

Marathon County Board of Health Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:45 AM

Meeting Location: Marathon County Courthouse
Assembly Room
500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Present - In Person: John Robinson, Sandi Cihlar

Present - Via Zoom: Kue Her, Craig McEwen, Corrie Norrbom

MCHD Staff: Laura Scudiere, Dale Grosskurth, Eileen Eckardt, Rachel Klemp-North, Rebecca Mroczenski, Aaron Ruff (online), Jonathan Schmunk, Kim Wieloch

Others via Zoom: Tim Buttke, Chris Dickinson

1. Call to Order

John Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:46 AM.

2. Public Comment Period (Limit to 15 Minutes)

No public comments were made.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board of Health Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board of Health meeting made by Sandi Cihlar. Second by Craig McEwen. Motion approved.

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

A. None

5. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

A. COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funding for Local and Tribal Health Departments

Laura Scudiere shared that the intent of COVID funding is to build infrastructure to return to and/or continue doing 140-required activities and summarized the initial proposal for utilizing the funding. She stressed that this is a hybrid model that allows the Marathon County Health Department to flex staffing according to the response required by the level of disease activity. Corrie Norrbom requested intentionality with hiring as there is an opportunity here to diversify the workforce. Sandi Cihlar requested resuming the regular update of other communicable disease case numbers to support funding of MCHD.

Motion to advance proposal to appropriate committees for consideration made by Sandi Cihlar. Second by Kue Her. Motion approved.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update on actions being taken to address human health hazards identified at the Northern Mobile Home Park

Dale Grosskurth shared that the North Central Community Action Program has been doing outreach to residents: packets have been provided to all residences that appear to be occupied, and the organization has worked directly with 10 households so far to move homes to another park. They will continue to do outreach to connect with as many residents as possible, as the park must be unoccupied by November 8 2021. The understanding is that the City of Schofield will work with Everest Metro Police to enforce the vacancy order. Due to the outdated resident listing that was provided by the owner, the exact demographics of the current residents are unknown.

B. COVID Dashboard

Laura Scudiere provided an overview of a COVID dashboard in the Board packet and indicated that current information can be found on the Marathon County Health Department website. There was a discussion about challenges to testing (availability, high wait times) in the area and early plans to partner with health care providers and the National Guard to offer testing options. There was further discussion about barriers to testing (literacy, language, culture) and how these barriers highlight health inequities. John Robinson requested an update at the next meeting on testing as well as an update on DHS reporting parameters for COVID funding.

C. Topics for Upcoming Board Training

Group discussed topics for a Board retreat/meeting/training to be scheduled. Topics of interest include health equity; the Board of Health's relationship to the Health and Human Services committee and clarity about the reporting structure; understanding of authority of the Health Officer and the Board of Health from a state statute standpoint; the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDB) and its relationship with other national organizations. Laura and John will plan this training and bring it back to board for approval.

D. Report from the Health & Human Services Committee meeting on policy issues impacting public health

Tim Buttke reported on the elevated child support grant from Marathon County Department of Social Services, which is a partnership between Kenosha, Racine, Wood, and Marathon Counties and whose goal is improving relationships between non-custodial parents and their children. The results indicated significant success, with 170 total enrollees and 85 active participants, as well as approved grant funding of a position to start in October.

The Committee also received a request from Mount View Care Center requesting approval for a decrease in number of licensed beds from 183 to 154. There were concerns raised and

objections to the proposal brought forward, so MVCC representatives will bring back the proposal with requested clarifications to a future meeting.

7. Announcements

None.

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

- A. Confirm November 9, 2021 meeting date and determine agenda topics
 - i. There will be no update from Healthy Marathon County.
 - ii. Start Right update and discussion about evaluation results from UniverCity.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Craig McEwen, second by Kue Her. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kue Her, Secretary
Kim Wieloch, Recorder