

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018  
5:00 PM

Present: Richard Schadewald, James Crawford, Karen Sanchez, Jay Tibbetts, Joe Van Deurzen, Cheryl Weber

Excused: Susan Molenaar

Staff Present: Eric Pritzl, Anna Destree, Rob Gollman, Ann Steinberger, Andrea Kressin, Patti Zich (minutes recorder)

**1. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions**

Chairman Richard Schadewald called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval / Modification of the Agenda**

MOTION: To move items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 after approval of the minutes. Van Deurzen / Crawford

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 13, 2018.**

MOTION: To approve the minutes from March 13, 2018. Weber / Van Deurzen

James Crawford and Jay Tibbetts proposed changes.

MOTION: To approve the minutes as modified Weber / Van Deurzen

MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Environmental Division update**

Rob handed out graphs showing consistent growth in the number of licenses issued over the last five years. Rob predicts we will lose some numbers in temporaries due to licensing by DATCP. Mr. Van Deurzen inquired about pools and Rob stated last month, we processed 112 pools in the lab which includes schools, hotels, motels, and apartments. Erik Pritzl asked if there was staff added to accommodate this increase in licenses and pools. Rob indicated that we have added one sanitarian and one bilingual health aide in this 5 year time period. Rob also supplied a graph showing the number of rabies quarantine orders processed. Rob indicated we package and ship specimens for testing to the State lab. Rick Schadewald questioned the cost for testing the specimens at the State lab. Rob indicated the State lab does not bill us.

Jim Crawford asked if we were testing for lead in schools. Rob stated we are not involved in testing of schools. Our division gets involved when a child has an elevated blood lead level. We would go to the home and investigate further in those cases.

Rick Schadewald asked for an update on the rat traps. Erik Pritzl indicated there were few requests for the traps. There will be ongoing discussions of what to do next. Anna indicated we did do some education in regard to this such as Clean Up, Seal Up and Trap Up. Doing those activities can help prevent infestations.

**5. Nursing Division update**

Ann Steinberger stated next week we have our CDC Vaccine for Children (VFC) site audit. This is a CDC requirement to monitor our compliance with the VFC Program including vaccine storage and handling, eligibility screening, and training. Ann states we have done an immunization strategic planning. Five works groups were formed including Provider Engagement, Community Engagement, Access/Quality Improvement, Direct Service and Workforce Development. Ann stated Danielle Jauquet received a scholarship to attend 2 week CDC training in epidemiology, public health surveillance, and field investigations.

Ann stated we are working to get FEMA/Department of Homeland Security training here in Brown County for a team approach to foodborne outbreak course later this summer for staff.

**6. Community Engagement Division Update**

Andrea Kressin stated the Community Health Improvement Plan should be available at the next meeting. Andrea stated that Alcohol and Drug Taskforce have a youth focused event on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Boys and Girls Club called Rise Above the Influence which youth will hear personal stories on substance abuse, how others are impacted and how to control their own destiny by rising above substance use, abuse and addiction. Andrea also mentioned the Parents Who Host, Lose The Most campaign. Andrea also recognized drug take back events held in the community. Mr. Schadewald would like the Board of Health to receive the CHIP report prior to the next Board of Health Meeting so they can review prior to the next meeting.

Andrea stated the Mental Health Task Force has been working on suicide prevention efforts. We continue with the QPR training and on May 14<sup>th</sup> a movie called "The Ripple Effect" is playing and there are more tickets available. Andrea indicated there is a program called "Table Talks" which is a way for parents of teens and preteens to have candid conversations about the mental health in their lives.

Andrea indicate the Nutrition and Physical Activity taskforce worked on a Frogger Cross Walk Education which is at selected intersections throughout the metro area, police will be monitoring crosswalks. Drivers will be stopped for violations and will be issued warnings or tickets by area officers.

Andrea stated the car seat program and how the move impacts it because we will not have on-site facilities. We are looking at how we can partner with community partners and other stakeholders and still meet the demand. We have a panel of community members at the table and are working on setting up the next steps.

**7. Health Officer's Report**

Anna invited the Board members to the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) – Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) Public Health Conference which is being held May 22 through May 24, 2018 in Green Bay.

Anna stated this is our last year contracting with Community Action for Healthy Living (CAHL) which is tobacco control programming. We are shifting our staff's focus on fulfilling objectives related to opiates and drug free community grant.

Anna stated we are continuing our strategic planning. We had one session which we focused on accreditation and a SWOT plan was completed. We will also incorporate trauma informed care into our practices and create a SWOT. We will also look at our division's mission statement.

Anna reported 15 muskrats were found in Ken Euers Nature Area. Three were sent in and two were tested and both were positive for tularemia. Mr. Schadewald would like more information on the tularemia. Anna indicated we will be putting out a press release highlighting the vector borne message and general preventative efforts for the public.

Anna reported that we are using an Incident Command System (ICS) structure to facilitate the move of the Public Health Division to Sophie Beaumont and the Howard site. Anna shared the documented structure created.

**8. Public Health Legislation – Standing Item**

Anna stated 2017 Assembly Bill 536, 2017 Wisconsin Act 225 pertains the micro market operators. Anna states an applicant for a retail food establishment license to operate a micro market shall pay one of the following annual license fee amounts: (a) For one micro market located in a building, \$40; (b) For 2 or more micro markets located in the same building, \$60. She quotes, "An applicant for a retail food establishment license to be issued by an agent city or county shall pay the fee under sub. (3s) if the application is for a micro market." Anna states we are required to change the fees at this time. Our current fee for a micro market for one was \$157 and now must go down to \$40. She states we have 62 micro markets for a loss of revenue in the amount of \$7,254. Rob explained that a micro market is a non-processing market like a gas station convenience store without an attendant. Anna stated there are potential changes in ATCP 74 and 75 which she will update the Board at the next meeting.

**9. Comments from the Public**

None.

**10. Receive new information on wind turbines – Standing Item**

Jim Crawford submitted “Wind turbine syndrome, a communicated disease” by Simon Chapman and Fiona Crichton. Jim states this reference from Australia examines the characters and evidence behind the anti-wind movement, and provides a good path forward. Jim states the Health Canada 2014 study provides good evidence that wind farms do not directly cause health problems, yet health complaints occur at some wind farms where anti-wind activists start telling neighbors they should be sick. The authors believe that by producing negative expectations, anti-wind activists produce stress, and physical symptoms of stress, even when the agent concerned is inert or non-existent. This is called the nocebo effect. He states yard signs in southern Brown County conjure up negative expectations. Many quote Brown County’s declaration that they are a “Human Health Hazard.” Some neighbors now blame their conditions on wind turbines.

Jim Crawford states Nina Pierpont’s paper was one that lured the Board of Health into declaring Shirley Wind a Human Health Hazard in 2014. The authors reviewed her research. They describe it has biased, laughable, and very poor science. Crawford recommends reading pages 38 to 42. The anti-wind stories are creating a negative expectancy that is stressing out his neighbors, and not good for their health. Jim states in the final chapter the authors provide a blueprint on how to turn things around.

Jay Tibbetts submitted document entitled “My 101<sup>st</sup> formal complaint to AGL” by Jan Hetherinton. He states Jan moved from a wind farm because of multiple complaints and that she had been sensitized permanently with a number of triggers that will cause symptoms. Jay Tibbetts states she moved away from the wind farm and had to go to the hospital for a procedure. He states she experienced vibrating acoustic type sensations in the hospital. She petitioned the CEO of the hospital to investigate and it was found that there was significant infrasound and low frequency noise in her room. Jay Tibbetts stated the nocebo effect is debunked in this situation. Jay Tibbetts stated the second part of the article has an interesting set of comments from the French Academy of Medicine which found noise from wind turbines represents an “existential suffering” and real threat to the quality of life of nearby residents. Jay Tibbetts states the Academy suggested following their study that the allowable noise level be limited to 30 dBA outside dwellings and 25 dBA inside dwelling. Jay Tibbetts would like us to remember that the limit outside in Shirley are 50 dBA. He also states the problem that the definition of health has evolved and according to the World Health Organization, it now represents a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Barbara Vanden Boogart, stated Steven Cooper’s document is public and it is a scientific blind study and over half of the people that were tested responded to the sensations without any cues or prompting to show when they were exposed and when they were not. Barbara states the signs were put up after numerous complaints by residents and had nothing to do with people’s minds that they were being harmed. Barbara states that the settlement pattern in Wisconsin is far too concentrated in order for turbines in Wisconsin predominately to be placed far enough away to not cause adverse health effects.

Barbara stated our own military uses noise weaponry which include ILFN. Barbara stated animals that are being affected by ILFN are not predisposed to think they will get sick nor are nonverbal children. Barbara states the Navy had to have been studying people who were negatively affected by exposure to ILFN because they established a nauseogenicity range where the symptoms are created when they are exposed to certain frequencies of ILFN. Barbara stated that bodies do produce infrasound but at levels that the human body can operate. She stated that is not the same thing as infrasound being generated by a 50 story tall industrial power plant, some as close as 1,000 feet from homes.

Barbara submitted “Waubra Foundation Statement re Simon Chapman & Fiona Crichton’s Book”, dated December 1, 2017.

**11. Correspondences**

Patti stated submitted for the record an email from Darren Ashely dated April 14, 2018 addressed to the Board of Health.

**12. All Other Business Authorized by Law**

Jim Crawford stated Bill Acker suggested at the last meeting that Jim Crawford is unethical. Jim states Mr. Acker’s comments were a response to Jim’s attempt to summarize what he believed misleading anti-wind statements. Jim also questioned if he was an engineer because his business card says Acker and Associates, Consultants.

Cheryl Weber stated part of the CHIP process, one of the things they did on a mental health taskforce was realize there were gaps in access to services and how can we attempt to fix that in three years. The first thing they did is now going to be completed. They partnered with Fox Valley for a network of care website [www.myconnectionsnew.org](http://www.myconnectionsnew.org) which has mental health and substance abuse information, resources, and service navigation in Brown, Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.

Dr. Tibbetts reported that Tom Murphy died, Audrey Murphy's husband.

**13. Adjournment / Next Meeting**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting

Van Deurzen / Crawford

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2018 5:00 PM