

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Mike Roach, Debbie Condado, Marcy Davies, William Crump, Dr. Amy Slette

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Vice Chairperson Billy Fried

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Bonnie Fralick, Liz Kroening and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Petra Pietrzak, Kathleen Cooper, Dorothy Skye

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 July 11, 2023: Motion by Condado/Slette to approve the July 11, 2023, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

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

Public Comment/Communications: Skye commented she participated in the community conversations for the community health assessment and stated it was great. Skye said the structured planning process was great and they did a great job presenting. Skye volunteered to help with childcare process.

Staff Reports:

Preparedness – Robbie Deede: Deede reviewed handout from the Preparedness part of the annual report from 2022. Deede said he would be working with the schools on syndromic surveillance reporting, a weekly reporting that monitors attendance of when children are out with sicknesses. Syndromic surveillance is a way to monitor illnesses in the community, which can be monitored broadly and then closely. Deede is working on transitioning Pandemic & COVID mass vaccine plans to Medical Countermeasure Plans encompassing PHE where distribution is needed.

Reproductive Health (RH) – Bonnie Fralick & Liz Kroening: Fralick reviewed handout. RH is now doing in-house STI testing getting results in the same day, this means they are able to test and treat in the same day increasing compliance with treatment. RH is also working starting a colposcopy clinic in-house using funds from an add-on grant given to RH from the state.

Community Health Assessment – Linda Conlon: Conlon said the health department has completed the health assessment portion of community health planning. Conlon reviewed the CHA page of the OCHD website.

Conlon stated the community chose substance use, mental health, housing and childcare. Conlon said the youth indicators the participants of the community conversation chose under mental health priority were bullying and anxiety. Moving forward, they will be working with the coalitions to develop strategies in each priority area.

Work Anniversary- Jody McKinney: Conlon said McKinney had an inspection she needed to attend and will add to next month's agenda.

Monthly/Quarterly Updates:

Communicable Disease: Wold reviewed the communicable disease report for quarter two. Discussion followed.

Organization Update: Conlon announced Deede is the new Community Health Supervisor. Deede had 5 years of previous experience with the health department and many years of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) experience.

Deede said he is very excited to work with the team and able to use some of his HERC skills he gained when working with the state. Deede said one of the areas he is supervising is WIC and he is happy to work with the program because pediatrics is a strong passion of his. Deede said he now would get to see the whole department from a preparedness aspect.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters: Conlon reviewed the 2023 budget report and reviewed the invoices paid report. Motion by Kelly/Roach to approve vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, September 12th @ 9:00am, review change of October meeting, Work Anniversary- Jody McKinney, closed session

Public comment/communications: Pietrzak commented on what a wonderful rich learning experience the community conversations were.

Skye agreed with Pietrzak. Skye also commented on how she was glad to see social determinants of health in the health plan like childcare. Skye stated she would be more than happy to write any endorsement letters for grants.

Committee Chairman or Designee

Committee Secretary

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