

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Kelly, Vice Chairperson Billy Fried, Debbie Condado, Mike Roach, Khrystyne Lindgren ✓

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: William Crump, Marcy Davies

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Jen Tienhaara, Jody McKinney, Venette Tess and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathleen Cooper, Eric Rempala, Steven Scheier, Sarah Yang

Call to order: Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 November 15, 2023: Motion by Fried/Condado to approve the November 15, 2023, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Roach/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

Introduction of New Staff: Conlon introduced Jen Tienhaara who is a new public health nurse with prenatal care and maternal child health as her primary programs and asked Tienhaara to share a little bit about herself.

Tienhaara said she has lived in the area since 2006 and talked about her previous work experience.

PFAS Presentation – Sarah Yang: Yang reviewed PFAS presentation addressing PFAS Wisconsin's Drinking Water. Discussion followed.

PFAS Resolution: Conlon reviewed resolution and indicated that she worked with Planning and Development and Land Conservation and Fugle reviewed it.. Motion by Fried/Roach to approve the resolution as presented and send on to the county board. All ayes; motion carried.

Staff Report – Venette Tess:

Wisconsin Well Woman Program: Tess introduced herself as a Wisconsin Well Woman Program Coordinator. Tess reviewed handout. Discussion followed.

Monthly Quarterly Updates:

Health Hazards: Wold reviewed the quarter 3 (July-Sept) health hazard report for 2023.

Flu & COVID: Deede highlighted a few of the surveillance and data systems the health department uses to track disease and vaccination rates in our community. Deede stated the health department has offered 39% of the total COVID vaccines to Oneida County residents. Discussion followed.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters: Conlon reviewed the 2023 budget report and reviewed the invoices paid report. Motion by Kelly/Roach to approve budget and invoices paid reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, January 9 @ 9:00am,

Public comment/communications: Cooper spoke in person and was thankful for all the hard work on the PFAS resolution. Cooper also responded to Supervisor Roach's question about COVID vaccine and hospitalizations indicating there is data about vaccinated individuals and hospitalization rates.

Rempala spoke in person and said we did a good job on the resolution and thanked us for our time. Rempala also mentioned the DNR will share information with the county and the county and board has the right to make an open records request.

Skye spoke via zoom and stated the meeting was very informative.



Committee Chairman or Designee

— ACTING CHAIR —



Committee Secretary