

Regular Board of Health Minutes February 14, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 8:32 am in the Large Training Room at the Health and Human Services Building on Monday, February 14, 2022 by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

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

Members excused: None

Members unexcused: None.

Public present were: None.

A motion was made by Virginia Haske and seconded by Julie Thoreson to approve the February 14, 2022 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A correction was noted for the January 3, 2022 minutes to the add Linda Teske's name to the "Members present" as it was inadvertently missed. A motion was made by Milton Swagel and seconded by Julie Janicsek to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 with the correction to the members present. The motion carried.

Citizen input: None

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy Kinnard. Going into January we were averaging 100 new cases per week but within one week's time we had 421 new cases. All four contact tracers and four public health staff were all working cases almost around the clock to manage the caseload. Cases have come down slowly and last week we had 59 new cases. The contact tracers have once again been managing the case load. If cases continue to decrease our two main contact tracers will continue to handle all new cases and the other 2 tracers will become back-ups in case of a rise or if someone is off. We continue to offer Pfizer vaccination clinics two times per week and the Kewaunee Hometown Pharmacy and Algoma Hometown Pharmacy both continue to vaccinate at their sites. We have been notified by the CEO of Door County Medical in Sturgeon Bay that they have contracted with AMI (a medical vaccination company) which will hold pop-up vaccination clinics at a site to be determined in Algoma. AMI will run clinics for four consecutive weeks in Algoma and will carry all three vaccines. This is an effort to increase the rate of vaccination in Kewaunee County. We will not be assisting with these clinics but will advertise to let residents know of this opportunity. A question arose concerning anti-viral pills. Cindy explained the difference between a vaccine and an antiviral medication.

Cindy Kinnard discussed the December 2021 and January 2022 monthly reports indicating that there has been a decrease of vaccinations as of the first of the year. December monthly report shows that communicable disease cases starting to come down but then in January a huge increase of COVID-19 cases was handled by the department. There was also an uptick in influenza cases and STD's for the month of January.

Cindy Kinnard gave Agency Updates: We currently have a student nurse from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with us for her clinicals. They require nurses obtaining their BSN's to complete a rotation in community health. She will be completing 80 hours of service with our department. Our clinic nurse, Aly Martin has completed all hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings along with any rescreens needed with all public and parochial schools in Kewaunee County. We plan to offer Tdap vaccinations in the public and parochial schools to all 5th graders this Spring. The Tdap vaccine is a State required vaccination for all students entering 6th grade. Summer school plans have been started and staff will be going into the Luxemburg-Casco and Kewaunee Schools to do healthy cooking classes for the middle schoolers and also a babysitting class. We are still waiting to hear back from the Algoma District if they are interested in summer school opportunities through the Health Department. Parochial students are offered summer school classes through the area public schools but we are planning to do a spring/summer garden project with the schools that choose to participate and hope to carry that through the summer with weekly classes to maintain the raised garden beds and have produce for the parochial schools to serve when students return in September. The gardening project goes along with our CHIP process with reducing obesity and encouraging healthy eating.

Cindy advised that our Maternal and Child Health grant has changed objectives to focus on perinatal and postnatal mental health for expectant and new moms. Our Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup has set meeting times/dates. The group will be holding meetings on the 4th Monday of each month and group members can either come in person to the Health Department or attend virtually. We will be partnering with the Parks and Promotion department to increase signage on the trails and to have mini work out areas located on the trails. We are also working with area restaurants to include healthier options on their menus. Cindy advised that she received a Workforce Development Grant through COVID-19 funding and this grant has been turned over to Human Services to help with staffing purposes within Behavioral Health. A discussion arose concerning drug/alcohol abuse and mental health of children in the County. Cindy advised that those areas are all part of the CHIP process. We will be working and partnering with other agencies in the County to do outreach and education in local schools and throughout the community.

The December financial report was given out by Cindy to the Board which reflects all grant monies being spent for the 2021 year. County funding represented by the 54100 and 54106 accounts reflect tax levy dollars with significant monies being returned to the County unspent due to the receipt of public health grant monies and COVID-19 grant monies. Workforce

Development COVID-19 grant monies will be carried over to 2023 and Immunization and ARPA COVID-19 grant monies will carry over into 2024 with expenses being submitted and then reimbursed by the State. Cindy advised that the January, 2022 financial report was not available at the time of this meeting and will be shared next month.

Deanne Schultz was asked to speak to the Board about the car seat program that the Public Health Department offers to the community. Deanne Schultz is a certified car seat technician and became certified in August 2019 by completing an extensive 4 day class at the Center for Childhood Safety in Green Bay. Deanne indicated that she completed on line classes due to COVID-19 to be recertified in September 2021. Through the Health Department, Deanne offers free education and car seat checks to the community. A grant was received in 2021 from the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$600 in order to purchase car seats and boosters to be given to qualified individuals living in the County. Individuals must reside in Kewaunee County, be income eligible, go through education with Deanne, and learn to install the car seat properly in their vehicle. Deanne was able to receive the Department of Transportation grant again in 2022 in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase more car seats and boosters. To date Deanne has given out two infant car seats and has another appointment scheduled with an expectant mom this week.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime report. Cindy Kinnard advised that any overtime has been worked by her or the contract tracers and since they are contracted no overtime has been paid out, and if overtime would happen it would be paid by the COVID-19 grant monies.

The upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 8:30 am and April 11, 2022 at 8:30 am

Other items as authorized by law: None

A motion was made by Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. and seconded by Kathy Janosky to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Schultz

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 14, 2022

HUMAN SERVICES LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m. by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

Roll Call:

Members present were Chairperson Kim Kroll, Virginia Haske, Milt Swagel, Linda Teske, Jeff Vollenweider and CVSO Rob Stearns.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the January 3, 2022 minutes. The motion carried.

Department Operations:

CVSO Stearns reviewed the monthly reports and provided an overview on the veterans and survivors pension programs.

CVSO Stearns led a discussion on a possible transportation program for veterans. He currently has been working with Melissa Annoye to determine how this program can benefit the county. He will be doing research on the last year of rides to see how many were veterans. This information can be submitted to WDVA to have a small amount reimbursed under the WDVA Transportation Grant. The current county program operates only with volunteer drivers, which is a problem when transportation is needed. The hope is to hire a full time employee, or possibly 2 part time employees to guarantee these services. The expenses can be offset partially by the state grant, but the grant is based on how many rides are provided, not a set amount. Last month a discussion was held on possibly purchasing a van for this program, but CVSO Stearns believes this can be successful with the 2 handicap vans the county currently owns as well as other county vehicles.

The VA will be getting rid of the travel kiosks at the VA Medical Centers, the office is anticipating an influx of veterans for assistance as this now needs to be done via a mobile app. There are computers at the Green Bay Clinic where veterans can also get help in applying for travel pay, but due to COVID, those facilities are closed.

The VA Secretary has announced methods that they will be putting in place to keep current employees and hire new employees. For example, there is currently a federal cap on wages, he wants to increase that for employees. It was also announced, if a veteran has a VA debt, it cannot be reported to the credit bureau if it is under \$250 or as long as the veteran is making payments on said debt.

There are a few Assembly Bills going thru Madison at this time that affect veterans:

AB720 – Creates a pathway for Medics, Corpsmen and Medical Technicians to be able to work immediately in their field while pursuing their licenses, instead of waiting. This bill will benefit hospitals/clinics and make an immediate positive affect on the worker shortage.

AB38 – Waives application fees for veterans when applying at a UW System school or technical college.

AB245 – Reduces the eligibility threshold for veterans and surviving spouses to claim the Property Tax Credit. Currently the veteran must be 100% service connected, this bill will keep that threshold but then allow 90% service connected veterans to have 90% of their taxes credited, 80% service connected veterans will have 80% of their taxes credited, and 70% service connected veterans will have 70% of their taxes credited. The residency requirements will stand as is.

AB298 – This is requesting that the current fee waiver for state-issued licenses and certifications currently given to veterans, be expanded to include the spouses of any veteran already in the fee waiver program.

Travel Notifications:

NACVSO has announced that their Continuing Education Units will be available virtual again this year. Tara will be attending that in June instead of traveling to LaCrosse in April or Wisconsin Rapids in the fall. CVSO Stearns is not planning on attending the Spring Conference in LaCrosse, his intentions are to attend the Fall Conference in Wisconsin Rapids.

Overtime:

None

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

None

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are scheduled for March 7 and April 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the Human Services Large Conference Room.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Vollenweider and seconded by Milt Swagel. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara LaCrosse
Recording Secretary

**Public minutes
Kewaunee County
Veterans Service Commission Minutes
14 Feb 2022**

Meeting of the Commission called to order by Rick Philips at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room, upper floor, in the Kewaunee County Administration Building, 810 Lincoln Street. We are in compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Rick Philips, and Claude Stangel - Commission Members. CVSO Robert Stearns – Secretary.

Not Present: None

Motion to accept Agenda as written, made by Claude Stangel seconded by Rick Philips - all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Accept the Financial Report, made by Rick Philips, seconded by Claude Stangel – all in favor, motion carried

Financial Report by CVSO / Secretary:

Donations and Relief Balance as of 14 Feb 2022: \$18,849.54

Public Input: None

Motion made by Claude Stangel, seconded by Rick Philips to go into closed session as per Wis Stat 19.85 (1) (f). The purpose of the meeting is to review the applications received in the prior month; interview applicants for financial aid, determine if the need requirement is met; deny or approve such application; and if approved, determine the amount of aid to be given to the applicant.

Motion status: All members indicated affirmative. Motion carried.

Motion made Claude Stangel seconded by Rick Philips to return to Open Session, affirmed by all present, Motions carried.

Discussions held:

Public outreach to local ad

Updated Transportation Programs

Next 2 Comm mtgs: 7 Mar 2022/ 4 April 2022

Motion made by Claude Stangel, seconded by Claude Stangel,, to Adjourn, affirmed by all present, Motions carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 P.M.