

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chair Bob Metropulos, Jim Winkler, Steven Schreier, Ryan Zietlow, Dr. Amy Slette,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ann Ovsak

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Marta McMillion, Jen Bates, Katie Sislo, Todd Troskey, Joneil Tess, Lizzie Mueller (intern), Emile Napier (intern)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Call to order: Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting posted was in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Minutes of June 11, 2019: Motion by Winkler/Metropulos to approve the June 11, 2019, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Winkler/Zietlow to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment/communications: Winkler passed around Flyer for volunteers to help with the fair. Conlon introduced Katie Sislo our new Dietician / WIC Director. All members introduced themselves. Schreier said Rhinelander City Council passed a resolution to support infrastructure for biking and walking passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Board Member – Ryan Zietlow: Zietlow introduced himself and shared his experience serving on other boards, committees and his work in the community.

Staff Report: Immunizations – Jen Bates: Update regarding measles outbreak. Measles has been confirmed in 28 states with an additional 14 cases from the last week. It is now starting to slow down. Minnesota and Wisconsin do not have any confirmed cases at this time but the other states around Wisconsin do. McMillion stated at the tabletop thru Ascension, it was pointed out that the biggest spread in the disease is in unvaccinated populations. Infants under 12 months are not vaccinated, and this is one of our biggest concerns. We need to protect those infants who cannot be vaccinated. Infants under 12 months who are traveling can possibly get their MMR shot before 12 months.

We have been working on a QI project for the last 24 months to increase childhood immunizations. We do recall reminders to get children to be immunized for scheduled routine vaccinations by 24 months. We begin sending reminders at 18 months to make sure they get vaccinated by 24 months. The first cohort we sent the postcards does not show an increase in vaccination rate. This year's 24-month vaccination rates are lower than previous years. Conlon stated it is important that we work with other health care facilities to find out the reason why Oneida County children are not up to date on their

vaccine schedules. There is a problem with alternate vaccine schedules because some parents do not bring children back in to complete the schedule. The reason for children not being up to date on vaccinations at 24 months are many (e.g. transportation, schedule conflicts, etc.). Slette suggested parents do not know what and how the alternate schedule affects things. Conlon stated it appears the way we are doing things with the postcard is not working and we need to come up with different solutions. Conlon asked Slette if we could find out how many parents decline immunizations. Slette does feel there are more parents who do not want to vaccinate. Data on this is limited though because we can see all the people who decline but do not see why they have declined. The Health Department will continue to work on the QI project. It will likely be long term as it is a very complex issue that not only is Oneida County facing but all counties across the nation.

Monthly Updates:

Environmental Health Report:

Troskey introduced the interns for the summer, Lizzie Mueller UW Oshkosh. Emily is from Eastern Kentucky University. Interns told us about themselves. Lizzie did an internship in Vilas County a couple years ago. Emily will be going to work at a health department in South Carolina after her she completes her internship.

Troskey shared information about a German cockroach complaint. They usually come in on shipments of foods. When he got there, the facility pest control had already been there. The pest control told the facility what they needed to do.

Conlon also stated the Environmental Health staff would be going out to Country Fest this week to do inspections with the vendors as they do every year.

Communicable Diseases (6/1/19-6/30/19):

Disease	Investigated	Confirmed/Probable
Anaplasmosis	11	6
Campylobacteriosis	2	1
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	11	11
Ehrlichiosis	1	1
Giardiasis	2	2
Gonorrhea	1	1
Hepatitis A	1	0
Hepatitis C, Acute	1	1
Hepatitis C, Chronic	3	0
Lyme Disease	11	8
Non TB Mycobacterial Disease	1	0
Pertussis	9	1

Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Group B	2	1
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Health Hazards 6/12/19-7/8/19):

Hazard Description	New	Existing
Air Quality	1	
Animals		1
Asbestos		
Dilapidated Structure		
Hazardous Material		
Housing		
Lead Hazards		
Meth		
Mold		2
Noxious Smoke/Fumes		
Occupational Hazard		
Other Environmental Hazard		1 (Fuel Oil) 1 (other)
Other Vector		
Radiation Hazards		
Radon		
Sewage Disposal System		
Sewage		
Solid Waste/Garbage		
Water Quality		
Subtotal	1	4
New Cases Closed		-1
Total Open Cases	0	+ 4
		4
Total Cases from Previous Month		5

Outreach/Communication Report (6/8/19-7/8/19):

Facebook	50
Press Release	2
Presentation	4
Board of Health	
Interview	3
Health Fair	3
School	
Lobby Slides	

Mailings	1
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	2
Total	65

Facebook Reporting (6/8/19-7/8/19):

Posts	50
Total Reach	9,554
Average Reach per Post	191
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	560
Average Engagement per post	11
Boosts during timeframe	No
Post with largest reach	Free Car Seat Inspections on 5/29/19, reach 1,820
Post with most engagement	Free Car Seat Inspections on 5/29/19, engagement of 127
New Page Likes	10
Total Page Likes	672

Legislative Update: The governor vetoed some items in the state budget, however some Medicaid funding, lead exposure funding, increased WWP funding, funding for nitrate testing for private wells, mental health consultation, dementia, funding for seniors, and persons with disabilities all remained. Treatment and alternative to incarceration was vetoed as well as a tax on vapor products. Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) and Wisconsin Area Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) did sign on to a letter to raise the age of purchasing tobacco products to age of 21.

Vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers: Conlon discussed the purchase orders and vouchers in detail. Motion by Winkler/Schreier to accept the purchase orders and vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: Give update on Carlson Detman Funding Opportunity, Budget

Public comment/communications:


Committee Chairman


Committee Secretary