

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, March 11, 2024
Ives Grove Office Complex - Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Eric Hopkins, Renee Kelly, Scott Maier, Robert Miller, Q.A. Shakoor II,
Jody Spencer

HSB Present: Brenda Danculovich, Scott Maier, Q.A. Shakoor II

YIG Present: Will Casterton

Staff Present: Melvin Hargrove, Jeff Langlieb

Others Present: Linda Boyle, Racine Interfaith Coalition
Carlos Frick, NAMI Racine County
John Willing
Susan Willing, Racine Interfaith Coalition

Excused: Jamillah Jallow, Rae McWhorter, Don Trottier, Olga White, Rhonda Zuck

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Casterton read the YIG statement.

Chairman Miller announced this was Will's last meeting. The Chairman thanked him for his participation and wished him good luck as he prepares for his college career.

Public Comments

Chairman welcomed all who were in attendance. RIC members were present for the lead follow-up.

Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2024 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

Sup. Maier motioned for the Health and Human Development Committee and the Human Services Board to approve the minutes as presented. Sup. Spencer seconded for the committee. Sup. Shakoor seconded for the board.

YIG: Mr. Casterton – Aye

Motion carried.

Lead Testing and Abatement Follow-up to February 12, 2024 Public Comments

Health Officer Langlieb presented the County's response to lead poisoning prevention from the Public Health Department's perspective.

Health Officer Langlieb stressed there is no safe level of lead for anyone. The Department of Health Services' new universal recommendation for children's lead testing is at ages one year, two years, and ages three to five years if not tested previously. Health Officer Langlieb presented the Lead Poisoning Prevention PowerPoint.

Health Officer Langlieb met with Women Infants & Children (WIC) this morning and they may start lead testing again. WIC is run by Health and Nutrition Service of Racine, Inc, a non-profit.

The HUD Lead Grant administered by Kenosha County Division of Health covers both Racine County and Kenosha County. A Live Lead Safe leaflet was distributed.

A RIC member referenced the City of Racine spending a lot of money to remediate lead in pipes. He asked if the focus should be on paint, is too much money being spent in one area and not enough in the other? Health Officer Langlieb reported, based on his experience, the source of lead poisoning for children requiring public health follow up has been paint.

The Racine Public Health Division has a Lead and Water Grant to test water in day care centers. There have been some elevations of lead in the water and are usually due to fixtures. The City of Racine Wastewater Treatment system treats drinking water with a safe for drinking chemical that coats pipes to protect the lead from leaching out into the water. Water is collected throughout the community to make sure there is no lead in the water and that the substance is still present and, in enough quantity, to prevent lead poisoning. Although most lead poisoning is caused by lead paint, replacing lead laterals is the only way to fully eliminate the possibility of lead poisoning from water.

Ms. Danculovich inquired about pediatricians' meeting the new testing recommendations. Health Officer Langlieb will report back in a few months the data of pediatricians' compliance to the new testing recommendations.

RIC members expressed their concern about targeting children not tested during COVID who are outside of one to three years of age. Their goal is to partner with someone to catch up and they've struggled to find a partner. That has now been compounded with children who do not see a pediatrician on a regular basis, that is the group RIC is concerned about. Chairman Miller indicated this may be an opportunity to collaborate with WIC. Health Officer Langlieb did talk with WIC about that this morning.

Sup. Spencer invited anyone who would like to tour the City of Racine Water Department to contact her, she'll coordinate with the department.

A RIC member indicated children's symptoms are seen in school with behavioral problems, attention problems, sometimes not being able to read because of dyslexia, and autism many times are from lead poisoning that was not detected.

Chairman Miller thanked RIC for prompting this discussion and giving members a lot more information on the topic. Sup. Shakoor thanked Racine Interfaith Coalition for always being there and always being concerned about the community and the county. He expressed his appreciation for them being such an advocate for things that help the quality of life in Racine County.

Opioid and Overdose Update

Health Officer Langlieb reported there have been no spike alerts in 2024, to date.

Sup. Maier inquired about the Narcan vending machine. Public Health employees were trained on Friday. The tentative delivery date of the machine is sometime in the next two weeks. The board will be informed when it is installed.

Sup. Kelly informed members that she also requested this same item topic from the City. The Committee of the Whole will meet Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. She'll share those findings with this group. Chairman Miller asked her to also share any literature she receives.

HSD Capital Construction Update

Health Officer Langlieb provided a YDCC structural update. There is currently an RFI out for areas C & D.

Behavioral Health is currently working with architect Ramlow Stein on space planning and layout for the residential substance use treatment area and the SAIL Program. There are benchmarking tours scheduled for April 15-17 to look at other facilities to get ideas on layout, programming, operations and then share with architects to move forward on planning. Plans will be taken to Division of Quality Assurance first. Zoning still needs to be done by the City of Racine. The County needs to submit documentation to the City so they can finalize that plan and take it to Zoning. Health Officer Langlieb will follow up with Director Otto.

Correspondence and Other Business

Health Officer Langlieb provided follow-up from the last meeting and the inquiry about outreach of fentanyl strips and NaloxBoxes. He spoke with Jelena Jones, and she confirmed that all but one elementary school in the County has NaloxBoxes installed. That last elementary school just flipped from a no to a yes, so there will be NaloxBoxes in every school in the County. Health Officer Langlieb believes that is only public schools. Chairman Miller asked that all schools be contacted. Health Officer Langlieb will confirm and report back.

Health Officer Langlieb provided a follow-up to the Talent Pipeline resolution. At this time, it may not be needed. Racine County is working with SEWI Workforce Board and there is uncertainty if that is the best mechanism currently. Director Otto will report back.

Health Officer Langlieb provided a follow-up to the previous inquiry of the breakdown of the Opioid Settlement dollars, state versus municipal. Director Otto confirmed that 70% of the settlement funds are going to municipalities, those who signed the agreement, and 30% is going to the State.

Next Meeting Date

The next Joint Meeting of the Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, at Ives Grove Office Complex.

Adjournment

Sup. Maier motioned for the Health and Human Development Committee and the Human Services Board to adjourn. Sup. Shakoor II seconded for the committee and the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Action

- Send the Lead Poisoning Prevention March 11, 2024 PowerPoint to members.
- Health Officer Langlieb report back data of pediatricians' compliance to the new lead testing recommendations.
- Health Officer Langlieb inform the board when the Narcan vending machine is installed at Rayne Road.
- Health Officer Langlieb follow-up with Director Otto on City of Racine Zoning needs for Behavioral Health building.
- Health Officer Langlieb confirm all schools in the county have been contacted and NaloxBoxes are installed.
- Director Otto report back the status of Talent Pipeline resolution.

Distributions

- Live Lead Safe Leaflet

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel