



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, August 8, at 8 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

Committee Members:

Michelle Van Krey	Absent
Tara Draeger	X
Helen Luce	X
Jennifer Aarrestad	X
Yee Leng Xiong	Absent
Ann Lemmer	X
Stacey Morache	X
Katie Dively	X

MCHD Staff Present: Laura Scudiere, Kerry Thieme, Kang Chu Yang, Amanda Ostrowski, Jessa Bokhoven, Jenna Flynn, Mai Choua Lee, Meranda Eggebrecht, Kate Florek,

Others via WebEx: Dale Grosskurth, Hannah Schommer

Others In Person: Jessica Blahnik, Robin Baker

1. **Call to Order-** Co-Chair Tara Draeger called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Pledge of the allegiance.**
3. **Public Comment Period**
 - A. **Name:** Robin Baker voiced concerns regarding safety and efficacy of COVID vaccination.
4. **Approval of the June 20, 2023, Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th, 2023. Board of Health meeting made by Jennifer Aarrestad. Second by Stacey Morache. Motion approved.
5. **Policy Discussion and Possible Action – None.**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
 - A. DHS 140 Review—Angela Nimsgern, MPH, CPH, Director of Northern Region Office of Policy and Practice Alignment, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
Draeger introduced Angela Nimsgern. Nimsgern provided details of her professional career and expressed gratitude to the Marathon County Health Department for ensuring the safety of the county’s residents. Nimsgern outlined the key points of the DHS 140 Review and congratulated the Marathon County Health Department for achieving a level 3 status. Nimsgern presented a plaque with certification status to the Board of Health.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Licensing Fee Evaluation Process and Update
Scudiere introduced the licensing fee evaluation process. Kate Florek, Director of Environmental Health and Safety provided an overview of the licensing fee proposal and highlighted its alignment with regulatory guidelines. Details of the proposal were discussed, and questions asked were answered.
 - B. Suicide Review and Fatal Overdose Review Teams Review
Amanda Ostrowski, Community Health Improvement Director introduced Community Health Improvement team members Kerry Thieme, Jenna Flynn, Jessa Bokhoven along with Jessica Blahnik from the Marathon County Medical Examiner’s Office, all of whom are integral members of the Death Review Teams. The team members presented an overview of their mission and the methods they use to identify opportunities for intervention to prevent future fatalities. They shared statistics regarding overdoses and suicides, the structure of their meetings, outlined their approach to examining death cases, discussed grant



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requirements, and explained ways in which others can engage to mitigate future fatalities. Questions were asked and answered.

- C. Introduction and Welcome of New Family Health and Communicable Disease Director Meranda Eggebrecht

Scudiere introduced Family Health and Communicable Disease Director, Meranda Eggebrecht. Scudiere shared an overview of Eggebrecht's professional career.

8. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
The board asked to discuss the Impact of marijuana legalization on the health of a community.
- B. Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th, at 8 am.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Stacey Morache second by Ann Lemmer. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mai Choua Lee, Marathon County Health Department Senior Administrative Specialist.