

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Steven Schreier, Stephanie Sowatzka, Dr. Amy Slette

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ann Ovsak, Billy Fried

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Marta McMillion, Brian Desmond, Breanne Vos, Ally Stahl, Paige Swanson and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Dorothy Skye; Jane Banning

Call to order: Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the first 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 August 11, 2020: Motion by Schreier/Zietlow to approve the August 11, 2020, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

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

Public Comment/Communications: None

Introduction of New Staff Members:

Breanne Vos- Conlon introduced Public Health Nurse/PNCC Coordinator, Breanne Vos, who has been with the health department since January 20, 2020. Vos came to the health department from Marshfield Clinic pediatrics.

Ally Stahl- Conlon introduced Public Health Nurse/WWWP Coordinator, Ally Stahl, who has been with the health department since mid-July 2020. Stahl came from the Wausau Aspirus Hospital.

Paige Swanson- Conlon introduced New Community Health Specialist, Paige Swanson, who started with the health department on August 18. Swanson came from Americore at another health department. Paige is on her fourth week here at the health department. Swanson will be working with the Tobacco, AODA and Opioid grants.

Employee Service Award:

Kyla Waksmonski: Conlon shared that Waksmonski celebrated her 10th year anniversary with the county in May of 2020. Conlon stated Waksmonski is instrumental in doing our Quality Improvement, Strategic Plan and is also our Accreditation Coordinator.

TB Contract – Brian Desmond: Conlon said we have a tb contract as normal. This is a state contract and we are mandated to do. This is a contract that goes out to all counties in Wisconsin and will not make changes. Desmond asked if we would like to go through contract. We needed to have this contract in order to get meds for active tb case. We have not had any issues with this at any. Most of our clients do not have insurance. TB can progress and transfer. We are on the hook to order them to take them and make sure they are staying home. It takes more work if we weren't to sign the form. Schreier /Sowatzka made motion to accept contract as presented

2021 Budget: Conlon passed out new 2020 budget which was taken care of over the weekend and has been looked at. Conlon said she does not want to look at variants this year. The budget will remain about the same this year. ELC epidemiology lab policy. Going to drop to 100 grand this next year. Preparedness funds will increase this next year. Top portion is grant funding. Sanitarian program does not have grant programs. Increase in WWWP. Tax funding is based on tax position. About 1/3 of staff are tax levy. We don't get a lot of tax increase every year. Revenue does bounce around a little bit. We are a little bit nervous about flu revenue. We are nervous we think that with covid and the response. Mass Clinics are going to be different this year compared to previous years. Increase in family planning revenue. It is really dependent on the grants. Quarter of budget is tax levy. ELC funding which is covid response. Tobacco had to write for it. Changing to 3 days a week for this position for Reproductive Health. Our clients have been dropping. Fund balance is there for emergency so it doesn't fall back on the county. Budget call and covid pay. We have staff that get covid pay and comes out of our budget. Scheier/Sowatzka to move budget as presented. All ayes

2020-2021 Fee Schedule: Conlon reviewed changes on 2020-2021 fee schedule. Discussion followed. Sowatzka/Zietlow made a motion to accept fee schedule as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly Updates:

Communicable Diseases (8/1/20-8/31/20):
Conlon reviewed and discussion followed.

Disease	Closed	Closed and Confirmed/Probable
Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	1	1
Babesiosis	1	1
Brucellosis	1	-
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	10	10
Coronavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19)	2,022	126
Giardiasis	1	-
Gonorrhea	2	2
Mumps	1	-
Non TB Mycobacterial Disease	1	1
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1	-

Flu: Conlon said the ADRC has allowed us to use the downstairs to use for flu clinic. Great partnership with ADRC. We are having some issues scheduling our flu clinics and feel it is very important to go out to the community to give flu shots. Working with partners to make sure we have a safe clinic. First clinic Saturday, Saturday 26, 2020, at the DOT building. This is being done on Saturday parking lots will be empty.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Data: McMillion reviewed the data dashboard. Incidents rate per county and will be done on a daily basis. We do know it can variate each day based on testing being done. Schreier asked why the we don't see time of how long it comes back. Skye expressed if we are not able to get test results to come back doesn't halep to prevent the spread. McMillion stated this has been a waive. Labs are still prioritizing as well. We are seeing varing turnarounds for each entities. conlon worked really hard to pull the data. At some point the public has to accept. We do tell people on the phone what the average day is. If it can be done easily it will happen but if it going to take time. We won't be presenting it. Skye asked if we have access to data with the type of tests. There are tests that have very high specicifity. There are tests that are more sensitive. In order to stop the spread of disease we need the quick and dirty ones. If you find such a source of information. Schlette said it is very hard to get that data from the testing labs. McMillion adds the rapid tests to have a follow up PCR for those with false negatives. The public should know what types of tests are available and what they mean. This is not readily available to us. Conlon hesitates to do it push people to one entity and these change on a daily basis. Averages are the best we could do. Tests when are they appropriate and when should they be used. Skye when you set up covid testing do you get to choose what tests you are taking. State dictates what test we do which is the PCR tests and results are getting back around 2 days. Conlon says it would give people the sense of false security.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Schools: Conlon said the health department is working with each school. The health department has gotten permission with corp counsel to release as much as information as possible to the schools. Conlon stated there is a meeting every Monday with schools and they are working really hard to keep kids safe.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Role: There is a cool graphic on infographic. Our role is try to bring everyone together in response. Our role, public health, is just everywhere. This document does into how critical our role is. We are in month 7 of this response and we have to figure out the new normal. Our response is not ending any time soon. We need to figure out how we are going to move forward. The hiring of contact tracers has helped our staff tremendously. It has helped relieve our staff. We have figured out how to treat people. When we do get a vaccine who will be getting it right away. What is the definition of essential workers. Prioritization of COVID vaccines. Some of the challenges trying to do our job and getting beat up every day with calls and businesses that do not want to be forth coming. It is a battle we are facing every day. Trying different things to alleviate stress. Trying to figure out ways. How do you communicate with schools that have students in different counties. The most effective way PR campaign to feature movie stars, pop stars, athletes and how them modeling and promoting the right kind of attitudes. Focusing more on individual communities to hit home more.

Outreach/Communication Report (8/8/20-9/4/20):

Conlon shared the outreach report.

Facebook	132
Press Release	11
Presentation	
Board of Health	
Interview	15
Health Fair	
School	
Lobby Slides	
Mailings	
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	
Total	158

Facebook Reporting (8/8/20-9/4/20):

Conlon shared Facebook report and discussion followed.

Posts	83
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Total Reach	218,605
Average Reach per Post	2,634
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	26,250
Average Engagement per post	316
Boosts during timeframe	No
Post with largest reach	OCHD Press Release: 1st COVID death; reach 8,598
Post with most engagement	OCHD Press Release: 1st COVID death; engagement 1,789
New Page Likes	162
Total Page Likes	3,226
Total Page Followers	4,259

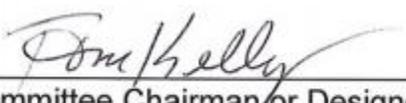
Closed Session: Motion made by Schreier/Sowatzka to enter into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Sec. 19.85(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. (Topic: Public Health Director Goals) Roll call vote: All ayes

Return to Open Session: Motion made by Zietlow/Sowatzka to return to open session at 10:44AM. Chairman Kelly announced there is nothing to report back from closed session.

Vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers: Conlon discussed the purchase orders and vouchers in detail. There were no line item transfers at this time. Motion by Schreier/Sowatzka to accept the purchase orders and vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: October 13, 2020, at 9am

Public comment/communications: Skye commended all of the health department staff for doing a splendid job. Banning commended the staff on the training received for contact tracing.



 Committee Chairman or Designee



 Committee Secretary