

## Regular Board of Health Minutes July 12, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 8:37 am at the County Board Room at the Administrative Center on Monday, July 12, 2021 by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

Members present were Linda Teske, Kathy Janosky, Julie Janicsek, Cindy Kinnard, Milt Swagel, Julie Thoreson, Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr., Virginia Haske and County Board Chair Dan Olson.

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 July 12, 2021 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Janicsek and seconded by Milton Swagel to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting. The motion carried.

Citizen input: None

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy Kinnard. Right now, the State and the County are seeing minimal cases and currently the County has 2 active cases and no hospitalizations. The vaccination rate for the County is currently 41.2% but as a County we are in the bottom 1/3 for the vaccination rate with Wisconsin. We are currently offering vaccination at our office one time per week, either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We offered Pfizer vaccinations at the Kewaunee County Fair last week and still offer vaccinations on a weekly basis to farms and businesses. We will be offering Pfizer vaccinations to anyone 12 years and older at our upcoming Back to School Program on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Lakehaven Hall. We have 14% of our population that is unable to receive the vaccination since they are under the age of 12 years. Cindy Kinnard advised that Johnson & Johnson has not been available for the last 4 weeks to any County. We currently have a 95% return rate for the second dose and Pfizer is the vaccine of choice for most people. A booster is being discussed but the CDC and FDA have not endorsed this at this time since current vaccines are covering the variants. There also has been no discussion by the CDC or FDA concerning free antibody testing. Cindy Kinnard advised that she has been meeting with the area school districts to discuss the return of students this fall with the discussion including social distancing, masking, isolation and vaccinations. Cindy Kinnard confirmed that if a Kewaunee County resident receives their vaccination out of County, the vaccine count is based on the county the person lives in.

Cindy Kinnard distributed the May and June Monthly Reports indicating that Women, Infant and Children contracted caseloads continue to remain steady. There was a significant drop in Communicable Disease from May to June. Vaccinations dropped down from May to June also.

Cindy Kinnard advised that the PALS Program at the Algoma Youth Club is going very well and all participants are extremely happy. There is another class being planned to start on August 23, 2021 and outreach has been done to area clinics, physical therapists and churches to get the word out. A virtual class entitled: "Stand Up Move More" will be held starting in September. Cindy Kinnard indicated that her staff was able to hold Summer School classes with the area school districts to include healthy cooking classes at Luxemburg-Casco and Algoma for 20-25 students each and a babysitting class at Kewaunee School District for 21 students. The Annual Back to School Program will be held at Lakehaven Hall on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 and donations are currently being received. As of today, we have 111 children registered for the event and we will continue to be COVID-19 conscious at the event. The Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup has initiated another Healthy Bingo Challenge to start on August 1, 2021 and go through August 31, 2021 with many area businesses contributing donations and gift cards.

Cindy Kinnard advised that the Eagle Scouts with partnership with Dave Meyers at Promotion and Recreation are working on Bike Fix-It stations along the Ahnapee Trail. This project had been started last year but due to COVID was put on hold. The Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup are planning more trail walks this fall to encourage movement. We currently have a Restaurant Survey being completed by residents to find out what healthy options they would like on area restaurant menus. Our summer intern, Jared Wuensch from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is helping with the survey and also working on our Community Health Assessment. He is gathering data to help with the CHIP process. One of our contact tracers Sydney Hellsten, who was also our nursing student, graduated and has left for her nursing residency program. We wish her much luck and thank her for all her help during COVID. Cindy Kinnard advised the Jessica DePas will be conducting a Cooking Demo this week for County employees to encourage healthy eating. This is part of our employee wellness program. For a small fee, participants will be shown a simple meal and be given the ingredients to make the meal at home for their family.

Cindy Kinnard advised she will soon be working on next year's budget and will have preliminary numbers to the Board Members. She indicated that current COVID monies will go through October, 2022. Cindy Kinnard distributed April and May financial reports and advised that county tax levy dollars are currently being used considerably less since we are trying to use COVID monies and grant dollars first. Currently Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Emergency Preparedness grants ended on June 30, 2021 with all monies having been spent.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime to report. Cindy Kinnard advised that there is minimal over time hours for contact tracers and Public Health staff have little to no overtime hours at this time.

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 8:30 am and Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:30 am.

Other items as authorized by law: Each Board Member was given a handout entitled "The Process by which a Local Public Health Department conducts Communicable Disease Investigation" by Cindy Kinnard which address the policy which describes the guidelines in which the Health Department handles communicable diseases. Cindy Kinnard will also be handing this out and discussing this article with the Land and Water Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. This is in response to a study done on well water in Kewaunee County in 2017 and an article written by an investigative reporter which appeared in Wisconsin Watch and the Green Bay Press Gazette.

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

July 12, 2021

## KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 a.m. by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

### Roll Call:

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

### Approval of Agenda:

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

### Approval of May Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Virginia Haske to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes. The motion carried.

### Department Operations:

CVSO Stearns reviewed the monthly reports.

### Travel Notifications:

None

### Overtime:

None

### Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

CVSO Stearns explained the new AI Software the VA is using as well as the new Integrated Health Program.

### Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are scheduled for August 9, 2021 and September 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Kewaunee County Board Room.

### Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Vollenweider and seconded by Milt Swagel. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Stearns', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Stearns  
CVSO