

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chair Bob Metropulos, Steven Schreier, Jim Winkler, Ryan Zietlow, Ann Ovsak

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dr. Amy Slette

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Marta McMillion, Jessica Opgenorth, Bonnie Fralick, Maria Otterholt, Todd Troskey and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT:

Call to order: Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting posted was in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Minutes of September 3, 2019: Motion by Schreier/Winkler to approve the September 3, 2019, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

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

Public comment/communications: Conlon introduced new staff members Jessica Opgenorth, WIC Support, and Bonnie Fralick, Nursing Intern.

Staff Report: WI WINS – Maria Otterholt:

Otterholt presented a handout and went over the WI WINS program. WI WINS is a statewide program designed to decrease youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) contracts with local partners to conduct random investigations to establish retailer compliance with the law. Locally the Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition (NWTFCC) conducts WI WINS compliance checks in Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Marinette, Oneida, Price and Vilas Counties. Otterholt reported there was a decrease in under age sales in Oneida County this year to only two, meaning 95% of the retailers were compliant.

WINS did do e-cigarette checks in Oneida and Florence counties and vape shop retailers asked youth to leave vape shops right away. Quality Improvement for 2020 will continue to improve WI WINS compliance checks. WINS will educate tobacco retailers on Wisconsin IDs – helping retailers read IDs and ensuring retailers receive educational materials. Otterholt says they are always welcome to do a free training.

Otterholt stated WINS does have minors go in for checks and use their own ids. If asked how old they are, they do tell them their correct age. Otterholt said retailers could either scan or manually enter birthdates. However, there are some ways to override the system. Schreier asked if there was a requirement to have this scanning or entry. Otterholt stated there is no requirement by the state.

Zietlow asked how WINS selects the 16 and 17 year olds for this program. Otterholt stated Oneida County emailed employees and attached the application for minors to apply for the program. McMillion stated WINS recruited with the high school before.

Zietlow asked if there are e-cigarettes with no nicotine, which minors can purchase. Otterholt said there are some e-cigarettes advertising zero nicotine. When doing the checks on e-cigarettes, WINS look for percentages with at least 3% of nicotine. Zietlow asked if a 17 year old could purchase e-cigarettes if the nicotine level is zero and Otterholt said retailers could sell them.

Monthly Updates:

PH Legislative Update:

Conlon discussed T21 Bill (AB 422/SB364). Conlon stated it is a great attempt at trying to do something good. The current problems need addressing with tobacco control and prevention for minors. There are statistics around why the minimum age should change from 18 to 21 on the purchasing of cigarette, tobacco and vaping products. Conlon stated the bill does not include things like a good definition of vapor products that may not cover future modes of electronic smoking devices, only the devices, which could cause future loopholes. Public Health would like to have retailers of e-cigarettes required to purchase retail licenses to sell products annually, and penalizing the retailers for selling to underage youth and checking retailers at least once a year, and removing all penalties from youth. Public Health applauds the legislature for starting it but feel there needs to be some changes before supporting it. It is not easy to change something once it becomes law, which is why Public Health would support changes. Public health best practice is regulating these products (vape shops) in the same way.

Environmental Health Report:

1. Troskey and McKinney are in process of finishing suggestions made from their DATCP self-assessment.
2. Every year environmental health specialists do a presentation at Nicolet Area Technical College on food safety.
3. Troskey stated OCHD reimburses the state with a portion of the license fees.

Water Update:

Conlon reported things are moving along with the PFAS investigation with the DNR. Conlon stated one resident tested their own well for PFAS, which came up negative for PFAS. The DNR is continuing their investigation for PFAS.

Troskey participated in a panel discussion on WPXR discussing PFAS. It was a well-rounded panel consisting of a local water tester, soil scientist, DNR water specialist and Oneida County Environmental Specialist. Troskey said this was a question/answer type of panel and it went well. Schreier also stated the city's response on this issue has been good and everyone has been. There is information on the Oneida County website <http://oneidacountypublichealth.org/services/environmental-health/water-quality/> on

what steps to take if you are worried about your well water. Winkler asked if well seven is still off. Kelly stated the well is still off and they will continue testing it.

Troskey spoke with Hartmann and discussed if they will be doing any additional sampling. At this time, they are waiting for DNR to finish their investigation. Signs are still up at Crescent Spring

Communicable Diseases (9/1/19-9/30/19): Conlon reviewed

Disease	Closed	Closed and Confirmed/Probable
Anaplasmosis, A. phagocytophilum	2	1
Arboviral Illness, West Nile Virus, Unspecified	1	0
Cat Scratch Disease	1	0
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection	4	4
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1
Giardiasis	3	3
Gonorrhea	1	1
Hepatitis B, Acute	1	0
Hepatitis B, Chronic	1	0
Lyme Disease (B.Burgdorferi)	4	4
Non TB Mycobacterial Disease	1	1
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	0
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Group A	1	1
Streptococcal Disease, Invasive Group B	1	0
Streptococcus Pneumonia, Invasive Disease	1	0
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	2	0

Flu:

Conlon gave an update regarding flu. The flu vaccine came in late due to manufacturing delays expected to assure the vaccine more closely covers the circulating strains this season. The first shipment of high dose received at OCHD is almost out. The next shipment is not due to arrive until the first part of November. Due to these issues, OCHD put in calls with other manufacturers for getting the high dose sooner. OCHD submitted an order with a different manufacturer for the new high dose, Flublok, which will be coming in next week. With the new high dose, OCHD will be canceling the last order of 240 high dose vaccines coming in at the end of November. Both types of high dose provide extra strength for those individuals age 65 and older. The current Fluzone high dose contains 4 times the antigen for 3 strains of virus and

Flublok contains 3 times the antigen for 4 strains of virus. Depending on the how the flu season goes, OCHD may choose to use Flublok as the high dose for next season.

Health Hazards (9/4/19 – 10/7/19): McMillion reviewed. There are still 10 open cases.

Hazard Description	New	Existing
Air Quality		
Animals		1
Asbestos		
Dilapidated Structure		
Hazardous Material		
Housing		1
Lead Hazards		
Meth		
Mold	2	4
Noxious Smoke/Fumes		
Occupational Hazard		
Other Environmental Hazard		1 (Fuel Oil)
Other Vector		
Radiation Hazards		
Radon		
Sewage Disposal System		
Sewage		
Solid Waste/Garbage		1
Water Quality		
Subtotal	2	8
New Cases Closed		0
Total Open Cases	2	+ 8
		10
Total Cases from Previous Month		8

Outreach/Communication Report (8/31/19-10/6/19):
 McMillion shared the outreach report.

Facebook	62
Press Release	3
Presentation	2
Board of Health	
Interview	3
Health Fair	
School	
Lobby Slides	

Mailings	2
Phone Outreach	
Newsletter	2
Total	74

Facebook Reporting (8/31/19-10/6/19):
 McMillion shared Facebook report.

Posts	62
Total Reach	8,691
Average Reach per Post	140
Total Engagement (Likes, shares, comments)	375
Average Engagement per post	6
Boosts during timeframe	No
Post with largest reach	Suicide: The Ripple Effect Free Film Screening & Mental Health Resource Fair on 9/16/19, reach 1,229
Post with most engagement	#ThankfulThursday - thanking Dawn Klink for her service with OCHD on 9/5/19; engagement of 68
New Page Likes	2
Total Page Likes	696

Lung Injury:

The CDC has activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate activities and provide assistance to states, public health partners and clinicians. There is 100 CDC people out in the field.

The latest findings show that most patients report a history of using link many products containing THC. It is from a chemical exposure but are unsure what is in the products. The CDC suspects there may be more than one cause and many different substances and product sources are still under investigation. The specific chemical(s) causing lung injuries is unknown. The CDC updates their website (cdc.gov/lunginjury) every Thursday. People are encouraged to seek medical care if they have symptoms. Some of the symptoms are cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain, GI problems, weight loss and fatigue.

As of the last report last week, there are 805 reported in 46 states with 12 deaths reported. Wisconsin has 50-99 cases, which is the second highest amount of cases

with California having the most. The CDC was able to interview 514 people, 76% used THC containing products, 36% exclusively used THC and 16% reported using just nicotine. 69% of the cases reported are male. Kelly asked if some of these are oil based and Conlon responded some of the cases are from oils.

Changes in Cleaning and Maintenance of Health and ADRC Building:

Conlon shared there has been talk with the Building and Grounds committee to eliminate the cleaning and maintenance position in the Health and ADRC building. Conlon recently was told only 10 hours per week would be provided if this position were eliminated. Conlon stated she has concerns about having only 10 hours of time per week provided for cleaning due to all the clinics. The staff in this position currently provides 37.5 hours a week for both cleaning and maintenance. Schreier stated he is very concerned. Schreier does not think they did a study to find out what tasks the current position has been providing and the amount of time it takes to complete them. Schreier stated he has gotten feedback from other organizations who are using this building after hours. It is a huge asset to the community as a meeting space and is concerned about cleanliness and safety issues. Zietler stated there should be a time study for this position. Ovsak stated making a list of what needs to be completed and what the bare minimum standard should be. There was a suggestion to look at a month's schedule to see how many people have come through the building. Conlon stated she would compile a list and look at how many people come through the building.

Vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers: Conlon discussed the employee expense vouchers and other expense vouchers in detail and line item transfers. Motion by Winkler/Ovsak to accept the vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: Scheduled next meeting for November 12, 2019 at 9 am; discuss expansion of committee and memberships; talk about December's meeting to make sure there is a quorum.

Public comment/communications: None



Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary