



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 10, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Peer at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Peer, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Winter, Debra Kolste, Dr. Somaraju, Eric Gresens, Supervisor Clasen and Supervisor Williams.

Board of Health Members Absent: Supervisor Rynes.

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood – Health Officer/Director; Alison Chouinard – Community Health Education Coordinator; Nick Zupan – Epidemiologist; Michael Niles – Public Health Strategist; and Melissa DeWitt – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Terri Carlson – Risk Manager; Mary - Citizen.

Roll Call

Chair Peer asked for the roll call. At roll call Chair Peer, Eric Gresens, Supervisor Clasen, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Somaraju and Debra Kolste were present. Dr. Winter and Supervisor Williams joined after roll call. Supervisor Rynes was not present. 6 PRESENT. 3 ABSENT.

Adopt Agenda

Debra Kolste made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Clasen seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 10/6/2021 & 10/20/2021

Debra Kolste made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/6/2021 & 10/20/2021 Board of Health meetings. Dr. Meyers seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's October payments in the amount of \$6,824.98.

Transfer of Funds Over \$5,000

No transfer of funds over \$5,000.

Health Department Report

COVID Response Update

Katrina Harwood shared a slideshow of the representation of the work that the Health Department is involved in for the county-wide COVID-19 response. Things have remained steady over the past month. Regarding testing, the RCPHD has a partnership in place with Summit Clinical Laboratories, which is providing testing at the RCPHD's Beloit office. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. This new clinic provides easier access for walk-in testing for those who need it. Regarding vaccines, the RCPHD will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines to the 5 – 11 year old age group beginning Wednesday, November 17th. Reoccurring clinics will be held every Wednesday from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the RCPHD's Janesville office. No clinics will be held the week of Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Surveillance: Nick Zupan provided the Board members with the current COVID-19 data.

RCPHD Program Spotlight

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan Update

- Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR)
 - Multisector Community Collaboration
 - HEAR Advisory Committee
 - HEAR General Body Committee
 - HEAR Coordinator
 - Values
 - Community
 - Health & Well-being
 - Equity
 - Collaboration
- What is a CHA-CHIP?
 - CHA = Community Health Assessment
 - CHIP = Community Health Improvement Plan
 - Process
 - Assess
 - Prioritize
 - Plan
 - Implement
 - Monitor/Evaluate
 - Steps
 - Primary Data
 - Secondary Data
 - Public Health Systems Analysis
 - Forces of Change Assessment
 - CHA Report
 - CHIP
 - CHA Assessments & Tools
 - Community Health Survey
 - Community Conversations



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- Key Informant Interviews
- Forces of Change Assessments
- Local Public Health Assessment
- Secondary Data
- Community Health Assessment Survey
 - Survey developed by HEAR members
 - 1,030 respondents
 - Asked respondents about their perceptions
 - Identify strengths, areas for improvement, and other factors related to health
- Top Strengths of Rock County
 - Access to recreation areas
 - Good place to raise a family
 - Good schools
 - Ability to continue living in my home or community
 - Community safety
- Top Areas of Improvement of Rock County
 - Access to affordable housing
 - Good paying jobs and strong economy
 - Access to mental health services
 - Racial and ethnic diversity
 - Access to affordable healthcare
- Community Conversations
 - Language/documentation
 - Lack of providers
 - Barriers based on race
 - Communication
 - Health Education
 - Food accessibility
 - Health care accessibility
 - Mental health
 - Insurance
 - Transportation
 - Dental care
 - AODA
 - Poverty
- Key Informant Interviews

- Purpose
- Types of respondents
- 22 interviews
- Assets identified by key informants
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Public organizations
 - Recreation areas
 - Schools
 - Hospitals and clinics
- Threats identified by key informants
 - Mental health
 - Healthcare
 - Substance use
 - Insurance coverage
 - COVID-19
- Local Public Health System Assessment
 - Tool for identifying areas for system improvement
 - Strengthens local partnerships
 - Assures that a strong system is in place
- Local Public Health System Assessment Strengths
 - Vaccine advisory committee
 - Data tracking
 - Health Officer
 - Legal actions
 - Health literacy
 - COVID-19 partnerships
 - CHA process
 - Environmental health
 - Location
 - Colleges
 - Communications
- Local Public Health System Assessment Opportunities
 - Spanish Translations
 - Mental Health Shortage
 - Equity of Public Health Resources
 - Transportation
 - Workforce Development
 - HEAR Policy Changes
 - COVID-19 Communications
 - Weak Past CHA Initiatives
 - Sharing of Resources
 - Education of Health Equities/Disparities
- Forces of Change
 - Identifies changes that affect the context in which the community and public health systems operate
 - Can include natural disasters, changes in population demographics or geographic trends, changes to laws



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- Used to address threats or opportunities in later plans
- Forces of Change
 - Addiction
 - Affordable housing
 - Climate change
 - COVID-19 pandemic
 - Growing community partnerships
 - Healthcare cost
 - Healthcare workforce recruitment and retention
 - HealthNet expansion
 - Marijuana legalization
 - Mental health
 - Obesity
 - Racism declared as a public health crisis
 - Redevelopments in Beloit and Janesville
 - Vaping
- Secondary Data
 - Social Determinants of Health
 - Education, Access and Quality
 - Health Care and Quality
 - Neighborhood and Built Environment
 - Social and Community Context
 - Economic Stability
 - HEAR CHA Priorities
 - Access to Care
 - Built Environment
 - Chronic Disease
 - Economic Stability
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Use
 - Top CHA Priorities
 - Access to Care
 - Mental Health
 - Where We Are At in the Process
 - Currently writing the CHA Report

- What it is?
 - Why is it important?
 - When will it be complete?
 - Communication Plan
 - Goal on utilization
 - CHA toolkit
- What is the CHIP?
 - Long-term systematic effort to address public health problems on the basis of the results of the CHA
 - A CHIP is typically updated every 3 – 5 years
- HEAR Committee
 - CHIP – Plan
 - Community Resources/Assets
 - Form workgroups to guide work
 - Routine Reporting
- Health Equity
 - Equality
 - The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is equal treatment.
 - Equity
 - Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of “affirmative action”), thus producing equity.
 - Justice
 - All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

Budget

Katrina Harwood reported on current budget updates.

- 2022 Approved Budget
- Pending Grant Applications
 - Mobilizing Communities for a Just Response Grant Program – application due 12/6/21

Workforce

Katrina Harwood reported on current workforce updates.

New staff

- Wendy Najera, COVID-19 Contact Tracer
- Iesha Wynder, COVID-19 Contact Tracer

Current Position Vacancies

- Public Health Policy Specialist (Vy Nguyen starting 11/15)
- Public Health Planner (Ashley Franke starting 11/29)
- Public Health Nurse (Allison Schindler starting 11/29)
- Health Educator HEAR Coordinator (Christine Gunn starting 11/29)
- Public Health Data Scientist (recruitment reopened)
- Public Health Nurse (to be posted)



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Resolution: Recognizing Access to Care and Mental Health as Rock County's Community Health Improvement Plan Priorities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 moves to recognize access to care and mental health as Rock County's Community Health Improvement Plan Priorities.

Dr. Winter made a motion to accept the resolution. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Resolution: Accepting Wisconsin Partnership Program Grant Funds and Amending the 2022 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 does hereby authorize Rock County Public Health Department to accept funding of \$150,000 through the Wisconsin Partnership Program Grant and amend the 2022 Rock County Public Health Department budget as follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget 2022</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
Federal Aid			
31-3043-0000-42100	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Administration Expense			
31-3043-0000-63110	\$0	\$35,089	\$35,089
Professional Services			
31-3043-0000-62100	\$0	\$105,980	\$105,980
Supplies			
31-3043-0000-63100	\$0	\$7,375	\$7,375

Travel

31-3043-0000-63300

\$0

\$1,556

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Supervisor Williams made a motion to accept the resolution. Supervisor Clasen seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Resolution: Recognizing Olga Myers for 15 Years of Service as a Public Health Nurse for the Rock County Public Health Department

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 moves to recognize Olga Myers for her 15 years of service to the Rock County Public Health Department and to residents of Rock County.

Dr. Winter made a motion to accept the resolution. Supervisor Williams seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Communications and Announcements

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Dr. Winter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Meyers seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa DeWitt, Recorder

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