

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 14, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Billy Fried, Debbie Condado, Lenore Lopez, Dan Hess, William Crump, Khrystyne Lindgren

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marcy Davies

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Rempala, Kathleen Cooper

Call to order: Chairman Condado 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 was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Minutes of April 9, 2024: Motion by Fried/Crump to approve the April 9, 2024, Board of Health Committee minutes. 4 ayes; 2 abstain; motion carried.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Fried/Hess 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:

Rempala emphasized the necessity of making PFAS as a recurring agenda item going forward for future discussions. Rempala was appreciative for Conlon organizing and finding a location for the Town of Stella residents PFAS meeting. Rempala said the meeting was very instructional, but there was a lot left unanswered. Rempala stated there remains concerns because the responses DHS gave seemed more standardized rather than tailored to areas like Stella or Oneida County, where PFAS contamination is severe.

Cooper agreed with Rempala about making PFAS a monthly agenda item. Cooper said there needs to be secured funding to be able test individuals for PFAS.

Welcome New Committee Members: Condado welcomed the new committee members Lenore Lopez & Dan Hess.

Election of Vice-Chair: Motion by Fried/Crump to appoint Dan Hess as Vice Chair of the Board of Health Committee. All ayes; motion carried.

Board of Health Orientation: Conlon reviewed the Oneida County Board of Health Orientation PowerPoint presentation. Conlon said she is always happy to meet with any of the Board of Health members if they have any questions.

Staff Report – Robert Deede:

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP): Deede reviewed the PHEP program, which stemmed from the September 11 terrorist attacks. Where we have learned that healthcare professionals, public health and emergency professionals need to be ready in our country for any type of disaster. Each year we are in a cooperative agreement that comes down from the CDC, which DHS processes. OCHD reports directly to OPEHC (Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care). Each year OPEHC outlines annual deliverables to PHEP, highlighting focus areas. 2023-2024 focuses are Information Sharing and Mass Care. Deede shared some of the projects, initiatives, and plans OCHD has recently been working on, such as CPR and First Aid Anywhere training. Deede also shared he is also working on a project involving youth engagement in preparedness through educational materials like coloring books. Deede summarized key findings from the NACCHO Preparedness Summit and forecasted how the OCHD PHEP program plans to implement this into its plan over the next year.

Monthly Quarterly Updates:

Communicable Disease: Wold reviewed quarter 1 communicable disease handout.

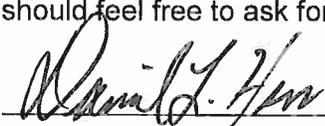
Public Health Vehicle: Ford Fusion: Conlon stated the Fusion needs replacement. The county mechanic has been telling us for the last year and there are now some significant concerns especially as we do not want it breaking down in the middle of nowhere in the county. Conlon stated the health department has a fund specifically designated for vehicle purchases. Discussion followed. The Board of Health asked Conlon to conduct a cost analysis for leasing versus purchasing a new vehicle to bring back to the next meeting

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters: Conlon reviewed the 2024 board report 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, June 11, 2024 at 9am; Board of Health Orientation; PFAS, Fusion

Public comment/communications: Cooper followed up more about her previous comments regarding PFAS testing for individuals.

Rempala proposed reviewing what other counties like Marinette County, which has extensive experience dealing with PFAS, are doing. Rempala also mentioned that if there is anything Oneida County Clean Waters Association can do to assist, such as posting information on their website, we should feel free to ask for their help.



Committee Chair or Designee



Committee Secretary