

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2019

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

MCHD Staff: Melissa Moore, Joan Theurer, Judy Burrows, Dale Grosskurth, Eileen Eckardt

Guests:

1. Call to Order

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. Public Comment Period

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Board of Health Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by Lori Shepherd, Second by Michael McGrail. Motion approved.

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

A. None

5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

A. Update on state and county discussions regarding the 2019-2021 Biennial State of Wisconsin Budget along with update on the WALHDAB/WPHA 2019-2020 legislative priorities

Joan shared the County Executive Committee state budget priorities and identified three areas to support:

- Flexibility around levy limits
- Transportation aids
- Increasing healthcare access

John Robinson shared that the priority of increasing healthcare access was meant to show support of Medicaid expansion. The County chose to look at what had the largest impact on the County's budget. The three priorities will drive the dialogue between county board and legislators.

Joan shared that WPHA/WALHDAB state associations are encouraging counties to move forward a resolution in support of the proposal for Medicaid expansion. Joan asked the Board for their thoughts on moving forward a resolution.

John shared that the Joint Finance Committee is behind schedule compared to where it usually is at this point in the budget process, so there may still be adequate time to prepare a resolution.

Board members were provided a template to review for developing a resolution. John Robinson suggested bringing a resolution forward to the Health & Human Services Committee and the Executive Committee, but the Board of Health could sign on its own if needed.

Motion to adopt the proposed resolution with corrections, and additions of data specific to Marathon County made by Sandi Cihlar. Second by Laura Scudiere. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Highlight of information learned to date from Marijuana & Youth Series and discuss implications for the prevention of substance misuse and abuse

Judy Burrows presented results of the Marijuana & Youth Series, and shared an overview of what the specific issues are, and what is being discussed to educate the community.

- Difference between hemp, marijuana, and medical marijuana
- More research needs to be done to determine potential medical benefits of marijuana (www.learnaboutsam.org)
- Some extract products have a very high concentration of THC, such as wax, shatter, and butane honey oil
- Edibles can be dangerous as they take longer to feel the effect, due to the substance entering the body through the digestive tract
- Many THC containing food products are packaged very similarly to common products
- Seeing the same marketing strategies with marijuana products as with tobacco products in the past
- Devices being used for vaping are also being used for concentrated marijuana products, and are very easy to conceal

Judy asked Board members what questions, concerns and additional information they needed. Several retailers in the community are currently selling CBD products, but they are not regulated as to the level of THC in the products. Melissa Moore shared that despite the lack of regulation, several stores are already set up to sell marijuana products, at the point marijuana is legalized.

John Robinson asked the Board if a resolution should be written to recommend the federal government revise Schedule 1 to allow research to take place on marijuana. Components of the resolution discussed included: modify Schedule 1 to enable research, increase awareness and education as to the impact on youth and young adults, impact on safety in the workplace and travel, and unintentional consequences of criminalization. The Board will look at sample resolutions at an upcoming meeting.

- C. Report on the review on other counties policies regarding the administration of naloxone along with recommendations

Joan Theurer shared that Melissa Moore reached out to several counties in the state to determine what programs/policies they have in place for administration of naloxone. At this point there is not a county with a comprehensive county policy for staff. The Board was asked if they want the Health Department to look further into which departments and staff are trained to distribute and administer naloxone.

John Robinson suggested taking another month to look at the topic, and how to provide a public health support system that looks at how naloxone can expand treatment. Joan explained that it would need to

be a broad policy to include administration by employees who have face to face contact with at-risk populations.

D. Identify components of the Board of Health self-assessment and confirm next steps

Joan shared the draft self-assessment tool developed, and asked if the Board thought the assessment would give them the information needed. Board members suggested adding a place to comment on questions, compiling the individual assessments, and conducting the assessment annually.

Joan asked what role Board members see her and program directors playing in the process of conducting the assessment, and whether she would participate. John Robinson suggested having the Health Officer and program directors participate, but keep the results separate from the Board's. Discussion of the results should be facilitated rather than steered.

The assessment could be put together for the Board to take during the month of July, for discussion at the August meeting. Joan will reach out to Molly Bennett as to feasibility of facilitating the discussion of the assessment results.

E. Report from the Health & Human Services Committee May 20, 2019 meeting on policy issues impacting public health

- i. Proposed amendment to Marathon County Ordinance section 2.05(1) relating to the membership of the Board of Health

Mary Ann Crosby shared updates from the Health & Human Services Committee meeting held in May.

- Passed a resolution to make May mental health month
- Budget priorities for NCHC – County input
- Update on the transfer of the Birth to Three program from NCHC to the County
- Proposed amendment to Marathon County Ordinance section 2.05(1) relating to the membership of the Board of Health was approved

Sandi Cihlar suggested having a brief presentation to the County Board on the Board of Health's role in the health of the community when the amendment to the ordinance is proposed.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Highlight efforts underway to prevent the transmission of measles

Eileen Eckardt shared that preparations are being done to prepare for a case of measles. Outreach to schools and day cares is being done to ensure staff are up to date on immunizations, as it could affect their absence rates. Letters were sent to Amish bishops in the county to educate the communities about the risks of measles, and availability of immunizations. Information is also given to health care providers in the community, on when to test and what to look for.

B. 2018 Annual Report

Joan shared the 2018 Annual Report has been published, and is intended to be the technical report used by the department for referencing specific data related to programs. The Board was asked if they would like any specific topics highlighted at a future meeting.

- 7. Announcements**
 - A. Staffing update

Matthew Lillie, Environmental Health Sanitarian, will be leaving the department in July to earn his Master's Degree at the University of Iowa.

- B. Other

- 8. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Future Agenda Items: July 2, 2019**

- A. Confirm attendance for the July 2, 2019 meeting
 - B. Agenda topics: Overview of water quality in Marathon County
 - C. Other

- 9. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Dean Danner. Second by Laura Scudiere. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder