

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 14, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chair Steven Schreier, Dr. Amy Slette, Ryan Zietlow, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Robert Thome

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Marcy Davies

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Conlon, Marta McMillion, Karrin Farrenkopf, Jody McKinney, Mike Fugle and Joneil Tess

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 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 November 16, 2021:** Motion by Schreier/Fried to approve the November 16, 2021, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by Schreier/Fried 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:** NONE

**Introduction of New Employee - Karrin Farrenkopf:** McMillion introduced new staff member Karrin Farrenkopf. Farrenkopf came from Milwaukee Health Department where she was an inspector for 6 years.

**Closed Session:**

Closed Session: Motion made by Fried/Schreier at 9:12am to enter into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Sec. §19.85(1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Topic: Posting a home in Nokomis as uninhabitable and seeking injunction relief.) Roll call vote: All ayes

Return to Open Session: Motion made by Schreier/Fried to return to open session at 9:44am. Chairman Kelly announced a discussion relating a home in Nokomis as uninhabitable and seeking injunction relief no action was taken.

**Tourist Rooming House (TRH) Update:** Thome stated a task force, consisting of five people, met for organization meeting. The goal of the committee to come up with a plan and suggestions for licensing and managing TRHs to present at the February 2022 County Board Meeting. Discussion followed and an update will be given at the January 11, 2022, Board of Health Meeting.

**ARPA Dollars for Grace Foursquare Church:** Conlon stated there has been talk about providing funds for to the church for their gym floor. Conlon will work with the church to see where funds would be best used. Fried stated the committee does support doing something for the church for the use of the facility. Discussion followed.

Conlon will continue to work on the application process for the county board on providing funds for the use of their facility and let them decided where the funds should come either from ARPA dollars or from the general fund of revenue generated by the health department.

**SARS in deer:** There is a recommendation from the DNR to wear masks and gloves while cleaning deer. At this time, there is no confirmation of transmission from deer to people.

**Monthly Updates:**

Communicable Diseases (11/1/21-11/30/21):  
 McMillion reviewed.

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed and Confirmed/Probable</b>
Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	9	8
Arboviral Illness, West Nile Virus, Unspecified	1	0
Babesiosis	3	2
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	1	0
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	3	3
Coronavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19)	3,299	472
Coronavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19) Reinfection Investigation	7	1
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmos (undetermined)	1	1
Gonorrhea	1	0
Hepatitis C	1	1
Hepatitis C, Chronic	9	2
Legionellosis	1	1
Lyme Disease (B.Burgdorferi)	6	3
Non TB Mycobacterial Disease	1	1

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	0
Syphilis Reactor	3	0
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1	0

Flu: McMillion stated there is an increase in flu activity but none has been serious enough to warrant hospitalization.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Data / Vaccine: McMillion reviewed COVID-19 dashboard and discussion followed.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Schools: Conlon said health department continues to meet with the schools. Schools have made changes with quarantine procedures.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Community Testing: Conlon mentioned there is talk of the guard being deployed to another area, which means the testing will most likely not be extended past the January 8, 2022, end date.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Funding: Conlon mentioned health department is working with finance related to revenue from our COVID-19 vaccine.

Outreach/Communication Report (11/13/21-12/10/21):  
 McMillion shared the outreach report and discussion followed.

Facebook	69
Press Release	3
Presentation	1
Board of Health	1
Interview	4
Health Fair	1
School	1
Lobby Slides	
Mailings	
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	
Letter to the Editor	
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

**Facebook Reporting (11/13/21-12/10/21):**

McMillion shared Facebook report and discussion followed.

Posts	69
Total Reach	132,235
Average Reach per Post	1,916
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	6,814
Average Engagement per post	99
Boosts during timeframe	0
Post with largest reach	Oneida County Health Department is offering a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for 5-11 year olds.; reach 15,477
Post with most engagement	Oneida County Health Department is offering a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for 5-11 year olds; engagement 1,682

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

**Agenda items for next meeting:** January 11, 2022; Closed Session, TRH

**Public comment/communications:** Skye said she was impressed Oneida County Health Department has administered over 16,000 vaccines.

  
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Committee Chairman or Designee

  
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Committee Secretary