

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021

Present (Via Zoom): John Robinson, Sandi Cihlar, Kue Her, Dean Danner, Tiffany Rodriguez-Lee, Craig McEwen, Lori Shepherd, Corrie Norrbom

MCHD Staff: Laura Scudiere, Judy Burrows, Joan Theurer, Dale Grosskurth, Chris Weisgram

Others Present: Tim Buttke

1. Call to Order

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

2. Public Comment Period

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Board of Health Meeting

Agenda item tabled due to time constraints.

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

A. None

5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

A. Update on the Board of Health training session focused on health equity

Agenda item tabled due to time constraints.

B. Update on formalizing the reporting relationship between the Board of Health and the Health & Human Services Committee

Agenda item tabled due to time constraints.

C. Policy updates from the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) and WI Department of Health Services

- i. Legislative Action Alert regarding Assembly GOP legislative proposal to limit local health officers' authority to manage public health risks on a case-by-case basis
- ii. Extension of the Governor's Emergency Order #1 Requiring Face Coverings and support for Health Officer's advisement to wear face masks
- iii. COVID-19 response funding

iv. Other

Joan Theurer shared that the State is still under emergency orders from the governor, requiring face coverings. The current order is in effect until January 19, 2021, and at this point there is not information available as to whether or not the order would be reissued. Joan indicated she is recommending a Health Officer Advisory regarding face coverings be issued, if the order expires. The Board of health is being asked to support an advisory.

Motion by Dean Danner to direct the release of an advisory if the State mask mandate does expire, based upon science and medical information. Seconded by Corrie Norrbom. Motion to amend by Dean Danner to include a review of the advisory after six months. Seconded by Corrie Norrbom. The amended motion was approved.

Joan Theurer shared an update on the State Assembly bill relating to health officer's authority to manage public health risks, prohibiting employers from requiring employee vaccinations, prohibiting health officer's authority to require vaccinations. The state Senate is considering a compromise bill based on what was agreed upon with the governor.

John Robinson indicated remaining agenda items would be carried over to the next Board of Health meeting.

John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Shepherd, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder