



# MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Tim Buttke, Chair	X	
Michelle Van Krey, Vice Chair	W	
Dennis Gonnering	W	
William Harris	W	
Donna Krause	W	
Tom Seubert		X
Romey Wagner	W	

**Also Present:** Lance Leonhard, Joan Theurer, Scott Corbett, Mary Palmer; Members of the Public  
**Via Web** – Sandi Cihlar, John Robinson, Chris Dickinson, Katie Rosenberg, Kurt Gibbs,

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Tim Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment:** The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-18-20, dated March 17, 2020.

**3. Approval of the June 3, 2020, Committee meeting minutes.**

**MOTION BY WAGNER; SECOND BY GONNERING, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2020, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:** - None

**5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:** - None

**6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

A. Update on Efforts of Wisconsin Counties' Association (WCA) Workgroup to Establish Local Communicable Disease Ordinance Guidance

1. Possible Timeline When the Workgroup will Complete its Work
2. Local Health Officer Communicable Disease Authority

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard shared that WCA sent an update on the workgroup and are using the following guideposts in an effort to protect public health:

- Does the effort protect public health?
- Is it practical?
- Is it enforceable? and
- Will the public find it acceptable?

The work product should be done in the next several weeks.

Joan Theurer, Marathon County's Health Officer, is serving on the WCA workgroup. Also included in the group are Corporation Counsels, County Administrators, Restaurant Association members, Health Officers (state and local) and WCA members. They have had three meetings so far. They have alignment in what they are looking at: Two components (1) a background piece – what does it mean for local health officers authority around disease management and (2) educating the public and stake holders. They group is looking at

- What have Health Officers been doing over the years for communicable diseases, not just COVID-19.
- Reviewing the background on what authority Health Officers have had.
- Roles and responsibilities. Several stakeholders are contributing – health care, schools, and child care centers.
- What are the components of an ordinance?
- Suggested definitions will be included in the ordinance.
- What would enforcement look like in terms of violations?

The goal is to have something by early August.

**Follow up:**

No follow through needed.

**7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:**

**A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion**

- Future items for discussion:
  1. Mandate Wearing Masks
- Next meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

**8. Announcements:** None were given

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, **CHAIR BUTTKE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:12 P.M.**

Minutes Prepared  
By Mary Palmer