

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: Richard Schadewald, Kim Schanock, Edward Morales, Cynthia Brown-Sullivan, Michael Schwartz

Excused: Karen Sanchez, Susan Molenaar

Others Present: Anna Destree, Andrea Kressin, Ted Shove, Erik Pritzl, Katrina Nordyke, Joan Brusky

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Introduction of Michael Schwartz

Michael Schwartz stated he works at the Oral Health Partnership which serves children on Medicaid or are low income or uninsured. He is pleased to be involved on the Board of Health.

3. Approve / Modify Agenda

MOTION: To approve agenda.

Schanock / Brown-Sullivan

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approve / Modify Minutes of March 9, 2021

MOTION: To approve the minutes from March 9, 2021

Brown-Sullivan / Morales

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Public Health Officer Report

a. Start, Stop, Continue Process.

Anna stated they are currently going through a process to create a timeline to start, stop, and continue activities. Anna stated the COVID response will most likely go under Nursing Division as a normal communicable disease response activity. Anna stated they are unsure when COVID response will end but Public Health needs to start other Public Health activities. Dr. Morales asked about gating criteria. Anna stated they do not have a concrete statistic for gating criteria. Anna stated if we needed to scale back up, we could do so quickly. Anna stated the role of the advisory board (Board of Health) would be to provide feedback on an outline that will be shared at a future meeting.

b. Vaccine Confidence Video

Anna stated the vaccine confidence video is something we have been working on with our partners, and public information officer groups. One idea was to do a video with Board of Health members and include our interim medical advisor. Anna provided a handout with topics that are being suggested by our PIO Claire Paprocki and these are general topics we are seeing with our partners. We are not looking for anyone to say I want to do this tonight but wanted to share what this idea is and if you are interested in supporting this video for Public Health we would use it to promote vaccine confidence and ask that the Board of Health contact Claire Paprocki. It would be shared on our social media channels. We have a YouTube channel, Facebook and Twitter. We would use as another tool in our toolbox to promote vaccine confidence in Brown County.

c. Staffing Updates

The Public Health Manager, Robert Bottom will start on Monday. We had an accepted offer for our Environmental Health Technician as well, and that position will focus on Tourist Rooming homes.

6. Environmental Update

a. Odor Complaint Policy and Procedure

Ted stated the current practice for Brown County Public Health staff to validate odor complaints is to conduct a “sniff test”. This process involved traveling to the complainant’s address and attempting to smell the described odor. Ted presented three options for the Board of Health’s consideration to improve quality of services in the community which include (1) remaining status quo, (2) Acquire test equipment to measure the strength of smell (olfactometry); or (3) Should we continue to investigate odor complaints?

The Board of Health asked Ted to bring back more information for option number 2, such as a draft policy and procedure and budget implications.

b. DATCP changes to include fiscal impact and general changes

Ted stated in October 2020, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (“DATCP”) released administrative rule changes impacting retail food establishment license categories. The new approach has shifted from a volume by gross sales approach to a risk-based licensing model. The changes to align our license categories with DATCP clears up confusion for licensed operators or new operators (coming into Brown County or operating in multiple counties and state inspected areas), reduces number of license categories from 15 down to 5, simplifying the license type and process for getting licensed and as DATCP shifted to a risk-based licensing model and away from gross sales, operators can grow their facilities without incurring additional license fees. Ted explained three scenarios to the Board, all of which remain approximately revenue neutral for budgetary purposes. The Board of Health asked Ted to present the third scenario to the County Board for approval.

7. Community Engagement Unit Update

a. Brown County Public Health CHIP Priorities Discussion

Katrina Nordyke stated she wanted to give an update on the progress of our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). They have been working with partners, both health departments and the Beyond Health Steering Committee to look at strategies and initiatives that will fit within the CHIP and align with those priorities that they discussed previously. Their next step is to do a collaborative mapping exercise where they will look at all initiatives being done by community organizations or themselves and identify which of those they can fit into the priorities for impact on health. They will also establish which partner will be responsible for assessing, monitoring, and reporting on. They have not identified the strategic issues or initiatives that Public Health will be doing but will bring back to the Board of Health for feedback.

8. Nursing Unit Update

Andrea stated their nursing team has been providing medications for three active tuberculosis cases and a small number of latent TB cases have also started to come through which they continue to support according to their normal procedures. Andrea stated they are continuing to work with the Environmental Health team to see what role Nursing can play in supporting the rabies program.

Andrea stated they have worked with various agencies to do target vaccinations. Public Health is also filling gaps where other partners are not able to provide vaccinations. They now have a vaccine mobile bus to host a mobile clinic in partnership with Bellin, Aurora, Prevea, NEW Community Clinic and Green Bay Metro as an addition to their vaccination efforts.

They have a weekly standing clinic with NEW Community Clinic at the Bodart location and are hosting clinics at Salvation Army as needed. Andrea stated Public Health continues to provide nursing and registration support at Lambeau.

9. Comments from the Public

10. Adjournment / Next Meeting Schedule - NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2021 5:30 PM

Mr. Schadewald indicated next month's meeting will be virtual as well as in person at the Highway Department.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting

Morales / Brown-Sullivan

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Zich