



Wauwatosa, WI

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

8:00 AM

Zoom Only:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/89971095637>,
Meeting ID: 899 7109 5637

Regular Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Chris Shaw.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Meg Spredemann, Public Health Manager

Emily Tianen, Nursing Manager

Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist

Jose Rivera, Childrens Hospital of Wisconsin

Present 5 Member, Chair Christine Shaw
Member Jennifer Cicero
Member John Dunn
Aldersperson Liaison Aletha Champine
Ex-Officio - Public Health Officer Laura Stephens

Excused 1 Member Leslie Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Christine Shaw
SECONDER: John Dunn

1. Approval of August 20, 2024 Minutes [24-1619](#)

WAWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Administration [24-1620](#)

Budget update: No major changes to the 2025 budget. Executive review is complete. The Common Council meeting is tonight and there are no changes.

Conference room update: We renovated and updated our conference room.

Grant update: ARPA funds will continue through 2026. The program funds end in 2024. We are currently spending down the grant. The grant funded a harm reduction vending machine which will be located outside the Health Department.

COVID grant update: We are spending down the COVID grant funds. We used these funds to paint/touch up the office, laptops, and the conference room remodel project.

Community response program grant: We applied for a grant that would allow for a social worker to go on non-violent 911 calls. Laura will give a short virtual presentation tomorrow. The program would allow for a designated CART officer for mental health situations starting in January/February 2025. It would be coordinated with Police and Fire. The grant would start next year. Kendall Wolter is currently on maternity leave and this program has been paused.

Board of Health member update: The terms for John Dunn and Leslie Martin will end in January 2025. Laura and Chris Shaw thanked them for their contribution and their service. John Dunn wished us the best and said that he's very impressed with what the Health Department has accomplished.

2. Public Health Nursing

[24-1621](#)

The Wauwatosa Health Department hosted seasonal flu clinics. Emily provided employee flu shots to the Police, Fire and Public Works.

A mass flu clinic was held on 11/14 and we gave 25 child flu shots. We are working on the remaining homebound flu shots.

We've had a rise in pertussis cases among high school students. Pertussis is dangerous for infants and pregnant women.

Mary Beth, RN is working on establishing a period pantry to provide products to the community. We are partnering with Tosa East, Tosa West, and student groups. The program is funded through the MCH grant. A drive for supplies will be held in January/February throughout the community.

Emily presented the statistics for August through October. We had 7 rabies exposures, 1 child lead case, 14 car seat checks, and 14 immunization appointments. John Dunn asked what are considered rabies exposures? Emily responded that they are dog/cat/bat bites or scratch. Per Meg, in roughly half the cases, the animal is available for testing at the Humane Society or MADDAC. The animal would be euthanized for rabies testing. Rabies is rare in wild and domestic animals, but fatal.

3. Environmental Health and Preparedness

[24-1625](#)

We followed up on 19 various rabies exposures. We are tracking and following up on 4 human health hazards. We had 13 new food establishments. We had a few change in ownerships for establishments. One short term rental.

143 inspections have been completed; 40 inspections left. We are finishing these up by 2025 for 100% compliance.

Lead kits - We gave out 415 lead water kits. The environmental health equity grant is over. We have 30 kits for pregnant moms and families with children 6 and under. We have an additional 40 kits for homeowners to use; they would need to pay for shipping costs and the \$34.00 lab fee from the State. Laura and Meg are exploring other options for additional lead water kits. Paint chips are the main source of lead in homes.

Preparedness update - Meg attended a tabletop exercise last week. We are validating mass clinic procedures with Greenfield and West Allis. (Zone C) We also updated the hazard vulnerability assessment. Chris Shaw for more details. Meg said there are top 5 hazards for each region (anticipated and actual) Meg can share these with Board members.

4. Community Health

[24-1623](#)

The harm reduction vending machine has arrived. It will be stocked with Narcan, fentanyl and xylazine testing strips, hygiene kits, socks, hand warmers, and other harm reduction items. The code is 1234.

Social isolation grant update - Join or Die movie showing at the Rosebud theater. Facilitator led community conversations taking place at Alioto, Lutheran Home, City Market, and Life Navigators.

Livable Communities grant update - Met with Two Story Ltd. to discuss affordable housing messaging and

options. Stable housing creates better health outcomes.

Statistics - 492 participants served for the Senior Planet and Tech time program, two Narcan trainings, 44 social work referrals, and two residents for the Living Well with Chronic Conditions program. WHD participated in 12 community events. (Farmers Markets, Hartung Park, Tosa Fest, etc.)

Chris Shaw asked if we have encampments and homeless shelters in Wauwatosa? Carmen responded that we often have homeless individuals at area Park-n-Rides.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Advocacy opportunities

[24-1624](#)

None at this time. Laura thanked the Board for their support for the recent grant that we submitted.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025 at 8:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was ajourned at 8:46 am.