

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2022**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chair Steven Schreier, Dr. Amy Slette, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Marcy Davies, Robert Thome

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ryan Zietlow

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Marta McMillion, Chad Lynch, Jody McKinney and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Moore, Petra Pietrzak

Call to order: Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Minutes of January 11, 2022: Motion by Fried/Schreier to approve the January 11, 2022, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Schreier/Fried to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Closed Session:

Closed Session: Motion made by Schreier/Slette at 9:09am to enter into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Sec. §19.85(1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Topic: Posting a home in Nokomis as uninhabitable and seeking injunction relief.) Roll call vote: All ayes

Return to Open Session: Motion made by Schreier/Slette to return to open session at 9:14am. Chairman Kelly announced a discussion relating to a home in Nokomis as uninhabitable and seeking injunction relief no action was taken.

Non-Tax Levy Staff Requests: Conlon reviewed non-tax levy staff requests for the positions of community health specialist, account technician and sanitarian. Discussion followed.

Resolutions: Conlon reviewed the resolutions for the additional staff positions of community health specialist, account technician and sanitarian. Motion made by Kelly/Schreier to present resolutions to county board as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly Updates:

Communicable Diseases (1/1/22-1/31/22):
McMillion reviewed and discussion followed.

Reporting Dates: 1/1/2022-1/31/2022

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	* indicates vaccine-preventable disease	Closed and Confirmed/Probable	Closed
Tickborne Illness	Lyme Disease (B.Burgdorferi)	6	8
Tickborne Illness	Lyme Lab Report	5	7
Tickborne Illness	Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	0	1
Tickborne Illness	Babesiosis	0	1
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	5	5
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Gonorrhea	0	2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Syphilis Reactor	0	2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Syphilis, Secondary	1	1
Hepatitis	Hepatitis B, Chronic*	2	7
Hepatitis	Hepatitis C	1	1
Gastrointestinal	Salmonellosis	4	4
Gastrointestinal	E. Coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing (STEC)	1	1
Respiratory	Influenza*	3	3

Fungal Infection	Blastomycosis	0	2
Skin and Rash	Varicella (Chicken Pox)*	0	2

Reporting Period: 1/1/2021-1/31/2022

Closed AND Confirmed/Probable

	* indicates vaccine-preventable disease	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3	2021 Q4	2022 Q1
Environmental	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	0	0	0	1	0
Environmental	Metal Poisoning (non-lead)	0	0	0	0	0

Flu: McMillion reviewed flu hospitalizations and stated numbers have not changed from the previous month. McMillion reviewed the flu administration volume provided by the health department, which shows an increase for flu vaccines the health department has given each flu season.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Data / Vaccine: McMillion reviewed COVID-19 data dashboard. Discussion followed.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Schools: Conlon said they continue to meet with schools on a weekly basis. Schools are utilizing the CDC recommendations. Rhinelander and Three Lakes schools districts are providing COVID-19 testing to students, staff and families of students.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Community Testing: Conlon put in a request to have testing extended through the end of February. The testing extension was approved and the National Guard will only be testing on Tuesdays in February. Conlon mentioned the health department is continuing to test one day a week at the department because there was an increased need in the community. Conlon is also looking into the option to have an outside company come into the community to continue to do testing on Tuesdays when the Guard is done and to also add Saturdays.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Funding: Conlon said funding is still available for use.

Outreach/Communication Report (1/8/22-2/4/22):

McMillion shared the outreach report. Discussion followed.

Facebook	139
Press Release	4
Presentation	3

Board of Health	
Interview	4
Health Fair	
School	
Lobby Slides	
Mailings	
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	1
Letter to the Editor	
Total	151

Facebook Reporting (1/8/22-2/4/22):

McMillion shared Facebook report and discussion followed.

<i>Reporting Dates</i>	<i>1/8/22-2/4/22</i>
Posts	139
Total Reach	128,169
Average Reach per Post	922
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	12,199
Average Engagement per post	88
Boosts during timeframe	0
Post with largest reach	1/10/22 Post: COVID Case Update: Reach – 15,458
Post with most engagement	1/10/22 Post: COVID Case Update: Engagement – 686
New Page Followers	29
Total Page Followers	5,239

Tourist Rooming House (TRH) Update: Thome gave an update for the TRH task force. Discussion followed.

Health Hazards: McMillion reviewed health hazards and stated the health department has five active cases at this time. McMillion also mentioned the amount of health hazards has slowed down in the last two years.

Board of Health Members Term Limits: Conlon and McMillion reviewed terms and discussion followed. Kelly asked to have this added to next month's agenda.

Vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers: McMillion discussed the purchase orders and vouchers in detail. There were no line item transfers at this time. Motion by Fried/Schreier to accept the purchase orders and vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting: March 8, 2022; TRH update; Board of Health Term Limits; FDA approval for COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5 years old, update on relief project for garage.

Public comment/communications: None



Committee Chairman or Designee



Committee Secretary

