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	AGENDA Board of Health Wednesday, February 17, 2021 - 5:00 PM Health & Human Services Building – Room 2001 Join via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84879677696?pwd=ZUJKUmR3K0FPZGEvTGIRMT1pDTUQ0QT09 Meeting ID: 848 7967 7696 Passcode: 098852 Dial in: 1-312-626-6799 303 West Chapel Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
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<i>Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.</i>		
1	Call to order and welcome	
2	Roll Call and Introductions Welcome New Board of Health Member: Jeremy Meeks	
3	Approve the agenda for this meeting	
4	Approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2020 prior meeting	
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.	
6	Recognition and Appreciation of Bruce Paull’s service to the Board of Health and HeART Program	
7	Election of Vice Chair	
8	<u>Program Updates</u> HeART Program COVID19 Influenza Staffing and Capacity Updates	
9	Monthly Report (visits, communicable diseases, animal bites, etc.)	
10	Next meeting date	
11	Adjournment	
Posting Verified by: Debbie Siegenthaler, Health Officer/Linda Pittz, Chair Date: <u>2.10.2021</u> Initials: <u>DS</u>		

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Board of Health
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 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 5:02 PM
- 2 **Roll Call** was taken. Committee members present (either via videoconference/teleconference means): Linda Pittz, Tom Howard, Bruce Haag, Judy Lindholm, Bruce Paull, Sue Steudel, Joan Davis. Others Present: Iowa County Executive Director Larry Bierke, Iowa County Health Department Director Debbie Siegenthaler, Iowa County Board Chairman John Meyer, Medical Advisor Dr. Peter Mullin, Carmen Carpenter, Kari Bennett, Sue Matye, Ann Thompson, Kelly Deterding, Geana Shemak, Carly Tibbits, Kaylee Litchfield, Kaci Greenwood and Pat Rielly
- 3 **Approve the agenda for this November 18, 2020 meeting.** Lindholm moved to approve the agenda. Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4 **Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting.** Howard moved to approve the minutes. Paul 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.** Chairperson Pittz stated that she and other members of her family had contracted Covid-19 and she was very impressed with the communications and treatment given her by Ann Thompson of the Iowa County Health Department and commended the Health Department for their actions during the pandemic.
- 6 **Program Updates Health Department Team:** Health Department Director Siegenthaler introduced those members of the Iowa County Health Department Team that were in attendance at this meeting, including Sue Matye (past director; retired March 20th of this year, has returned to help support the Health Department), Kari Bennett (been with the 30 + years, went to school nursing and came back, has never seen anything like covid), Carmen Carpenter (previously ER and ICU nurse, husband a pharmacist at the Hospital, Carpenter started here in Sept in one of two of the PHN Project positions), Carly Tibbits (began as an LTE public health nurse in September, graduated in May, roles include contact tracing, covid testing, and assisting with vaccinations), Ann Thompson (26 years with public health, also commented on the monumental challenge of covid, mentors student nurses from UW, helps coordinate drive-in flu clinic for our schools, other covid-related work), Kaylee Litchfield (started as a PHN project position in September, worked a lot of covid tracing, assisted with testing sites, two years into her path to becoming a nurse), Geana Shemak (originally hired in July 2019 to work as part-time coordinator of HeART program, responsible for facebook messaging, upkeep of dashboard, and other duties where needed. Kelly Deterding (LTE PHN with a school nurse background, assists with contact tracing and school issues).

As a group, Health Department Team members recognized the heavy workload associated with COVID-19 work, the long uncompensated additional hours Team Members were working on was brought up as a significant concern. Is especially a concern going into the Holidays. As the number of cases have increased, the difficulty with contract tracing issue compliance and/or response from some community members has become very challenging. The support received from the Health Department Director, Sue and the rest of the team members is a positive aspect of their work, and their acknowledgement of the positive impact of the ICEM structure.

Paull stated that he did like the intern program and had met the current intern on her first day of work. (Daisy was a UW School of Nursing student with the HD 8 weeks this fall semester).

Pittz stated that the Health Committee had no direct part in the compensation issues (workload/overtime) and asked that County Executive Director Bierke work directly with Health Department Director Siegenthaler on this issue.

Bierke commented that this issue would be taken to the General Government Committee for discussion. He also commented that standards could be lowered (for example with rigorous contact tracing) in order to lessen the time worked over 40 hours.

COVID-19 Response: Health Department Siegenthaler presented an overview on the Covid-19 response: There have been (Iowa County) 1,060 cases, 781 have recovered, and there have been 4 deaths. Cases are up 45 from Tuesday (in the past day). Past intensive contact tracing efforts have been modified in that contact tracers now ask the case to reach out to close contacts and inform them that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and to take appropriate measures recommended by the Health Department. She stated that the Health Department does offer more support for vulnerable populations (long term care facilities, schools, etc) and is leaning more heavily on these stakeholders and partners to help manage cases. A somewhat modified approach is followed on weekends as it is proving not feasible to continue the intensive level of contact tracing efforts followed up until now. She further stated that, epidemiologically, it is imperative to keep up our website and dashboard. Director Siegenthaler then explained the status on key indicators as these assist in informing recommendations made to stakeholders such as schools as well as the community. The county, on average, performs 181 tests/day. Director Siegenthaler then reviewed the Iowa County COVID-19 dashboard and Iowa County school guidance indicator dashboards, with explanations of key indicators. She stated that in conversations with others in public health, statewide leaning is considering shifting broad strategies for example from rigorous containment to harm reduction. Director Siegenthaler said there are currently two vaccines announced, and they are as high as 95% effective (which she felt was extraordinary). One vaccine requires ultra cold storage. There will be a tiered approach to distribution of the vaccine (healthcare workers first, then those at highest risk/vulnerability—although the details of the priority groups is not yet published). She added that a mid-January extension of the mask mandate was signed today by Governor Evers, that the Health Department has been meeting with County Schools on a weekly basis since April. Overall, school administrators are receptive to our efforts and recommendations but they are in a tough position as well, in balancing public safety with public desires.

Influenza: The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is tracking influenza-like illness along with tracking of case activity and percent positivity. Dr. Mullin stated that the Health community is encouraging people to get vaccinated for seasonal influenza. He stated that the Southern Hemisphere had had low influenza rates during the recently ended flu season there.

7 **Monthly Report.** Director Siegenthaler had previously provided committee members with copies of the 2020 Monthly Contact report and the October 2020 bills.

8 **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting of the Iowa County Board of Health is tentatively scheduled for February 17th at 5:00 PM. Members will be notified by Director Siegenthaler if there is any change to this schedule.

9 **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Howard and seconded by Lindholm. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM

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

**Health Department
January 2021 Bills**

Name	Item	Grant	Amount
Dodgeville Chronicle	Printing/Laminating	Covid-19	112.00
Dodgeville Chronicle	Ads for positions	Covid-19	164.99
HSS, Inc.	Covid-19 PIO training	SCWIHERC	2,750.00
Inkwell Printers	Signs/lamination	Covid-19	267.00
Ivey's Pharmacy	Epipens	Covid-19	294.99
McKesson Medical	Medical supplies for clinics	Covid-19	339.12
Office Depot	Office supplies for clinics	Covid-19	57.91
Shopmedvet.com	Sharps containers, bandaids	Covid-19	303.96
SignUpGenius.com	Annual fee	Covid-19	381.86
William D. Tyler	WISCOM SME contractor	SCWIHERC	500.00
Upland Hills Health	Ads for positions	Covid-19	90.00
WI Dept. of Justice	Ads for positions	Covid-19	238.00
Woodward Community Media	Ads for positions	Covid-19	157.45
		Total:	\$5,657.28

Covid-19: \$3,407.28

SCWIHERC: \$2,250.00

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2021 HD Monthly Report

				Domestic			
	Comm	Covid-19	Covid-19	Animal Bites	Vac	Not Vac	Wild
	Dis Misc	Cases	Vaccinations				Animal
January	32	829	750	3		3	1614
February							0
March							0
April							0
May							0
June							0
July							0
August							0
September							0
October							0
November							0
December							0
TOTAL-YTD	32		750	3	0	3	0
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