

Iron County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Iron County Health Department Conference Room; 210 5th Ave N, Hurley, WI 54534

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by John Sendra. Roll Call taken. Present: Jamey Francis, Dr. James Rocco, Zona Wick, Joseph Pinardi, John Sendra, Dr. Paul Hagemann. Also Present: Melissa Geach Absent: Tanner Hiller, Brandon Snyder.
2. Melissa Geach acknowledged that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Jamey Francis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Zona Wick. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Jamey Francis made a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 7, 2023. Seconded by Dr. James Rocco. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment
6. Zona Wick made a motion to approve updated public health staff job descriptions to meet DHS [140.05\(1\)\(b\)1](#), seconded by Dr. James Rocco. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Joseph Pinardi made a motion to send the 2022 ICHD Annual Report to the full County Board for approval, seconded by Jamey Francis. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Building Updates:
 - a. Clarification requested by Health Officer regarding approval process for building maintenance and expenses, will follow-up with Board as needed.
 - b. Jamey Francis made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new ballistic window for reception area using approved grant funding, Dr. Paul Hagemann, All ayes, motion carried.
 - c. Notified of plans for Iron County to install privacy fence along west side of property line.
 - d. Discussions of snowblower being stored in front porch, lawn damage/maintenance from this past winter. Clarification on whether key fob system will be installed soon.
9. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds allowable cost presented to the Board of Health. As per Wisconsin State Chapter 251.04, the Health Department is seeking input from the board to provide leadership for equitable

distribution of public health resources commensurate with public health needs. Health Officer requested to continue discussion on how best to utilize ARPA funding. Suggestion by Health Department personnel included:

- a. National Fitness Campaign builds healthy communities with the Fitness Court outdoor gym equipment, request by board members to include Hurley City Council Park and Rec committee in partnership.
- b. Discussion on MCH Physical Activity and Nutrition grant objectives and using ARPA funds to supplement the program this summer.
- c. Discussion on funding necessary repairs and replacing old hand washing stations for use in the Environmental Health program (Loon Day's, Farmer's Market, etc.)
- d. Board verbalized support for all of the above initiatives and the health department staff will move forward with the grant application for the National Fitness Campaign, MCH Physical Activity and Nutrition, and purchasing a new hand washing station.

10. Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WAHLDAB)/Legislative Update:

- a. [WPHA WALHDAB Budget Priorities FY 2023-2025](#)
- b. [WPHA WALHDAB Policy Agenda 2023-2024](#)
- c. May 12, 2023 Wisconsin Public Health Council: Resolution Requesting Removal of Local Health Officer Authority Provisions from Shared Revenue Bill.

11. Health Officer Report:

- a. On May 11, 2023 [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra declares end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#).
- b. DHS Department of Public Health has been approved "Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure" grant funding by the CDC. The grant includes a pass-through funding of an estimated \$69,765 to Iron County Health Department. The scope of work for the funding is to support infrastructure improvements in the public health workforce (A1), capacity to implement the Foundational Capabilities (A2), and data infrastructure (A3).
- c. Welcoming a student intern from UW-Green Bay to help on MCH Objectives this summer.
- d. DHS 140 Review completed March 21, 2023. Waiting for final report.
- e. Received notification that there were not items that required follow-up action during the COVID 19 Vaccine Site visit on January 10, 2023.
- f. Site visit with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) was passed.

- g. Reminder: Denise Lotzer will be taking on Coastal Water testing at Lake Superior and expanding services to inland beaches to ensure that water is safe where people recreate in Iron County.
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- i. School Nursing Program at Hurley School is working on Narcan training, walking trail improvements to benefit physical activity and mental health, SRAE grant approved in partnership, school health fair completed.
- j. Working with Iron County Sheriff Office and Iron County Human Services on plan for Opioid Settlement Funds.
- k. The following profiles have been signed:

159367	Title X	8,400
HCET	GYT	1,500
TOTAL		9,900

- 12. Next meetings will take place on August 15, 2023
- 13. John Sendra adjourned the meeting at 5:56pm.