disease related to vaping in 49 states, including Wisconsin (no deaths in WI only multiple hospitalizations including the use of ventilators).
- Dental – Seal-A-Smile - Seal a Smile: screened 458 kids, sealed 186, provide 450 fluoride treatments, connected 88 kids to further dental care at no cost to families. Have served 967 kids in 3 months! Goal is to serve 1700 children and we anticipate we will serve 2000.
- Lead – 12 cases 5-9 Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL), 4 cases 10+. There has been an increase in EBLL cases, including increase in moderate poisonings Options for state to pay for remediation and training. We are currently working with Sauk County Housing Authority to leverage state money to; abate the house, Increase job training and employability, Improve economic sustainability of family, this is Public Health 3.0 in action!
- Foot Clinics served 150 clients in November, 1728 so far this year.
- Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO) program, 46 people trained Narcan in November, highest month this year, beating last month's record by 1 person! According to the National Summit on Stimulants, cocaine and meth are on the rise again. Health and Human Services staff are being trained as Trauma Informed Care trainers.
- Nurse Family Partnership – We have a caseload of 92 clients, 3 graduations last month and 7 more in the next 90 days. 8 new referrals. In the new grant period we have a goal of serving 90 families and we are already at 99 with 81 babies served. The grant for October 2019- September 2020 increased slightly for salary cost of living and step increases.
- WIC caseload is consistent at 1157 clients. Sauk County has an exceptionally low "no show" rate thanks to on-going follow-up by staff.
- Environmental Health had 90 DATCP inspections and 15 DNR water inspections.
- Legionella at Christmas Mountain – they continue to install chlorination systems. We are working with them to be ready to remove PUO filters.

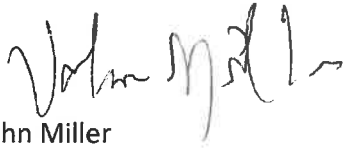
- Legionella at Round Barn Lodge – we are still working with them to repair systems, update plumbing, and developing a water management plan. They are closed while making improvements.
- Tim included the form included in the report on
 - Capital Improvements (none),
 - Changes to Original and Current Budget (\$3450 – Ho-Chunk Funding Award for Infant wearable blankets) and
 - Over budget projections (none projected).
 - Upcoming Activities and Issues on the Horizon:
 - Environmental health may have to refund \$5,000 to some schools that have opted out of DPI but still paid for environmental health inspections when they are statutorily protected against having to make those payments. We are researching the validity of the claims and finalizing the numbers. We will then work through Corporate Counsel to provide appropriate refunds.
 - Will develop model Sauk County tobacco/vaping policy and work with each jurisdiction to develop their own policy to make county-wide. Also will adjust internal County policy to make model policy. There is a Vaping conference/community discussions partnering with UW Platteville-Baraboo, coming up in February or March, in Baraboo.
 - We are preparing to procure a new van and some additional equipment for Seal-A-Smile to expand services using funds donated by the Ho Chunk Nation.
 - We are planning to expand our maternal child health care to extend from the current 2 years old to 5 years old. Looking at different models, including Healthy Families, Parents as teachers, and Growing Greater Kids (with Human Services)
- Tim also shared dates of several upcoming coalition meetings:
 - Healthier Sauk County 2030 coalition February 19, 2020 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm
 - Sauk CAN – January 14, 2020, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm
 - Hope Sauk Prairie (suicide prevention) – January 14, 2020
 - Nurse Family Partnership Community Advisory Board (NFP CAB) – January 15, 2020
 - Overdose Death review
 - Safe Kids
 - Partnership for Prevention – AODA coalition – Social Access to Alcohol, “Not In My House” campaign.
- Shared upcoming recruitments for Community/Chief Health Strategist, Quality Improvement Coordinator/Data/Grants.

8. Department Updates

- A. Amy Merwin gave the monthly financial reports for November 2019

- B. Amy Merwin reported on the November 2019 invoices, Warrant 121319. Motion by Glen Johnson, second by Diane Reinfeldt, to approve the November 2019 invoices in the amount of \$29,379.29. Motion carried.
9. Tim Lawther reported that the December 2019 Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) meeting was primarily a party/networking event. Nothing else to report.
- 10. Agenda Items for next meeting:**
- A. Nurse Family Partnership sight visit report – Michelle Bauer
- 11. Next meeting Date:** January 14, 2020
- 12. Call for adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting by Scott Von Asten, second by John Miller Motion carried.
- The time was 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Miller
Secretary