

Iron County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Sharon's Coffee Company, 122 Silver St. Hurley, WI 54534

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Brandon Snyder. Roll Call taken. Present: Dr. James Rocco, Zona Wick, Joseph Pinardi, Brandon Snyder, Dr. Paul Hagemann. Also Present: Melissa Geach, Melissa DeCarlo, Denise Lotzer, Sue Herlevi, Maria Swartz, Dan Mueller. Absent: Jamey Francis, Tanner Hiller.
2. Melissa Geach acknowledged that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Dr. Paul Hagemann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Zona Wick. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Zona Wick made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 15, 2023. Seconded by Joseph Pinardi. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. No Public Comments.
6. Building updates: Fence on the west side of property installed for privacy. Installation began on the reception/receiving window, once completed the key fob system will be installed.
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.
 - a. [The Fitness Court®](#) Grand Opening completed October 19, 2023.
8. DATCP Ordinance Update Plan: Iron County is in need of an updated ordinance specifically including how enforcement is handled. Staff will be reviewing other county ordinances related to licensing and plan to bring the updated ordinance to the next board meeting for approval.
9. Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WAHLDAB)/Legislative Update:
 - a. WPHA and WALHDAB agreed to support draft legislation that provides enough state funding to K-12 public and private schools statewide so that all school children may receive a free breakfast and/or lunch each day at school.
 - b. WPHA and WALHDAB have decided to support bipartisan legislation – Senate Bill 595 and Assembly Bill 634 – that reinstates a “Good

Samaritan” state law in place that provided limited legal immunity if an individual (an “aider”) contacted emergency medical services to request immediate medical assistance for another individual (an “aided individual”) who was experiencing a recreational drug overdose.

- c. WPHA and WALHDAB support the creation of a PFA grant program to assist municipalities with testing, necessary infrastructure, as well as other related priorities. However, both organizations have concerns about provisions in the comprehensive PFAS legislation that place limitations on state government agency authority and ability to identify and address these environmental hazards.
- d. FAQ to address questions raised by the enactment of 2023 WI Act 12 on June 20, 2023, creating WI (§)252.03 (2j). Sought review and input from Wisconsin Counties Association and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. [Published FAQ is available here](#)

10. Health Officer Report:

- a. Review of budget expenditure through October 31, 2023.
- b. Seasonal respiratory illness (Flu, COVID, RSV) season: Completed 14 flu clinics (drive thru, schools, senior center, food pantry, etc) vaccinating approximately 400 individuals with flu vaccine. We received a small amount of COVID vaccine and have vaccinated approximately 50 individuals with Moderna Spikevax. We will continue to vaccinate until stock is depleted.
- c. Participated in a Title X Site Visit, no final summary available as of today.
- d. ICHD staff participated in Real Colors Training to learn each of their unique leadership styles. The training and discussions is designed to help them better understand the perspectives, strengths and weaknesses of their colleagues.
- e. Shared Wisconsin Counties magazine article from November 2023 “Post-Pandemic Developments in Local Health Officer Authority”.
- f. Recent funding contracts signed:

Public Health Infrastructure	\$ 72,296	Increase in the projected amount by \$2400 with funding through 11/30/2027 to support retaining and strengthening public health workforce.
Public Health Emergency	\$31,330	Level funding from last year; \$7760 requesting in carryover of unspent

Preparedness		dollars from contract year 2022-2023
Communicable Disease Control and Prevention	\$2,770	Level funding
Birth to 3	\$34,434	Increase in funding of \$3596 to support our counties early intervention special education program required by the federal government under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

11. Next meetings will take place on February 13, 2023 @ 4pm.
12. Brandon Snyder adjourned the meeting at 5:29pm.