



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, at 8 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

John Kroll	In-person
Tara Draeger	In-person
Helen Luce	In-person
Jennifer Aarrestad	In-person
Yee Leng Xiong	WebEx
Ann Lemmer	In-person
Kelly Sinkler	Absent
Stacey Morache	In-person

MCHD Staff Present: Laura Scudiere, Kang Chu Yang, Mai Choua Lee, Meranda Eggebrecht

Others via WebEx: Dr. Keshani Bhushan, Rachel Klemp-North, Becky Mroczenski

Others In Person: Maureen Busalacchi, Corporation Counsel Mike Puerner

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Tara Drager called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Pledge of the allegiance.**
3. **Public Comment Period.**
A: None
4. **Approval of the April 4th, 2024, Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2024. Board of Health meeting made by Jennifer Aarrestad. Second by Ann Lemmer. Motion approved.
5. **Policy Discussion and Possible Action**
A. None
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
A. None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. **Advocacy Opportunities Educational Presentation** by Maureen Busalacchi, Director of the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project
Maureen Busalacchi presented on the difference between lobbying and advocacy and addressed how individuals can advocate for public health interests.
Group had discussion on bringing forward the THC is Changing campaign to the attention of the Health and Human Service Committee. Item to be agendized for Board of Health under “policy and possible action” for the October meeting.
 - B. **H5N1 Update**, Meranda Eggebrecht, Marathon County Health Department Family Health and Communicable Disease Director
Meranda Eggebrecht gave an update and overview presentation on H5N1.
 - C. **Xylazine Information**, Laura Scudiere, Marathon County Health Officer
Laura Scudiere presented a one-page document on xylazine and its impact on Marathon County. Group members recommended this be brought forward to the Health and Human Service Committee for review. Item to be agendized at Board of Health under “policy and possible action” for the October meeting.
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - i. Education on THC and Xylazine



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- ii. Discussion on gain of function research
- B. Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th at 8 am.
- 9. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn (JA, JK). Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.

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

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