

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 5, 2019

Present: John Robinson, Mary Ann Crosby, Kue Her, Laura Scudiere, Dean Danner, Lori Shepherd, Michael McGrail

MCHD Staff: Joan Theurer, Dale Grosskurth, Judy Burrows

Guests: Lisa Dodson, Amy Prunuske, and Corrie Norrbom from the Medical College of Wisconsin – Central Wisconsin; Nursing Students

**1. Call to Order**

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

**2. Public Comment Period**

None

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 5 and 25, 2019 Board of Health Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5 and 25, 2019 meetings made by Lori Shepherd. Second by Dean Danner. Motion approved.**

**4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**

A. None

**5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Adopt changes to the Marathon County Agent Programs Regulation

Joan Theurer shared that the annual review of the regulation identified clarifying changes to be made. Dale Grosskurth indicated that permit transfers are not allowed for body art establishments, and the term special condition inspection for Inspections for class B or Class C taverns.

John Robinson asked for an editorial review to clean up references to state statutes, and make them consistent.

**Motion to approve the recommended changes with editorial changes requested made by Michael McGrail. Second by Laura Scudiere. Motion Approved.**

B. Highlight the 2019 Health Officer Plan of Work

Joan Theurer provided an overview of the Health Officer Plan of Work, and shared the framework used to develop the plan. The Health Department is lead department on two of the goals for the County's strategic plan, and will be assisting with three others.

The Marathon County Pulse website will be the data platform used for the 2019-2021 LIFE Report.

Work will be done around Health Equity, and brought to the Board of Health to have a better understanding of how to integrate concepts into programs and initiatives. John Robinson asked what opportunities exist for including the environmental justice side of the issue. Judy shared that one of the tools being used looks into the burden on the population.

Discussion on tracking of leverage of money outside of the health department, and the resulting impact of doing so.

**Motion to accept the plan as presented made by Laura Scudiere. Second by Mary Ann Crosby. Motion approved.**

A semi-annual update on progress in the plan will be given to the Board of Health.

- C. Legislative Updates: Follow-up from the Board of Health Legislative Education meeting, discuss the 2019-2021 biennial State of Wisconsin budget, and share 2019-2020 Legislative Session policy proposals impacting public health

John Robinson asked Board members to reflect on the requests made at the Legislative Education meeting, and whether they are addressed in the budget proposal from the Governor.

ACEs

Joan shared that under the Health and Human Services section of the Wisconsin Counties Association budget summary, additional dollars are put into the Women's Health. The intent is to restore funding to Planned Parenthood, and create positions to look at infant mortality. Also, expanding postpartum eligibility is being considered, and additional funds for home visiting are being proposed.

Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse

Medicaid expansion would include all low income residents, the reimbursement rate for mental health providers would be increased. Additional funding for tobacco cessation activities is proposed. Judy shared that her interpretation is that the funding could be going to the organization that provides quit-line services.

Discussion on the significance of the proposed funding changes for areas related to public health. Joan indicated that the changes have more impact on state wide population issues, versus funding for local health departments.

John Robinson shared that the legislature is still in the process of reviewing the budget proposal, and additional discussion should take place through May.

- D. Share the impact of the government shutdown would have had on food insecurity programs (e.g., Women, Infants and Children) and planning that occurred to lessen the impact on families

Joan Theurer shared information on the potential fiscal impact the federal government shutdown would have been for families in Marathon County for food insecurity, if WIC funding was not received. The total cost for one month of infant formula is \$63,000-\$74,000 per month in Marathon County. Another concern that was being looked at was Food Share.

- E. Report from the Health & Human Services Committee February 14 and 25, 2019 meetings on policy issues impacting public health

Mary Ann Crosby shared that the committee learned about ACEs at an informational meeting. John Robinson shared that the chair of the committee reiterated the importance of the Start Right program, and the value of early intervention services.

- F. Determine components for the Board of Health self-assessment

Joan Theurer shared that the Board discussed at a previous meeting the benefit of holding a self-assessment. In light of time, the Board will take a further look at the May meeting.

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

- A. Presentation of the Medical College of Wisconsin 2018 Teaching Award (8:30AM)

Joan Theurer was presented the Medical College of Wisconsin 2018 Teaching Award. Lisa Dodson, Dean of the College shared that Joan has been instrumental in the partnership for the community focused pathway for the students.

Joan recognized staff who contributed to the partnership with MCW, including Amanda Ostrowski, Rebecca Mroczenski, Vicki Chrapkowski, Eileen Eckardt, Tammy Borchardt, and Jenny Juneau.

- B. Present the 2019-2023 Marathon County Health Department Strategic Plan

Board members received copies of the Strategic Plan, and Joan provided an overview of the process of how the four goals of the plan were determined.

**7. Announcements**

- A. Staffing Update
- B. Other

Laura Scudiere requested an agenda item at the next meeting, focused on medical marijuana legalization.

**A quorum was lost at 9:03 a.m., and the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary  
Chris Weisgram, Recorder