

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 3, 2020

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

MCHD Staff: Eileen Eckardt, Joan Theurer, Amanda Ostrowski, Dale Grosskurth, Chris Weisgram, Judy Burrows

Others Present: Patti Shafto-Carlson, Tara Draeger, Jeff Sargent, Corrie Norrbom, Kim Larson, Jen Smith, Erin Wells, Ciara Schultz, Debi Traeder

**1. Call to Order**

**John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:49 a.m.**

**2. Public Comment Period**

**None**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Board of Health Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Board of Health meeting made by Dean Danner. Second by Tiffany Lee. Motion approved.**

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

A. None

**5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Overview of the Start Right program assessment components and timeline

An assessment of the Start Right program will be completed by October 1, 2020, which will review best practices in relationship to the program, program design and outcome data in relationship to state studies, and local program outcomes in relationship to state and national benchmarks. Joan Theurer has developed a work plan for carrying out four outcome measures. Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy has been contacted as a potential resource to provide an overview of assessment findings.

John Robinson shared that the interest in completing the assessment of the Start Right program came from concerns expressed from County Board supervisors during budget discussions. It will be important to have the right data and analysis available to help with decision making. The Start Right program assessment plan of work to be reviewed by the Health & Human Services Committee to ensure assessment components will address previously expressed concerns by County Board supervisors.

**Lori Shepherd motioned to accept the recommendation to move forward with the assessment. Seconded by Sandi Cihlar. Motion approved.**

B. Recommendations to restructure the Recreational Pool Licensing and Water Testing Fees

Joan Theurer reviewed the goal to have licensing and water testing fees for recreational pools to pay for direct costs, including program general administration and supervision. Joan also reviewed the background for how the current fee structure was developed. Joan shared the plan is to have a policy decision made at the April meeting, and today's goal is to introduce the proposed changes.

Dale Grosskurth reviewed the process for testing and inspecting pools, and when re-inspection is necessary, as well as when fees are charged.

Joan shared that an overall goal of the proposal is to separate licensing fees from water testing fees, and to also cover overhead costs for the inspection program. There would be increases in licensing and water testing revenues, and collection of fees would be streamlined and easier to manage. Joan reviewed the impact to operators, with the proposed revisions to the fee structures for licensing and water testing.

Discussion on how water testing fees compare with other labs in the state that do the same tests.

Joan clarified that the proposal is the first step in looking at the fee structure for all licensing areas. Licensing and water testing fees for recreational pools to be agenda for the April 7, 2020 meeting.

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

A. Role of Local Health Departments in the surveillance of the Coronavirus Disease 2019

Joan Theurer outlined the role of the health department, which includes surveillance and planning, in partnership with other health agencies in the County. The health department is also responsible for keeping the public informed of the current status of the disease. Additionally, the health department is responsible for non-pharmaceutical response. Currently, the health department has put in place its incident command structure, to provide efficient communication and deletion of roles.

A work plan has been put together and shared with the Interim County Administrator. Surveillance and monitoring systems are in place, and communication with state health agencies are happening weekly. Further outreach to schools, municipalities and other agencies will provide accurate resources for information.

Dean Danner asked if COVID 19 could be a standing agenda item for the next several months, and if any local events are happening in relation to the disease, if Board members could be informed.

**7. Announcements**

A. Resignation Michael McGrail, MD

**8. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Future Agenda Items: April 7, 2020**

A. Update on the Board of Health Self-Assessment Plan of Work

B. Department of Health Services 140 Review Site Visit scheduled April 15, 2020

C. Update on measures taken to reduce tax levy support for the Water Testing Lab

D. Continuation of the identification of community health priorities with members from Healthy Marathon County

**9. Policy Discussion and Possible Action (Continued)**

A. Identification of the 2021-2024 Community Health Priorities – Healthy Marathon County Alliance Members to join at 8:15AM

Amanda Ostrowski provided an overview of the process that will be used to identify health priorities. Members from Healthy Marathon County joined in a facilitated process and discussion to select the priority topics for the next four years.

- Substance Misuse and Abuse
- Mental Health
- Adverse Childhood Experiences, Trauma, Resilience
- Discrimination

Judy Burrows shared an update on an initiative to move forward aligning state and federal law as it relates to Tobacco 21.

Mary Ann Crosby shared updates from the Health & Human Services committee meeting.

- Board of Health accomplishments from 2019
- Presentation on a plan for consideration of trauma for meetings, court dates, etc.

Laura Scudiere shared that she will be resigning her position as a Board of Health member, as she has accepted a position with the Health Department.

**9. Adjourn**

**John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary  
Chris Weisgram, Recorder