

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE: BOARD OF HEALTH
PLACE: ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT – SECOND FLOOR
100 W KEENAN ST; RHINELANDER, WI
CALL-IN OPTION – 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 832 3474 1189 Password: 361987

**** If you are having difficulties with zoom please call the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111. Zoom is being offered as a convenience for this meeting. If zoom functionality drops, the meeting will continue in-person at the location listed above.**

DATE: TUESDAY, March 11, 2025 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

It is possible that a quorum of county board members will be at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the County Board pursuant to State ex rel Badke v. Greendale Village Board, Wis 2d 553, 494 n.w.2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the County Board will not take any formal actions at this meeting. It is also possible that there may be quorums of other County Board Committees present, although those committees will not take any formal action at this meeting.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ASSUMED TO BE DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Chairperson's announcements.
2. Approve agenda for today's meeting (order of agenda items at Chairperson's discretion).
3. Approve minutes from [February 11, 2025](#), Board of Health Committee Meeting
4. Public comment/communication
5. Bonnie Fralick – 5 Year Service Award
6. Monthly / Quarterly Reports
 - Respiratory Illness
7. Staff Report – Kyla Waksmonski
 - Quality Improvement & Performance Management
8. [Annual Report](#)
9. Reaccreditation Update
10. OMB Un-pause on Federal Grants
11. PFAS
12. Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters
13. Date and agenda items for next meeting
14. Public comment/communication
15. Adjournment

NOTICE OF POSTING

TIME: 4:00 PM DATE: 3/6/2025 PLACE: Courthouse Bulletin Board

Debbie Condado, Chair

Notice posted by Joneil Tess, Committee Secretary. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-6106.

NEWS MEDIA NOTIFIED BY EMAIL	DATE: 3/6/2025	TIME: 4:00 PM
Northwoods River News	Lakeland Times	Star Journal
Tomahawk Leader	WHDG Radio Station	News WJFW Channel 12
WXPR Radio Station	WPEG.net Television Network	

Notice is hereby further given that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Tracy Hartman at (715) 369-6125 with specific information on your request allowing adequate time to respond to your request.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g)
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT**CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.
5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

Prepared by Oneida County Corporation
Counsel Office - 5/16/96

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Debbie Condado, Vice Chair Dan Hess, Lenore Lopez, William Crump (zoom), Marcy Davies, Khrystyne Lindgren (zoom)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Billy Fried

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Breanne Vos, Amber Stone, Melissa Bryner and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Dorothy Skye (zoom), Carlos Condado

Call to order: Chair Condado called the meeting to order at 9:00am 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.

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

Minutes of January 14, 2025: Motion by Lopez/Hess to approve the January 14, 2025, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Breanne Vos – 5 year service award: Conlon introduced Breanne Vos as the WIC Director and also a Public Health Nurse. Conlon mentioned that Breanne started working just before COVID began and quickly became one of our main nurses during the pandemic. Over time, she transitioned into the role of WIC director. Conlon thanked Vos for her dedication and presented her with a 5-year service award.

Introduction of New Intern – Amber Stone: Conlon introduced Amber Stone as a nurse who is currently finishing her BSN. Stone said she currently works at Aspirus in Rhinelander and has two children who keep her busy. Stone said she is expected to complete her BSN by the end of December.

Staff Report – Melissa Bryner:

Immunizations: Bryner introduced herself as the immunization coordinator and presented an overview of her program. Bryner mentioned OCHD participates in the Vaccines for Children Program and Vaccines for Adults Program, offering vaccines at no cost or reduced rates to eligible individuals. In addition, OCHD bills insurances for individuals with health coverage.

Bryner explained in 2024 they have been able to do a lot more offsite and community clinics. Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) vaccinated one in five people in Oneida County with flu vaccines and 2 out of 5 people in Oneida County with COVID vaccine. Conlon mentioned that the people getting the most vaccines are those aged 65 and older. Bryner said the main goal of giving vaccines is to prevent hospitalizations.

Bryner also reviewed the vaccination rates for children 24 months and under, noting that Oneida County is currently about 20% below the state threshold. Wold said that while the rates had been declining in recent years, they have started to improve.. Oneida County has also seen a drop in the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccination rate. Conlon mentioned that the rate was actually higher than expected but still lower than ideal. Wold agreed that the decline in vaccination rates is vaccine-specific. They discussed the possibility of launching a vaccine campaign to educate the community and improve trust. Conlon noted that a lot of work has already been done to answer parents' questions and provide them with resources to make informed decisions. When there is an outbreak, vaccination rates tend to increase, but they are concerned if the decline in rates continues, there will be an increase in outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases. Bryner mentioned that there have been 40 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in Oneida County, which is above normal

Bryner reviewed pneumonia, RSV, and shingles vaccines provided by OCHD and the percent of residents who qualify which are vaccinated. Bryner mentioned the RSV vaccine is a newer vaccine and OCHD has seen a substantial increase in residents coming in to get the vaccine, partly because OCHD can now bill their insurance for the service. Bryner continued to mention there was a new Pneumonia vaccine and the qualifications for the vaccine age were lowered in October of 2024.

Conlon mentioned that OCHD has been doing home visits and car vaccines and will continue offering these services to help increase access for those individuals that have difficulty coming to our clinics.

Monthly / Quarterly Reports:

Communicable Disease: Wold reviewed the 2024 Communicable Disease & Outbreak reports, which provide a snapshot of current disease trends but do not encompass all diseases. Wold mentioned tick-borne diseases, particularly Lyme disease, remains the most commonly seen in the area, though there has been a notable increase in other tick related diseases in recent years. While Lyme disease was once the primary concern, more cases of other conditions are now emerging. Wold reviewed percent of hospitalizations for RSV for 2024. Wold also reviewed

trends in sexually transmitted infections, noting a higher prevalence of chlamydia in females compared to males. Outbreaks of respiratory and enteric diseases, including those linked to camps, have also been a concern. Schools were particularly affected by pertussis outbreaks in 2024, even though no outbreaks of pertussis had been observed the 4 years previously.

Respiratory Illness:

Conlon reviewed the "Your Local Epidemiologist" report and mentioned that there has been a lot of influenza-like illness (ILI) in the schools. Conlon stated they use syndromic surveillance to track illness in schools. Conlon explained that one school had to close due to a lack of staff and students. Additionally, there has been a lot of gastrointestinal (GI) illness, with the. Conlon explained that this flu season has been particularly rough because the viruses change every year, fewer kids are getting the flu vaccine, and the match between the flu strain and the vaccine is not perfect. The flu vaccine is developed months ahead of time, so it is challenging to predict which viruses will be circulating.

Conlon also mentioned that H5N1, a type of avian flu, continues to spread, though there have been no new human cases at this time. Wold added that there have been human cases in the past, but it hasn't spread from human to human yet—it is still only transmitted from animals to humans. They reminded everyone not to touch wild birds.

Conlon also mentioned there have been outbreaks of measles in the United States, and TB (tuberculosis) is starting to show up more. TB is making a comeback, and they are seeing more cases locally. Conlon said OCHD have updated the TB protocols in order to effectively and efficiently investigate active TB cases. The steep increase in TB cases is concerning.

OMB Un-pause on Federal Grants: Conlon shared that she does not have much of an update, but emphasized that about 75% of OCHD's funding is through grants, which is very concerning. WIC and RH have had calls from clients, worried about their benefits, and this remains a major concern. Discussion followed.

PFAS: Conlon mentioned there is no update on the UW grant which the BOH supplied a letter of support for at this time. Conlon mentioned Governor Evers has released a budget that includes the creation of grant programs, specifically for PFAS. There is hope that these funds will address some of the needs in this area for the 2025-2027 executive budget. Crump noted that he doesn't believe the money was released last year, though it is set aside for future use. There are also no new updates regarding Stella. A new

standard for PFAS and other compounds has been developed by the Department of Health Services (DHS), and these standards have been forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which will make the final recommendations after going through the rule making process.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:

Conlon reviewed the end of 2024 budget report and mentioned they are still waiting from the state and for some more revenue to come in. Conlon review the 2025 budget and the invoices paid report. Conlon had no concerns on the revenue coming in and overall budget. Condado notes presentation of the budget report and invoices paid report.

Date and Agenda items for next meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 9am;

Public comment/communications: Skye was curious about the source of the salmonella and E. coli cases. Wold explained that it is very difficult to pinpoint the source because there's such a long food history to track. They were not able to identify the source and sent the information to the state to check if there were any similar cases. Conlon added that the state is looking into whether the cases might be linked to any product recalls.

Committee Chair or Designee

Joneil Tess

Committee Secretary



P: (715) 369-6111
F: (715) 369-6112
ochd@oneidacountywi.gov
OneidaCountyPublicHealth.org

Board of Health Notes:

100 W. Keenan Street | Rhinelander, WI 54501 • Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

*Embracing change, partnerships, and best practices
to lead Oneida County to a healthy and equitable future.*