



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, December 13, 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
Jennifer Aarrestad	X
Yee Leng Xiong	X (Webex)
Ann Lemmer	X
Stacey Morache	X
Katie Dively	X (Webex)

MCHD Staff Present: Aaron Ruff (Webex), Amanda Ostrowski, Becky Mroczenski, Dale Grosskurth (Webex), Eileen Eckardt, Hannah Pinch, Hannah Schommer (Webex), Jenna Flynn, Jenny Hsu, Jessa Bokhoven (Webex), Jessica Linzmeier, Kang Chu Yang, Kerry Theime, Laura Fischer, Laura Scudiere, Rachel Klemp-North

Others via WebEx: N/A

Others In Person: Dr. Kevin O’Connell, Kim Trueblood, Lieutenant Nate Cihlar

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 October 11, 2022, Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the October 11,2022 Board of Health meeting made by Stacey Morache). 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. Recognition of Medical Director Kevin O’Connell MD, prior to his retirement
Dr. O’Connell received a plaque by Marathon County Health Department. The plaque recognized the work Dr. O’Connell has done over the years as a Medical Director. Dr. O’Connell was thanked for his long-term service and commitment to public health. He thanked the Board of Health committee members and particularly expressed his thanks to the public health nurses from Marathon County Health Department.
 - B. Community Health Improvement Plan Review
Health Officer, Laura Scudiere introduced Director of Community Health Improvement (CHI), Amanda Ostrowski. Ostrowski and her team have been working on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Scudiere shared that the CHIP plan is completed and available online.

Ostrowski explained the CHIP Plan with the board. She shared that her team of public health educators uses the LIFE report to track health data and make data driven decisions. The LIFE report is Marathon County’s Community Health Assessment (CHA). Community representatives from Healthy Marathon County Alliance and Board of Health prioritized health needs based on this data. Substance misuse, health equity, and mental health are confirmed as the biggest health priorities. Ostrowski points out that the creation of the CHIP



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was successful because of the community partners and stakeholders' collaboration.

C. Overview of the CHIP Health Priority: Substance Use

Ostrowski introduced public health strategist, Jenna Flynn, Kerry Thieme, and Laura Fischer. Flynn, Thieme, and Fischer explained that the results-based priority for substance use is for all Marathon County residents to be free from the physical, emotional, and social impacts of substance misuse. An overview of the LIFE report data trends was shared. Indicators for substance misuse, and the various strategies for those indicators decided by CHI staff and the community partners were discussed.

Questions regarding the understanding of indicators and data trends were asked and clarified. Questions regarding the operations strategies and changes in policy such as how SBIRT will be implemented were discussed and answered. Flynn pointed out that many strategies mentioned for each indicator were aligned, though different partners are working on different parts of the process. However, there is a pattern in evidence-based strategies.

Fischer introduced Lieutenant Nate Cihlar from Wausau Police Department to provide a community partner reflection regarding substance use in Marathon County. Lt. Cihlar works with CART (Crisis Assessment Response Team). He also supervises school resource officers and helps with the compliance checks. Lt. Cihlar spoke to the difficulties treating the homeless population. Cihlar expresses that the data from LIFE reports is assuring because it shows an accurate reflection and complexity of the problem.

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, February 14 at 8 am

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Stacey Morache second by Helen Luce. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 AM.

Minutes prepared by Sam Younn, Marathon County Health Department Administrative Specialist