



Racine County Public Health Division
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2022
VIRTUAL WITH CALL IN OPTION

Member Attendees: Dr. DeCheck, Sherry Gruhn, Tom Kramer, Jeff Langlieb, Scott Maier, John Monsen, Frances Petrick, Vikki Prochaska, Susan Stroupe, Donald Trottier

Guests: Keith Hendricks, Tamera, Jason Fox (nursing student from Alverno College)

Recorded By: Teresa Love

Agenda	
I. Call to Order	The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairperson, Fran Petrick. Silent Roll Call taken.
II. Public Comments	None.
III. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2022	On a motion by Supv. Scott Maier and 2 nd by Sherry Gruhn, the minutes from March 17, 2022, were approved. All in favor AYE, none opposed. Motion carried.
IV. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Discussion and Approval of 2021 Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. This will be the final Annual Report for the Central Racine County Health Department. Next year will be Racine County Public Health Division's first Annual Report. ii. Report was organized by Essential Public Health Service, with COVID19 pulled out as its own section. iii. Major accomplishments in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) COVID19 vaccine clinic administered over 11,000 shots to Racine County residents 2) Continued COVID 19 response activities; contact tracing; working with schools, businesses 3) Restarting pre-COVID programming, including additional Environmental Health work, home visiting programs, remainder of the reportable diseases and lead cases 4) Transitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Margaret Gesner retired as Health Officer b. Latter half of the year was spent preparing to become Racine County Public Health Division iv. If this report is approved by BOH tonight, we will forward it to DHS for their acceptance. The report is due 5/1/2022 so we are in compliance.

There were no questions from the Board and Chairperson Petrick entertained a motion for approval. Donald Trottier motioned to approve the 2021 Annual Report for the RCPH Division, Susan Stroupe 2nd, all in favor AYE, none Opposed, motion carried.

- B. Discussion of RCPH Predominant Programs and Policy (Summary of Predominant Programs and performance measures to be looked at to be in compliance with PH accreditation and to keep tabs on the work being done.
- i. Most of these measures are the same as in previous years.
 - ii. Some of these will change once a new CHIP and Strategic Plan are completed.
 - iii. The document outlines which current Strategic Priority and Essential Health Service the program relates to. The document will be shared as the year goes on. Sherry Gruhn motioned to accept the RCPH Predominant Programs Policy, Vikki Prochaska 2nd, all in favor AYE, none Opposed, motion carried.
- C. Q1 Communicable Disease update
- i. COVID19 dominated the reportable illnesses for the 1st quarter.
 - ii. We received almost as many reports in January/February as the entire year of 2021.
 - iii. This was driven by Omicron surge. In 2021 12,125 reportable diseases, this year already 8,653 (most covid) in a non-pandemic year, usually 300-400 communicable diseases per year.
 - iv. Slightly more enteric diseases for the 1st quarter and being monitored. Unusual for 1st quarter.
- D. Q3 Environmental Health Inspections update
- i. EH is ahead of where they were last year, but still not 100% back to pre-COVID numbers, primarily due to staff training.
 - ii. On track to meet contractual obligations with DATCP.
 - iii. Getting back on track to have 2nd routine inspections for higher risk establishments-typically in 3rd and 4th quarter of contract year.

Question by Chairperson Fran Petrick because inspections weren't being conducted as normal due to COVID workload, were there deteriorations in the conditions of what was inspected? Keith Hendricks responded that they haven't done any analysis of number of violations pre-pandemic compared to post-pandemic. Anecdotally they have seen an increase in violations and lack of attention to details at some of the recreational swimming facilities. Retail food side and lodging, not terribly different than prior to the pandemic.

- E. RCPH Overdose Fatality Review Grant Update
- i. They received annually a small grant to do overdose fatality review teams where they bring together multidisciplinary teams EMS, Medical Examiner, BHS providers and tried to get to root

	<p>causes with an eye on prevention. With Covid there was underspent money statewide on this grant, so some money has been redistributed back to the grantees. With the extra \$10,000 received Naloxboxes (a box that can be mounted in public areas or business restrooms that includes Narcan). This initiative BHS was already doing and could use more help. These funds will be used to purchase more Naloxboxes. This is an example of interdivision collaboration that can occur much easier with being part of Racine County.</p>
<p>V. Health Officer Report</p>	<p>A. COVID-19 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We continue to promote COVID-19 vaccination efforts through the DHS AMI clinic at Regency Mall and other sites. Their lease extended through the end of the year. ii. Still awaiting approval for children<5, AMI has stated they are ready to vaccinate that population when the vaccine is approved. iii. 4th dose approved (otherwise known as the 2nd booster). Supervisor Trottier asked is funding neutral and all costs covered? RCPH Dept. has received several different funding streams and they are covered. <p>B. Office Relocation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 7/1 is the move date into new space at 9531 Rayne Rd. Furniture order finalized but was notified of a potential manufacturing delay on it. A one-month extension on the current space has been granted. ii. Racine County, Purchasing and Fiscal have been helpful in this process. <p>C. Administrative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We will begin 2023 budget discussions with HSD Fiscal in the coming months as budget season gets underway. ii. Personnel: Several open positions when the move to Racine County took place. There were some Internal transfers. Human Resources has been a big help in filling these open positions. Home visiting programs will be fully staffed as of 5/16. As of 5/9 both new public health nurse positions will be fully staffed. iii. Continue to prepare staff for the move. iv. We will be submitting the 2nd part of the annual report to the PHAB in the couple weeks and will keep us in good standing as an Accredited LHD for the next year.
<p>VI. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chairperson Fran Petrick asked for motion to adjourn. Supervisor Trottier motioned to adjourn, Sherry Gruhn 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.</p>