

Iron County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 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 Tanner Hiller. Roll Call taken. Present: Jamey Francis, Tanner Hiller, Dr. James Rocco, Zona Wick, Joseph Pinardi. Also Present: Melissa Geach, Melissa DeCarlo, Denise Lotzer. Absent: Brandon Snyder, John Sendra, Dr. Paul Hageman.
2. Melissa Geach acknowledge that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Zona Wick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jamey Francis. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Jamey Francis made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 2, 2022. Seconded by Joseph Pinardi. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Proposal to add DATCP Fee Reimbursement to License Fees: Changes to the Agent Memorandum of Agreement for 2022 thru 2025 includes a reimbursement increase of 1% in 2023 and 2024. As of now the Agent reimbursement fees are 10% of the state license fees for licensing year 2022. Joseph Pinardi made a motion to approve a 12% increase to the retail food, lodging and recreational establishment license fees, seconded by Zona Wick. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Request for pay grade change for Office Manager: Zona Wick made a motion to forward the request of \$2.25 wage increase for Melissa DeCarlo with official job title change to Office Manager, reflecting her current job duties, to the Finance/Personnel Committee, seconded by Dr. Rocco. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. 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. Support for existing public health programming:
 - i. Car Seats for income eligible families
 - ii. Dumpster Days in communities to decrease blight and risk for adverse public health events
 - iii. CO2 and fire detectors for community members
 - iv. Radon tests kits

- v. Breastfeeding pod for community events
 - vi. Monetary support for social connection physical activity
 - vii. Expanded CLIA Waived screening
 - b. Support for improving community assets:
 - i. Improved municipal water system
 - ii. Improved accessibility & safety to outdoor spaces
 - iii. Expansion of silent sports (bike/walking trail)
 - c. Support for new improvements to county:
 - i. Community center/pool
- 8. Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WAHLDAB)/Legislative Update:
 - a. Tuesday, November 8 is the day of the general election in Wisconsin.
 - b. On October 18, the Evers Administration launched an interactive data viewer that shows how per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are impacting our state's land and water supply. This new interactive mapping tool may be viewed on the [state Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\) website](#).
 - c. On Thursday, September 8, 2022, the legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) voted 16-0 to modify a plan to spend \$31 million in funds from an opioid lawsuit settlement. Read the motion [here](#).
 - i. Iron County Sheriff, Human Services Director and Health Officer are collaborating to ensure funding is used in the manner directed by the motion.
- 9. Health Officer Report:
 - a. On October 13, 2022, [Renewal of Determination that a public health emergency exists](#) was as a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The public health emergency has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.
 - b. Influenza and RSV cases could be rising early this fall, according to the CDC, while COVID-19 cases could also increase with indoor holiday gatherings. A [media briefing](#) with Department of Health Services Respiratory Disease Epidemiologist and Influenza Surveillance Coordinator Tom Haupt is now available.
 - c. 16.5 % of all residents in Iron County have received at least one dose of influenza this season. ICHD continues to offer the flu vaccine, most recently at the Mercer Food Pantry, Iron County Mobile Food Pantry and the Montreal Food Pantry.

- d. CDC expands updated COVID-19 vaccines to include children ages 5 through 11. COVID vaccine clinics continue to be offered weekly through November (except Thanksgiving week).
 - e. DocuSign contracts/grants for 2022-2023 signed include Reproductive Health Family Planning/Title X for \$8,400 and Communicable Disease Control and Prevention for \$2,800.
 - f. Review of September monthly budget report indicates ICHD expenditures are within budget.
10. Next meetings will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2022.
 11. Tanner Hiller adjourned the meeting at 5:42pm.