

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2019

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

MCHD Staff: Dale Grosskurth, Rebecca Mroczenski, Joan Theurer, Eileen Eckardt, Chris Weisgram, Judy Burrows

1. Call to Order

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.

A. Welcome Tiffany Lee to the Board of Health

2. Public Comment Period

John Robinson asked members of the public who registered to provide comments to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

The following members of the public provided comments on Agenda Item 5A:

Name	Address
Steve Frazier	7102 Evergreen St., Schofield, WI
Alex Hartinger	1550 Westwood Dr., #65, Wausau, WI
Jamie Bernander	696 Gulch Ave.
Lisa Barnett	13577 Larkspur Ln.
Mike Borski	3305 Springdale Ave., Wausau, WI
Robin Baker	3308 Springdale Ave., Wausau, WI
Dr. Chelsea Poland	1119 Brown St., Wausau, WI
Dr. Jeffrey Lamont	1201 Easthill Dr., Wausau, WI
Carol Raczek	159956 Duberstein Rd., Mosinee, WI
Ken Charneski	2604 16 th Rd., Mosinee, WI
Valerie Charneski	1211 Arthur St., Wausau, WI
Dr. Tim Shaw	Autumn Ave., Mosinee, WI
Angela Mess	408 7 th St., Mosinee, WI
Amy Hahn	11090 N 60 th Ave., Merrill, WI
Angela Quane	Starflower Ln., Wausau, WI
Scott Bautsch	7404 Walden Blvd., Wausau, WI
Kim Smith	775 Edenberg Ln.
Georgianna Szymanski	227461 Cardinal Ln., Edgar, WI
Heather Haupt	Kent St.
Joel Hynes	3400 Hidden Links Dr.
Sandy Bautsch	1717 Mulligan Dr., Wausau, WI
Michael Bautsch	1717 Mulligan Dr., Wausau, WI
Caryl Lewis	204930 Vallie Ln., Mosinee, WI

Anika Lewis	204930 Vallie Ln., Mosinee, WI
Katie Seybold	2419 Roselawn Rd., Wausau, WI
Rob Brayton	115 Curtis Ave., Hatley, WI
Ira Huber	180 Pine View Rd., Birnamwood, WI
Julie Hill	119987 Schuster Rd., Stratford, WI
Stephanie Strohbeen	Wausau, WI
Anna Heffron	Madison, WI
Bernadette Puissant	Merrill, WI
Barbara Otlowski	WI
Kathleen Riese	18355 HWY 153, Stratford, WI

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 1, 2019 Board of Health Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 Board of Health meeting made by Dean Danner. Seconded by Michael McGrail. Motion Approved.

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

A. None

5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

A. Resolution in support of legislation on the End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations

Joan Theurer provided an educational presentation, covering:

- Purpose for the Wisconsin Immunization of Students Law
- Immunizations have reduced illness, hospitalization, premature death and societal costs associated with disease outbreaks
- High vaccination rates protect those in the community who cannot be vaccinated
- Lower immunization rates put communities at risk for disease

Dean Danner shared his experiences as a public health professional during his career, and the importance of public health.

Michael McGrail shared experiences as a physician and a medical student.

Lori Shepherd shared her experiences as a pediatrician in the community.

Mary Ann Crosby asked if there could be a compromise where the choice to waive vaccines would be made between a parent and their pediatrician.

John Robinson explained the intent of the resolution is to support legislation that would remove the personal conviction waiver, and it is up to the state legislature to make the final decision on whether the law is changed.

Kue Her shared her struggle with the decision and the importance of protecting the public.

Laura Scudiere shared her belief for the need to take into consideration vulnerable populations.

John Robinson shared his experience as a member of the State Assembly, and the struggle of educating and engaging with the public on the benefits and risks of vaccines.

Motion to adopt the resolution to recommend elimination of the personal conviction waiver to the state legislature made by Dean Danner. Seconded by Lori Shepherd. Motion Approved: 7 Aye, 1 No (Crosby).

- B. Update on the 2020 Marathon County Proposed Budget
 - i. Human Resources and Finance Committee discussion held on October 14 regarding the possible reduction in Start Right funding: Discuss the impact on Start Right services by reducing the budget by \$160,000

John Robinson shared that as part of discussions for the 2020 budget, an issue raise was taking \$160,000 from the Start Right program to fund additional positions for the district attorney's office.

Joan Theurer shared that a plan has been developed and would be implemented, should the budget reduction take place.

John Robinson shared that he is unsure how much support there is for such a reduction to the program, but there are members of the County Board who are considering the possibility.

Discussion on the need continue supporting the program that improves birth outcomes and prevents child abuse/neglect.

Motion made by Michael McGrail to support continued full funding for the Start Right Program. Seconded by Mary Ann Crosby. Motion approved.

- ii. Health Department's 2020 budget

This item will be covered at the December meeting.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports (as time permits)

- A. Update on the progress in meeting the 2019-2023 Marathon County Strategic Plan goals and objectives

This item will be covered at the December meeting.

- B. Report from the Health & Human Services Committee October 28, 2019 meeting on policy issues impacting public health

Mary Ann Crosby shared activities and topics covered at the Health & Human Services Committee

- Discussion of the Start Right Funding consideration
- Health Care coverage for pre-trial detainees

Motion to adjourn made by Laura Scudiere. Seconded by Kue Her. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder