

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2019

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

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

Guests: Molly Bennett

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment Period

County Board Supervisor Donna Krause – Provided comments on the issue of medical marijuana

Kurt Hase (via telephone) – Provided comments on the issue of medical marijuana

3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 2, 2019 Board of Health Meeting

Motion by Lori Shepherd to approve the July minutes. Second by Kue Her. Motion approved.

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

- A. Adopt the language change for the Board of Health Membership to be in keeping with the amended Section 2.05(1)(d), General Code of Ordinances

Joan Theurer shared that the amended bylaws were provided in the meeting packet, and includes the proposed change to the membership language, to be in keeping with state statute and the recently amended County Ordinance.

Dean Danner motioned to approved the proposed changes to the bylaws. Seconded by Laura Scudiere. Motion approved.

5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss the Board of Health Self-Assessment findings and identifying opportunities to strengthen the Board’s role

John Robinson introduced Molly Bennett, Organizational Excellence Program Manager. Molly facilitated discussion on the results of the self-assessment completed by the Board of Health members, and Health Department directors.

Board members discussed findings from the self-assessment for the following questions to determine if there were opportunities to strengthen;

- Board meetings start and end on time and the time is managed to ensure board discussion on all important topics; most time is dedicated to board discussion and debate on important issues.
- Board participates in the orientation for new board members as well as further board development.
- Board routinely monitors and discusses the performance of the organization, including board responsibilities.
- Board advocates and assures the availability of adequate resources to meet public health needs (e.g., staff, infrastructure).
- Board understands types of diversity needed for the organization and value of diversity, having the board adequately reflect the diversity needed.
- I frequently encourage other board members to express their opinions at board meetings.

Joan Theurer to type up discussion notes for self-assessment questions discussed, having the Board determine action steps for areas to improve at the September meeting.

B. Adopt the draft policy statement on Workplace Naloxone Use Program

Joan Theurer provided an update on the additional language for the proposed policy statement, as well as input received from the County Administrator.

Motion to approve adoption of the policy statement and refer to Health and Human Services Committee made by Lori Shepherd, Seconded by Laura Scudiere. Motion Approved.

- C. Update on state and county discussions regarding the 2019-2021 Biennial State of Wisconsin Budget**
- i. Medicaid Expansion
 - ii. Impacts to further public health goals in Marathon County

Given time constraints, this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. Overview of facts to consider in developing a resolution on marijuana and determine next steps

Judy Burrows provided an overview of what was presented and discussed at the July Board of Health meeting, and updates on the questions raised. The Board was asked to provide further guidance as to what is needed, or what next steps would be.

Discussion on what further information is needed for the Board, and what the Board would like to do with the information and topic. Laura Scudiere shared that as a Board of Health member she is asked to weigh in from a health perspective on the topic.

Joan Theurer asked if the Board would be interested in starting with development of a position paper on the topic.

Judy Burrows shared that she will continue working on drafting the position paper, and Board members can contact her with specific information they would like to see incorporated into the paper. The draft paper will be shared with the Board of Health at the October meeting.

E. Report from the Health & Human Services Committee July 22, 2019 meeting on policy issues impacting public health

Mary Ann Crosby provided an update on the recent Health & Human Services Committee meeting, which included an educational presentation on Medicaid Expansion.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Share name change for the Chronic Disease Prevention Team

Judy Burrows shared the change of the Chronic Disease Prevention Team to the Community Health Improvement Team. The change is based on the concept of “Public Health 3.0”, and the change in focus to work more on the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plans.

7. Announcements

A. Staffing Updates

Joan shared recent staffing changes, including Ashley Franke resigning to take another position, and Matthew Lillie relocating for pursuit of a graduate degree.

Dean Danner asked if the year to date Lyme Disease number was up or down from previous years, and if trends could be reported in the future.

8. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Future Agenda Items: September 3, 2019

- A. Share Denison Organizational Culture Survey
- B. Overview of the Health Department’s trends, successes & challenges based on the 2019 Annual Report
- C. Merits of Educational Presentation on Public Health 3.0
- D. Other

9. Adjourn

John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder