



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 8:00 AM**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

Committee Members:

Michelle Van Krey	X
Tara Draeger	X
Helen Luce	X (WebEx)
Jennifer Aarrestad	X
Yee Leng Xiong	
Ann Lemmer	X
Stacey Morache	X
Katie Dively	X

MCHD Staff Present: Eileen Eckardt, Rachel Klemp-North, Jenny Hsu (WebEx)Becky Mroczenski (WebEx) Laura Scudiere, Kim Wieloch, Kang Chu Yang,

Others via WebEx: Kim Trueblood

Others In Person: Gerry Klein, Lance Leonhard,

1. **Call to Order-** Chair Van Krey called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Pledge of the allegiance.**
3. **Public Comment Period –** None.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, Board of Health meeting made by Ann Lemmer. Second by Jennifer Aarrestad. Motion approved.
5. **Policy Discussion and Possible Action –** None.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution -** None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Prenatal and post-natal care program model transition
Health Officer, Laura Scudiere, and Director of Family Health and Communicable Disease, Eileen Eckart, gave a presentation on the Start Right (SR) program model change to Nurse Family Partnership (NFP). In 2022, MCHD operated the Start Right program, which provides a range of pre-natal and post-natal support to women, children, and families in Marathon County Wisconsin for the purpose of facilitating healthy births and the subsequent healthy development of newborns through age five. Some services of Start Right are performed in partnership with Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin. Start Right is housed in the Marathon County Health Department and gets roughly 90.5% of its funding from county levy. The program also receives a small amount of revenue from Medicaid billing. Fueled by a recent Start Right evaluation conducted by UniverCity, subsequent analysis indicated that Start Right in its current form was unable to provide longitudinal evidence to support return on investment. Staff was tasked with evaluating different models for efficacy and cost effectiveness.

Nurse Family Partnership was chosen as the model to replace Start Right and will be implemented as of January 1, 2023. The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a voluntary home visiting program that supports low income, first-time mothers and their babies by assisting parents to increase their parenting and life skills. Specially trained registered nurses provide



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support, advice, and education on diverse topics regarding child and maternal health, development, and care. Visits to families begin during early pregnancy and continue until age 2. To date, NFP is replicated in 40 states, and eight Wisconsin Counties including Dunn, Chippewa, Eau Claire, Juneau, Adams, Sauk, Dane, and Kenosha Counties. NFP's return on investment is estimated to be \$60,428 per family serviced or a 6.4 to 1 benefit to cost ratio. Given first year startup costs, the savings are still significant in 2023, with an estimated savings of \$372,972. In subsequent years, savings will amount to approximately \$646,476 per year over prior budgets.

- B. Review of Marathon County population health data related to sexually transmitted infection. Eckardt and Communicable Disease Manager, Becky Mroczewski, presented local health data on common sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Eckardt noted that pre-pandemic numbers were presented. The health department's role and its services were shared. Questions regarding the availability of demographic specific health data, Monkey pox vaccines and HIV data were discussed and answered. Detailed presentation can be found in the packet.

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

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
- B. Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, October 11 at 8 am

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Stacy Morache; second by Jennifer Aarrestad. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 AM.

Minutes prepared by Kang Yang, Marathon County Health Department Administrative Coordinator