



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Board of Health
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 5:00 PM
Health & Human Services Building – Community Room
303 West Chapel Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

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- 1 **Meeting was called to order** by Chairperson Linda Pittz at 5:00 PM
- 2 **Roll Call** was taken. Committee members present (either via videoconference/teleconference or in person at H&HS Building): Linda Pittz, Tom Howard, Bruce Haag, Sue Steudel, Jeremy Meek, and Joan Davis. Judy Lindholm was excused. Others Present: Iowa County Health Department Director Debbie Siegenthaler, Medical Advisor Dr. Peter Mullin, Corporation Counsel Dave Morzenti, Iowa County Board member Mel Masters, and Iowa County Administrator Larry Bierke.
- 3 **Approve the agenda for this Wednesday, October 13, 2021 meeting.** Haag moved to approve the agenda. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4 **Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting.** Haag moved to approve the minutes. Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 5 **Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the board. No action will be taken.** No reports or from committee members or addresses from members of the audience were offered.
- 6 **Program Updates:** Covid-19 Update: Director Siegenthaler reported that Iowa County had had 2550 Covid-19 cases thus far and that cases were down a little bit this week and last week over the previous week. The Website features a weekly snapshot, including vaccination totals. The Health Department continues updating the dashboard each Friday, keeping up with various metrics such as profiling vaccination progress. She reported that Iowa County had 9 positives this week. All of the media releases from the Health Department can be found on the website. The Health Department continues to conduct testing at the H&HS building from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are plans to utilize space at Land's End (a separate, smaller space than where previous vaccination clinics were held) to conduct booster clinics and the first of these is October 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Boosters (currently Pfizer is the only booster approved) are given to qualifying persons (over 65 or immunocompromised). She noted that no information has been received yet regarding booster availability for other vaccines. The current plan is to hold booster clinics on every/every other Thursday, depending on demand. Next on the horizon is vaccination for youths 5 to 11 years old and the plan is to go directly to the schools for this. Davis suggested adding adolescents' vaccination data to the weekly update of vaccination totals and percentages. Masters asked if Upland Hills hospital had ventilators on hand and Dr. Mullin said yes.
Capacity/Staff: Director Siegenthaler reported that a local person from Mineral Point (Carly Tibbets) was hired to replace retired Health Department nurse Kari Bennett. The Health Department currently employs six to eight LTEs. The Public Health Nurse position (McDonald is in that role currently) has been extended from Oct 1 2021 to Dec 31 2022. The Health Department has a fourth year UW-Madison School of Nursing student on board as well.
Budget: Director Siegenthaler distributed the 2022 Iowa County Public Health Department Budget. Expenditures total of \$279,497, an increase over the 2021's expenditures of \$276,964 which represents an increase over the 2021 levy of \$2,533. She also reported that a CDC Covid vaccine related audit was held in August and that in September the state conducted a vaccine for children audit. Iowa County successfully passed both audits. A 140 review regarding the Health Department's statutory responsibilities and administrative rule requirements will be held in November. The last such state audit was done in 2016 and this audit is now due again in 2021. Because of Covid issues, an abbreviated review was requested to be held on November 2 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM which was approved.

7	Resolution to commend and support the Iowa County Health Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Director Siegenthaler distributed a county resolution which commends and supports the Health Department's actions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. She cited a Johns Hopkins School of Public Health analysis of how US counties had responded during the first six months of the pandemic. Iowa county ranked in the top 25 of over 3,000 US counties surveyed which supports the need to recognize the challenges and successes our Health Department has met in responding to the Covid issue. Davis moved to approve this resolution to commend and support the Iowa County Health Department's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Haag seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
8	Strategic Plan- review and approve: Director Siegenthaler distributed a report itemizing the activities completed from 2018 through 2021 relative to the four goals/categories of the strategic plan. Many of the activities are related to the Pandemic in 2020-2021. She noted that the educator position was funded largely with covid-related funds and would be renewed and continues from Oct 1, 2021 through Dec 31, 2022. She further highlighted the Department's activity on Facebook and with web site development. From mid 2020 to the current time, Facebook followers have increased in numbers from 150 to 2500. Howard made a motion to approve the strategic plan progress report. Haag seconded the motion. Motion approved.
9	Monthly Report – (communicative diseases, animal bites, etc): Director Siegenthaler distributed copies of the September 2021 bills and the regular monthly Health Department report. She also included for the Board members' information copies of correspondence sent to county school districts on Covid-19 Risk Mitigation Protocols for the current year and a follow-up sent to the school districts by County Administrator Larry Bierke.
10	Next meeting date: The next meeting of the Iowa County Board of Health is tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2022. Any change to this date will be communicated to board members by Siegenthaler.
11	Adjournment: A motion was made by Haag and seconded by meek to adjourn. Motion was approved and thee meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tom Howard, Iowa County Board of Health secretary