

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chair Bob Metropulos, Steven Schreier, Ryan Zietlow, Ann Ovsak

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dr. Amy Slette, Jim Winkler

STAFF PRESENT: Marta McMillion, Maria Otterholt, Todd Troskey and Joneil Tess

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 July 9, 2019: Motion by Schreier/Metropulos to approve the July 9, 2019, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

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

Public comment/communications: None

State Tuberculosis (TB) Dispensary Contract – Tom Wiensch: The primary purpose of the Wisconsin Tuberculosis (TB) Dispensary Program (WTBDP) is to ensure that all persons in Wisconsin with suspected or confirmed active TB disease or latent TB infection (LTBI) can receive appropriate evaluation, treatment, and monitoring, regardless of insurance availability. WTBDP uses state tax revenue funds to reimburse local health departments for medical management of patients with active TB, patients being evaluated for TB, patients with LTBI, and patients exposed to TB. Wiensch reviewed the State TB Dispensary Contract. Wiensch suggested changes to the state. The state is entering in several contracts with different counties, which is why they were probably reluctant on making any of the suggested changes. Wiensch advised the Health Department it was a business decision on whether or not to sign the contract.

Schreier brought up these kind of contracts come up about every 3 months or so with a number of things, which seem to appear every single time. Zietlow asked if the staff reviewed the contract to see if they felt comfortable going through with it. McMillion stated the staff always reviews the contracts. Schreier/Metropulos made motion to accept contract as is. All ayes; motion carried.

Staff Report: Project Positive Youth Development – Maria Otterholt:

The Project Positive Youth Development grant will finish up at the end of December 2019. There will be a similar grant opportunity coming from the state, more information will be released this fall.

The grant has funded the Street Smart program offered at the Rhinelander High School. Street Smart is a prevention program for youth focusing on HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). This program also covers pregnancy prevention, coping skills, risk behaviors, and reducing drug and alcohol use. There were 100 youth enrolled in the program during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Students filled out pre and post surveys, which were sent to the state to compile. Once the state compiled the data from the surveys and they reported the results back to the OCHD Street Smart Program. Otterholt presented handout and reviewed results. See handout for result summary.

Teachers will be attending a training in November 2019 to make sure curriculum continues in the school. The grant is helping to pay for the teachers to be trained and buy supplies to make sure there is little expense for the school while being able to continue the curriculum. Otterholt will continue to work with the schools to make sure this program remains in the curriculum at the school.

Schreier asked is the information is going to be available to the other schools which are not participating. OCHD will continue to support and provide technical assistance to any area school interested in the program. Otterholt stated a new parent component will be added this fall at Parent Night.

Carlson Dettman Funding: Schreier stated a wage study was conducted in late 2018 which found Oneida County wages were behind competition by an average of 6.4%. The county has been looking for opportunities to find ways to fund the deficit in wages. They have asked departments not only for suggestions for their departments but if they had suggestions for another department.

There are 4 different committees working on this. Some suggestions include increasing revenue, efficiencies and cost reduction, elimination of low value added services and programs, prioritization of county projects and needs, consideration of other funding approaches including borrowing and taxes, and optimizing employee benefit program. The committee has also discussed how to address keeping employees from leaving to go to different agencies.

Out of State Travel Request: Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) applied for and received a grant/scholarship for accredited health departments to attend a Design Thinking Training. The training will be held in Alexandria, VA; September 9-12. McMillion asked for permission to go to conference for Conlon, Waksmonski and herself. McMillion stated the grant/scholarship would cover \$2000 of expenses. Schreier/Ovsak motioned to approve the Out of State Travel Request. All Ayes: motioned carried.

Re-Accreditation: All of documentation was submitted for re-accreditation. OCHD has received a completion review and updated what changes needed to be completed. Re-Accreditation is different than initial Accreditation. Initial Accreditation includes an

actual visit to the health department by the reviewers and the Reaccreditation includes a virtual visit only. OCHD is waiting to be assigned reviewers for document review and virtual site visit.

OCHD memberships:

McMillion presented handout with the list of our current participating memberships. McMillion said OCHD does get a significant amount of benefits from these memberships such as information, webinars and conferences. McMillion said memberships are evaluated each time they come up for a renewal.

Monthly Updates:

Environmental Health Report:

Troskey presented a handout regarding Environmental Health updates. See handout.

Crescent Spring Update:

Because the municipal well that was taken offline due to elevated PFAS levels is in close proximity to the Crescent Town Spring, OCHD decided to sample the Crescent Town Spring for PFAS as well. OCHD and the Town of Crescent split the cost of sampling the spring. Troskey stated the sampling was done 2 weeks ago and it takes 3 weeks before getting the results back. Troskey posted signs stating "Drink at Your Own Risk" which have been up for around 3 weeks. There were many calls from the public regarding the Crescent Spring and private wells.

The industry came up with a sampling procedure on how to collect the samples. Troskey came up with a sample standard operating procedure. Troskey utilized these techniques to avoid contamination during the sampling process. The same protocol will be used for any future sampling.

McMillion stated OCHD is closely working with the state and DNR. PFAS was originally tested in Rhinelander in 2013 and 2016. It was detected in 2016, but was under recommended level. There are many different PFAS compounds, none of which have any groundwater standards currently. Two compounds, PFOA and PFOS are the first of the PFAS compounds to have recommended ground water standards proposed. Due to the proposed standards, the city of Rhinelander decided to shut down the well with elevated levels. There is no requirement to test for PFAS.

There are activated charcoal filters which can be used to take out the PFAS. Troskey suggested to contact manufacture of the filter to make sure PFAS compounds can be filtered out and also to find out more details on how to use the filter effectively.

Communicable Diseases (7/1/19-7/31/19):

Disease	Closed	Closed and Confirmed/Probable
Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	3	3
Campylobacteriosis	1	1
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	6	6
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1
Giardiasis	1	1
Lyme Disease (B.Burgdorferi)	10	4
Lyme Lab Report	1	0
Non TB Mycobacterial Disease	1	0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	0
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Group A	2	1
Syphilis Reactor	1	0
Toxoplasmosis	1	0

Health Hazards 7/9/19-8/12/19):

Hazard Description	New	Existing
Air Quality		
Animals		1
Asbestos		
Dilapidated Structure		
Hazardous Material		
Housing	1	
Lead Hazards		
Meth		
Mold	2	2
Noxious Smoke/Fumes		
Occupational Hazard		
Other Environmental Hazard		1 (Fuel Oil)
Other Vector		
Radiation Hazards		
Radon		
Sewage Disposal System		
Sewage		
Solid Waste/Garbage		2
Water Quality		
Subtotal	3	6

New Cases Closed	-1	
Total Open Cases	2	+ 6
		= 8
Total Cases from Previous Month	7	

Outreach/Communication Report (7/9/19-8/12/19):

Facebook	52
Press Release	
Presentation	2
Board of Health	
Interview	
Health Fair	
School	
Lobby Slides	
Mailings	
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	
Total	54

Facebook Reporting (7/9/19-8/12/19):

Posts	52
Total Reach	10,641
Average Reach per Post	205
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	1,336
Average Engagement per post	26
Boosts during timeframe	No
Post with largest reach	OCHD Press Release about PFAS in Municipal Well on 7/23/19, reach of 2,118
Post with most engagement	OCHD Press Release about PFAS in Municipal Well on 7/23/19, engagement of 659
New Page Likes	7
Total Page Likes	690

Legislative Update: Postponed

Media/Advertising Costs: McMillion presented and reviewed handout for 2018 media/advertising costs. Much of the media/advertising costs are from grant dollars. For example, WWWP gets money from state with a specific amount needing to be spent on advertising. The most expensive months are September & October due to advertising for flu season. Advertising for positions is also costly. The newspaper is where most of the expenses are. Discussion followed.

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

Agenda items for next meeting: Schedule the next meeting for September 3, 2019, at 9am.

Public comment/communications: None

Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary