



**Racine County Public Health Division**  
**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2022**  
**10005 Northwestern Avenue, Franksville WI**

**Member Attendees:** Tom Kramer, Jeff Langlieb, Scott Maier, John Monsen, Fran Petrick, Vikki Prochaska, Susan Stroupe  
**Guests:** Keith Hendricks  
**Excused:** Sherry Gruhn, Donald Trottier  
**Absent:** Dr. Mark DeCheck  
**Recorded By:** Teresa Love

<b>Agenda</b>	
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 5:37 by Jeff Langlieb. This is the Inaugural Racine County Public Health Division Board of Health Organizing Meeting. Roll Call taken.
<b>II. Official Oath</b>	Official Oath taken as a group. Signatures will be gathered later.
<b>III. Introduction and Approval of Board of Health By-Laws</b>	The BOH By-Laws were approved by the County Board March 8, 2022. By-laws included in meeting packet. The BOH By-Laws were approved on a motion by Fran Petrick, second by Susan Stroupe and a voice approval by all present.
<b>IV. Election of Board of Health Chairperson</b>	Fran Petrick was approved as the BOH Chairperson on a motion to approve by Jeff Langlieb, second by John Monsen and a voice approval by all present. Congratulations to Fran Petrick and she took over the meeting at this point.
<b>V. Election of Board of Health Vice Chairperson</b>	Fran explained the duties of the Vice Chairperson and asked if there were any nominations. On a motion to nominate by John Monsen, second by Scott Maier and a voice approval by all present, motion was carried to elect Vicki Prochaska as BOH Vice Chairperson.
<b>VI. Public Comment</b>	None.
<b>VII. Review and Approval of 2021 Annual Report</b>	Jeff Langlieb asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Accepted by everyone.
<b>VIII. Health Officer Report</b> <b>A. COVID-19 Update</b>	<p>Right now, most of the state of Wisconsin is considered in the low-risk category for CDC's new measure on ranking counties. Prior to a few weeks ago, mask wearing, social distancing and in-person gatherings was solely based on community transmission rates. Moving forward, data will include hospitalization data and community transmission rates. CDC updates metrics weekly every Thursday.</p> <p>Vaccination rates for Racine County Public Health jurisdiction is 61% with 2 doses of vaccines.</p>



	<p>Chairperson Petrick asked Jeff to speak on the variant of Omicron, BA.2. It's starting to emerge on the east coast and has gone through Europe. More contagious than the previous variant. There are concerns in places where the vaccination rate is low. A request to the FDA to approve a 4<sup>th</sup> dose of COVID vaccine for elderly is pending. Data will be watched closely and recommendations made as needed.</p>
<p><b>B. BOH Higher Level Goals</b></p>	<p>Broad goals for the rest of 2022 are to continue integration into Racine County. Three heavy lifts before the end of the year are to conduct statutorily required Community Health Assessment (CHA), development of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and complete a Strategic Plan. Three public health strategists will work together with the Epidemiologists and management team to put forth a new CHA which will be brought to the Boards review followed by a CHIP which will need the Boards input as they develop, choose and select the health priorities that will be worked on for the next 4-5 years. The completion of the Strategic Plan will need the BOH's involvement in setting direction. Jeff asked for any questions/input from the Board for additional things they would like worked on or looked into. Chairperson Petrick asked if the Community Assessment and Strategic Plan are co-partners? Also, the Strategic Plan is typically looked at as where do we go from here and how many years? Jeff advised the previous Strategic Plan was a 5-year plan and they are looking at the same. Open to the idea for a shorter period. Jeff stated the Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plan are linked. The CHA is completed first and data is brought to the Community and BOH to use in development of the CHIP.</p>
<p><b>C. Office Relocation</b></p>	<p>New lease is signed. Starting in July, BOH meetings will be in the new location. New location is in the same building housed by DMV in Sturtevant. The move is on track, construction is on schedule, move of all IT equipment is on track to be moved on time and employees moved out of current space on time. Thanks to Keith Hendricks, Environmental Health Manager/Deputy Health Officer for handling and coordinating a lot of the move.</p>
<p><b>V. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m., on a motion by Chairperson Petrick and a second by Tom Kramer.</p>