

Amended Regular Board of Health Minutes November 15, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 8:55 am at the Large Training Room at the Health and Human Services Building on Monday, November 15, 2021 by Vice-Chairperson Linda Teske.

Members present were Kathy Janosky, Cindy Kinnard, Milt Swagel, Julie Thoreson, Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr., Julie Janicsek and Virginia Haske.

Members excused: Kim Kroll.

Members unexcused: None.

Public present were: None.

A motion was made by Kathy Janosky and seconded by Julie Thoreson to approve the November 15, 2021 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 as mailed. The motion carried.

Citizen input: None

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy Kinnard. As of Friday, November 12, 2021 there are 3,772 positive cases with 88 currently active with 44 coming in over the weekend. Right now we have seen an increase in cases and averaging 75-100 new cases per week. There continues to be more hospitalizations with primarily the unvaccinated population. We are seeing an increase in children under the age of 18 and their parents (between the ages of 30-49) that are positive. We are continuing to hold vaccination clinics twice per week but are seeing less and less people seeking their first dose but an increase in boosters. We will be holding two clinics for the 5-11 year old COVID-19 Pfizer vaccinations this week. We are seeing a 20% break through with individuals who have received the vaccine but individuals do not get as severely ill as non-vaccinated individuals. We administered boosters last week to several Assisted Living Facilities in the County and will be administering at the nursing homes this week.

September Monthly report was discussed. WIC numbers continue to remain consistent. Immunizations during the month of September slowed down. Communicable Diseases remained high with spikes of COVID-19 when the schools reopened. Cindy advised that she is currently a mentor to the new Health Officer in Trempealeau County since they have similar population and demographics. The State has seen a 46% turnover rate of health directors since COVID began and the State set up this program to help the new incoming officers. Hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings were completed at the Parochial schools in the County.

October Monthly report was discussed. WIC numbers continue to remain steady. Immunizations were high for the month due to COVID-19 boosters and influenza vaccinations in the schools. Communicable Diseases continued to surge with COVID-19 cases.

Cindy Kinnard gave Agency Updates: Cindy advised she received the beach results for the 2021 year with Kewaunee having 5 advisories and no closing and Algoma only having 2 closures for the year. School screenings are wrapping up this week at the Public Schools with only the 4K groups set for January. Jessica Depas is wrapping up her adult physical activity groups (PALS) and her Stand Up and Move virtual classes and plans to hold them again in March. We currently only have 2 adult flu vaccines available and have given 268. We are reaching out to the schools again to target any children that were missed for the flu shot clinics since we do have 200 doses left. We are working with the Parks Department to create new signage for the trails in the County and extra exercise options. This will partner with our CHIP process and our new Plan for the next 5 years. The Eagle Scouts also installed Bike Fix It Stations, a total of 8 at each trailhead and main park. The CHIP meeting will be held on December 16 at our office but individuals can also attend virtually. The meeting will entail what we have done over the past five years, data from our new survey and plan our focus for the next five years.

Cindy Kinnard shared the September, October and November financial reports and are on track and will be spent. Cindy advised that budget adjustments are currently being done for the 2021 year and will be presented at the next meeting. Currently little of the County tax levy (accounts 54100 and 54106) dollars are being spent as everything is being charged to grants.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime report. Cindy Kinnard advised that there is currently minimal over time hours for contact tracers and Public Health staff have little to no overtime hours at this time. Cindy stated that she has been handling boosters after hours with the fire, rescue and EMTs.

The upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30 am.

Other items as authorized by law: None

A motion was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Julie Thoreson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am not 10:33 am. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Schultz

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 15, 2021

HUMAN SERVICES LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Linda Teske.

Roll Call:

Members present were Vice Chairperson Linda Teske, Virginia Haske, Milt Swagel, Jeff Vollenweider and CVSO Rob Stearns. Guests at the meeting were Kathy Janosky, Julie Janicsek and Julie Thoreson. Chairperson Kim Kroll was excused.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Jeff Vollenweider to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the September 21, 2021 minutes. The motion carried.

Department Operations:

CVSO Stearns reviewed the monthly reports. The office is now capable of holding virtual Board of Veterans Appeals hearings. The first two will be held this week.

The VA has a huge backlog due to COVID, the new Agent Orange presumptive disabilities and the new Gulf War Burn Pit presumptive disabilities. CVSO Stearns briefly went over the new Gulf War Burn Pit ailments. The VA is looking at hiring new employees and are trying to move claims around to different Regional Offices that have a slow down of claims.

CVSO Stearns provided an update on the WICVSOA Fall Conference, and gave additional information on the increased CVSO Grant that is received from the State.

Travel Notifications:

CVSO Stearns recently took a veteran to the Domiciliary in Milwaukee on November 9, but upon arriving they were turned away due to a recent COVID outbreak. Tomah called and stated they could take this veteran for intake on November 15 (today), so CVSO Stearns will be leaving right after this meeting to take the veteran there for intake.

Overtime:

None

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

Vice-Chairperson Linda Teske inquired the status of the resolution to support the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act. Support of this resolution was passed during the September Committee meeting. CVSO Stearns explained that due to the WISCVSOA Conference and other happenings in the office, he was unable to get it added for November and will go to the Board in December.

CVSO Stearns stated that Governor Evers has designated State Highway 21 between Sparta and Oshkosh as a Purple Heart Memorial Highway.

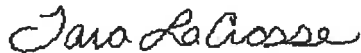
Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are scheduled for December 13 and January 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Human Services Large Conference Room.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Jeff Vollenweider. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara LaCrosse
Recording Secretary