

Regular Board of Health Minutes June 13, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 8:30 am in the Large Training Room at the Health and Human Services Building on Monday, June 13, 2022, by Chairperson Kim Kroll.

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

Members excused: None.

Members unexcused: None.

Public present were: Rachel Bauer, WIC Director for Kewaunee County Public Health Department.

A motion was made by Milt Swagel and seconded by Julie Thoreson to approve the June 13, 2022 agenda as mailed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Langteau and seconded by Milt Swagel to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022, as presented. The motion carried.

Citizen Input: None.

Rachel Bauer, WIC Director, and Fit Families Coordinator discussed with the Board the Fit Families Program which started at our Department in 2012 with parents and children in the WIC Program. Fit Families focuses on three categories for a family to choose from; decrease juice and sugary drinks, increase physical activity/decrease screen time with children doing 60 minutes per day of exercise and increase fruits and vegetables. There is monthly contact with the families to see how things are going and to give ideas to help them meet their goals. Every three to six months families come in and receive incentives to help them reach and maintain their goal. Since the program started there has been a significant decrease in the obesity rate of children in the program and parents are encouraged to be role models. Participants range from 20-to 25 families per grant year that are enrolled in the program.

Nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Health were discussed, with Milt Swagel nominating Linda Teske and there being no other nominations, Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. seconded the nomination of Linda Teske as vice-Chairperson. The motion carried.

Cindy discussed with the Board the current Vaccine Consent for Immunization of Minors Policy and Procedure due to the annual review by the State for our Vaccine for Children's Program recently. During the review, it was brought to the Department's attention that on the Administrative Form the eligibility status was not always completed. The State requested an

update of our Policy and Procedure to address this missed box. After discussion by the Board, Cindy was asked to clarify additional language in the Policy and Procedure which addresses number three (3) and number four (4) under Procedure. The document will be revised and revisited at the next Board of Health Meeting in August.

COVID-19 update was given by Cindy Kinnard. Cases have stayed low with only 8 eight as of last Friday and 22 for the week. We still remain at 50 deaths due to COVID-19. The County is currently at 52% vaccinated which is the lowest for the State of Wisconsin. We continue to vaccinate on Tuesday afternoons but no longer vaccinate on Fridays due to lack of interest at this time, almost all vaccinations at this point are boosters. We are currently offering free home test kits to individuals that come into our office, we are allowing one test kit per person and the test kits contain two tests. The test kits are available to us by the State. We continue to have two contact tracers that are contracted to handle positive cases.

Cindy Kinnard discussed the May 2022 monthly report. Women, Infant, and Children numbers have increased slightly over the month. Vaccinations for the month of May were 175 with the majority being boosters. Communicable Diseases are the most part COVID-19 but do continue to see STDs and GI-based diseases. A question arose about the shortage of infant formula across the nation, Cindy indicated that individuals on the WIC program are able to substitute different formulas with their vouchers. We have also been able to purchase infant formula through COVID-19 funding to have available at our office to anyone in the County if they are unable to find the formula for their infants.

Cindy indicated that the State of Wisconsin will be conducting PFAS well water testing with wells in the State. The whole State has been put into 450 plots in a grid and will randomly choose a well in each plot to conduct a well test to check for PFAS and the local health departments will be contacted if there is a positive result. Beach testing has started and runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day with microbiology students through the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh taking samples and testing will be done in Manitowoc. They will test the Selner Beach in Kewaunee and Crescent Beach in Algoma. Weekly walking groups are starting in Kewaunee, Algoma, and Luxemburg for one hour per week. Summer school has commenced and the Kewaunee School District was completed last week with kids attending for cooking and babysitting/staying home alone classes. This week we will begin cooking classes at Luxemburg-Casco School District and cooking classes at Algoma School District in July. We are continuing with our garden clubs at Holy Trinity, Casco, St. Mary's Luxemburg, and St. Paul's Luxemburg each week teaching about planting, weeding, water, etc. The kids were excited that Rural Safety Day at the Luxemburg Fairgrounds, with this being our 26th year, and approximately 300 students attended. A handout from the Healthy Choices Farmers Market was given to each Board Member with the first market being on July 19, 2022, and it was noted that the Kewaunee Chamber will be starting a Thursday night Market down by the Clock Tower to begin mid-July. The current PALS exercise class has ended and a new session will begin at the end of

August and registration has commenced. We will be delivering donation boxes to the area Churches for our upcoming Back to School Program on August 10, 2022. Funds are very low this year and will be sending out requests for donations to area businesses to help buy the much-needed school supplies for children that come from low-income families.

Cindy distributed the recent financial report and indicated that spending is on track and grant funding continues to be used with little monies coming out of the tax levy. The Bioterrorism and Communicable Disease grants end on June 30, 2022, and monies will be spent in their entirety. The ELC COVID-19 grants funds in the amount of \$355,000 were set to expire in October 2022 but we have received notice that they will extend the grant period until June 30, 2023. These grant monies continue to be used for contact traces, employee wages, education in the community, and testing.

Travel requests: None.

Overtime report. None.

The upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022, at 8:30 am and Monday, September 12, 2022, at 8:30 am. The Board discussed and unanimously approved that they will forgo the July 11, 2022 meeting

Other items as authorized by law: None

A motion was made by Jeffrey Vollenweider, Sr. and seconded by Dennis Langteau to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Schultz