

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2020**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Tom Kelly, Steven Schreier, Jim Winkler, Ryan Zietlow, Dr. Amy Slette, Ann Ovsak

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Conlon, Marta McMillion, Anne Buchmann and Joneil Tess

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Dorothy Skye

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**Call to order:** Chairman 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 was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

**Minutes of December 10, 2019:** Motion by Schreier/Winkler to approve the December 10, 2019, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

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

**Public comment/communications:** Skye mentioned The League of Women Voters has a meeting today with the topic being poverty. Skye also mentioned the public is always invited. At the meeting, there will be a special sixty-second presentation by Schreier regarding the care of the elderly in Oneida County.

**Nomination & Election of Vice-Chair:** Kelly/Winkler nominated Schreier as Vice-Chair. Motion made by Kelly/Winkler to accept the nomination. All ayes: motion carried.

**Staff Report: 1815 Grant – Anne Buchmann:** The 1815 Grant is for Improving the Health of Americans through Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke. Buchmann presented handout and reviewed progress of grant and what is next for Oneida County.

**Fee Schedule:** Conlon presented handout with updated fee schedule for 2020. Conlon reviewed the fee schedule changes. Motion made by Winkler/Schreier accept fee schedule with the ability to be flexible. All ayes: motion carried.

**Monthly Updates:**

PH Legislative Update: Conlon stated there has been some movement on a group of bills. Public Health supported three bills with the early release alternative where offenders can get training and help they need. Offenders are often from non-violent drug related crimes. There has been a lot of science and research around treatment, alternatives, and diversion programs, which would be alternative programming for drug use and addiction crimes. Outcomes prove putting individuals in jail for 3 months does not cure the addiction. If individuals are involved in recovery, it is less likely to see them again. Offenders would go to jail and go through program(s) to get an early release and would qualify for shorter periods of imprisonment following revocation of extended supervision or probation. It is proven that it is harder for people to find jobs and homes after prison this causes a vicious cycle of repeated offenses.

There are a package of bills related to water in which we supported. There are also four bills related to PFAS in the Senate, which Wisconsin Public Health Association – Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards- Joint Public Affairs Committee is only supporting two of them. These bills would provide more guidance for PFAS. One of the bills were opposed because it limited CNR’s ability to designate a PFAS Management Zone to 1 mile.

Environmental Health Report:

Water Update: Conlon stated that the DNR has determined that the airport was responsible for the PFAS. The mayor put together a task force to go over PFAS, what the next steps are, and how to move forward. The task force consists of both city and county representatives. Public Health is continuing to be involved with the conversations regarding PFAS by participating in a monthly conference call with DPH to go over PFAS issues in the state and to have open communication about the PFAS issue in Oneida County. Due to DPH’s great communications with the DNR, any questions that arise in these calls from OCHD, DPH will go over them with the DNR.

Communicable Diseases (1/1/20-1/31/20): Conlon reviewed and discussion followed.

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed and Confirmed/Probable</b>
Campylobacteriosis	1	1
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	7	7
Erlichiosis, E. chaffeensis	1	1
Giardiasis	4	4
Gonorrhea	1	1
Hepatitis B, Chronic	2	0

Hepatitis C, Chronic	4	2
Lyme Disease (B.Burgdorferi)	10	4
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Group B	1	0
Syphilis Reactor	1	0
Vancomycin-Intermediate S. Aureus (VISA)	1	0

Flu: Reviewed flu hospitalizations for flu this season. At this time, Oneida County is lower than the 2017/2018 season but is above last season. Conlon reviewed the survey that we conducted this year about what clients are doing to prevent from getting the flu. Conlon also reviewed a report indicating the county has around 39% vaccinated for the flu, which is over where it was last season. Conlon reviewed other counties rates as well.

Health Hazards (1/14/19 – 2/5/19): McMillion reviewed and discussion followed.

Hazard Description	New	Existing
Air Quality		
Animals		1
Asbestos		
Dilapidated Structure		
Hazardous Material		
Housing		1
Lead Hazards		
Meth		
Mold	1	4
Noxious Smoke/Fumes		
Occupational Hazard		
Other Environmental Hazard		1 (Fuel Oil)
Other Vector		
Radiation Hazards		
Radon		
Sewage Disposal System		
Sewage		
Solid Waste/Garbage		1
Water Quality		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>New Cases Closed</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Open Cases</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+ 8</b>
		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Cases from Previous Month</b>		<b>10</b>

Outreach/Communication Report (1/11/20-2/7/20):  
 McMillion shared the outreach report.

Facebook	41
Press Release	1
Presentation	2
Board of Health	
Interview	3
Health Fair	
School	
Lobby Slides	
Mailings	
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

Facebook Reporting (1/11/20-2/7/20):  
 McMillion shared Facebook report.

Posts	41
Total Reach	6,448
Average Reach per Post	157
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	295
Average Engagement per post	7
Boosts during timeframe	Yes - You are not alone.
Post with largest reach	Public Health Nurse on 1/27/20, reach 1,147
Post with most engagement	#ThankfulThursday on 1/23/20, engagement of 75
New Page Likes	4
Total Page Likes	711
Total Page Followers	717

**Strategic Plan:** Conlon reviewed the new strategic plan. Conlon, McMillion and Waksmonski created work plans for every year and a Gantt chart for strategies.

Reaccreditation virtual visit was Monday, February 10, 2020. Conlon stated it went well and their parting comments were pretty amazing. The site visit team complimented the strategic plan and one of our diagrams that we created linking all of our plans together. The site visit team reopened one measure and asked a question. If OCHD can reach the March deadline for submission, the health department will find out in March if reaccredited, otherwise they will have to wait until June.

Conlon stated the health department is ready to publish the updated strategic plan. Conlon said the strategic plan would be gone over annually at a Board of Health meeting. Motion by Zietlow/Winkler to approve the strategic plan as presented. All ayes: motion passed.

**Adult Drug Court:** Conlon read practice profile for Adult Drug Courts. Adult courts would give non-violent offenders a chance to receive treatment and educational services. TAD funding was increased because it has shown drug courts are working. Social Services, police departments, human services, probation and parole, public defender, corporate counsel are involved with this working together to try to create a court in Oneida County. Discussion around how this would work with Judgeschedules and caseloads, which are already full. Conlon will investigate and reach out to Mary Barns regarding these questions to see if this is possible. The next scheduled Adult Drug Court committee meeting is Friday, March 6, 2020.

**Public Health Vacant Positions:** Conlon stated we have a retirement in Reproductive Health, which one of the Public Health Nurses will transfer over to that position. Our WWWP Coordinator/Public Health Nurse is also leaving. This leaves open positions for a Public Health Nurse and for a WWWP Coordinator/Public Health Nurse. There is one interview set up for next week for the Public Health Nurse position.

**Buildings and Grounds position for Health & ADRC building update:** Conlon stated there have been some issues brought up to Buildings and Grounds. The biggest complaint is regarding snow issues. Discussion followed.

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

**Agenda items for next meeting:** March 10, 2020 at 9am; update on adult court; public health nurse positions

**Public comment/communications:** Skye has found coming to the Board of Health meetings beneficial. The League of Women voters would like to have joint efforts with

outside groups and would also like to have health department come to a meeting to address public health issues that are related to our county which are legislative. Conlon stated during mid-legislative session would be the best time of year to do this. Skye will ask the program committee to contact Conlon in September or October for December or January meeting.

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Committee Chairman or Designee

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Committee Secretary