

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2019

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

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

Guests: Becky Frisch

1. Call to Order

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

2. Public Comment Period

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2019 Board of Health Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting made by Kue Her. Seconded by Michael McGrail. Motion approved.

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

- A. Update on action taken by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors on the proposed amendment to Marathon County Ordinance section 2.05(1) of the membership of the Board of Health

John Robinson reported that the amendment passed the County Board unanimously. A presentation was provided to the County Board by John Robinson and Joan Theurer, providing an overview of the purpose of the Board of Health.

John Robinson shared that some of the questions received during the presentation were related to Health Equity, and the biggest challenges being met, which included behavioral health.

Discussion on the opportunities for further conversation on health equity.

Joan Theurer will bring forward the bylaws for amendment at the August meeting. If Board members have individuals in mind who might be good candidates for membership on the Board of Health, they can be shared with Joan by August 2nd. She will be working with the County Administrator to find an appointee.

5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Update on state and county discussions regarding the 2019-2021 Biennial State of Wisconsin Budget along with an update on the WALHDAB/WPHA 2019-2020 legislative priorities
 - i. Status report on the proposed Resolution to Support Federal Medicaid Expansion in Wisconsin

ii. Other

John Robinson shared that consideration of the resolution to support Federal Medicaid Expansion in Wisconsin will still be considered at the next Health and Human Services Committee. County Board leadership is looking into options as to whether a resolution could be adopted by the Board of Health, or if it should be considered by the full County Board of Supervisors.

Discussion on the impact to states when expansion of federal Medicaid expansion has been accepted versus turned down. John Robinson suggested having members in attendance at the Health & Human Services Committee meeting on July 15th. Joan will forward information to the Board members in advance of the meeting. The presentation at the meeting will focus on the Health Equity aspect, as well as how the investment will move forward population health goals.

B. 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water in Wisconsin: Overview of water quality in Marathon County

Joan Theurer asked for introductions from those in attendance, and welcomed Becky Frisch, Director of Conservation, Planning & Zoning for Marathon County. Becky explained the role of the department, and the services provided, as well as how work is done in partnership to the Health Department. The Health Department will have a role in developing a ground water plan, currently underway.

An overview document was provided to the Board of Health, covering ground water in Marathon County.

Discussion on what data is being tracked, and what data is needed to determine what the specific ground water issues are in Marathon County. Becky Frisch explained that doing a ground water study, would start to produce some of the information needed to make determinations on what issues are present.

Discussion on the impact of pharmaceutical, agricultural, and industrial materials entering the environment through waste water systems, and ground application.

John Robinson asked what are the best three things that could be done to address water quality, as far as public health. Dale Grosskurth shared that the cost would be very high to address the needs for replacing deteriorated septic systems, as well as building water treatment facilities that can handle what is being put into waste water. Becky Frisch explained that it is difficult to answer what needs to be done, when the specific issues have not been identified. Joan Theurer suggested developing a comprehensive picture of the water quality data for the county would be the first step, then ensuring regular testing for private well owners, and third, ensuring private septic systems are properly maintained.

Becky Frisch explained that the Environmental Resources Committee would be working with her department, and partnering with the Board of Health and Health Department, to develop a groundwater plan during the next 2-3 years.

Joan will keep the Board of Health updated on progress in development of the plan, so that the Board of Health can assist with policy considerations as needed.

- C. Review components of draft policy statement on the training, dispensing and administration of naloxone by Marathon County department

Joan Theurer provided background information on development of the draft policy statement, which includes a recommendation for County Administration to direct county departments to implement. The Board was also provided a guidance document from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Discussion on how EMS response times impact the necessity of having County department staff, such as public health nurses, and environmental sanitarians at the Health Department, prepared to provide naloxone. Joan Theurer explained that a major consideration for such a program needs to be the safety of staff. Laura Scudiere shared that having a county-wide policy may not be the best option, but be more specific as to which departments would need to be included.

Melissa Moore shared that the Sheriff's Officer is trained to administer naloxone.

John Robinson suggested having a conversation with County Administration prior to considering whether to implement a policy that would affect County departments.

Discussion on whether there are departments that are high risk, and would need to have a policy in place to allow for administration of naloxone.

- D. Reminder to complete the Board of Health self-assessment and confirm plans to discuss survey findings at the August 6, 2019 meeting

Joan reminded Board members to complete the assessment by July 12. Molly Bennett will facilitate discussion of the results at the August meeting.

- E. Report from the Health & Human Services Committee June 24, 2019 meeting on policy issues impacting public health

Mary Ann Crosby reported on recent Health & Human Services Committee meetings.

- Approved transitioning Birth to 3 services from NCHC to Marathon County Special Education
- Keeping Area Teens Safe (KATS) (www.katsinc.org) program presentation – issues facing homeless teens in Marathon County, and the plans for the program to work towards addressing their needs

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

- A. Determine what educational report the Board of Health would like from the 2018 Annual Report

Joan Theurer asked Board members what further information they would need from the Annual Report for further discussion.

John Robinson asked if there staff opinions on any trends that should be discussed or made aware of, either successes or challenges.

7. Announcements

A. Other

8. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Future Agenda Items: August 6, 2019

- A. Board of Health self-assessment
- B. Draft resolution on marijuana
- C. Share Denison Organizational Culture Survey
- D. Other

9. Adjourn

John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder