

Iron County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 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 5:02pm by John Sendra. Roll Call taken. Present: Jamey Francis, Dr. James Rocco, Zona Wick, Joseph Pinardi, Brandon Snyder, John Sendra, Dr. Paul Hagemann. Also Present: Melissa Geach Absent: Tanner Hiller.
2. Melissa Geach acknowledge that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Paul Hagemann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brandon Snyder. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Jamey Francis made a motion to approve meeting minutes from November 1, 2022. Seconded by Dr. Paul Hagemann. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment
6. Brandon Snyder made a motion to approve Program Manager title change to Office Manger seconded by Dr. Paul Hagemann. All ayes. Motion carried. Board discussion regarding fair compensation for the duties assigned to ICHD Office Manager versus a recent Human Services "Receptionist" posting starting wage of \$25.64. John Sendra, Board of Health Chairman, requesting Finance Committee agenda item for February 9, 2023 to address compensation discrepancies.
7. Brandon Snyder made a motion to table the approval of public health staff job descriptions until next Board of Health meeting on May 2, 2023. Seconded by Jamey Francis, all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Dr. Paul Hagemann made a motion to approve the following health department policies: *Travel Expenses, Precepting Nursing Students, Flexible Schedule, Standing Order: Opioid Overdose Prevention through NARCAN Nasal Spray 4mg*. Seconded by Dr. James Rocco. All ayes. Motion carried.
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. Supported TrackChair via donation.
 - b. Monetary support for social connection physical activity
 - i. National Fitness Campaign builds healthy communities with the Fitness Court outdoor gym equipment, discussion to include other partners in initiative.
 - c. Discussion to support School Nursing expansion and support to effectively meet Wis. Admin Code § DPI 8.01(2)(g).
 - d. Child Passenger Safety: Collaborate with HPD, ICSP, ICHS, ICHD to make car seats available to those in need.
10. Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WAHLDAB)/Legislative Update
- a. Immunization Requirement Changes: For the first time since 2008, Wisconsin Admin. Code ch. DHS 144, Immunization of Students, which outlines immunization requirements for childcare centers and school entry, is now updated to better align with national vaccine recommendations. Childcare requirements are effective February 1, 2023, while implementation of the updated school entry requirements will start with the 2023-2024 school year.
11. Health Officer Report:
- a. On January 11, 2023 another [Renewal of Determination that a public health emergency exists](#) As a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic renew the public health emergency exists and has been extended for the 12th time.
 - b. On January 31, 2023 U.S. to end COVID 19 emergency declarations on May 11, 2023.
 - c. Generator slab placed 11/9/2022, some further work will be done Feb 20, 2023
 - d. DHS Department of Public Health has been approved "Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure gran funding by the CDC. The grant includes a pass-through funding of an estimated \$69,765 to Iron County Health Department.
 - e. The following profiles have been signed:

155020	Immunization	4,211
159320	MCH	4,580
157720	Lead	1297
159322	WH/FP RH	6,308

159317	WH/FP RH GPR	34,780
522	Birth to 3	27,734
159371	Title X-Telehealth	29,442
155015	PHEP	31,330
159328	Title X	26,729
TOTAL		166,411

- f. DHS 140 Review Scheduled for March 21, 2023.
 - g. 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.
12. Next meetings will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.
 13. John Sendra adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.