



Board of Health

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

5:15 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Chair Dennis Hibray

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathon Hansen	Aldersperson	Present	
Dennis Hibray	Chair	Present	
Michael McHenry	Board Member	Present	
John Quigley	Aldersperson	Present	
Teresa Gulyas	Board Member	Present	
Deborah Armbruster	Health Director	Present	
Kelly Burke	Health Secretary	Present	
Steve Stroman	Medical Director	Present	

3. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. §6-3(f) DPMC

no comments

4. Approval of November 14, 2022 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael McHenry, Board Member
SECONDER:	John Quigley, Aldersperson
AYES:	Hansen, Hibray, McHenry, Quigley, Gulyas

5. Discussion and possible recommendation on the terms of Board of Health members

Deborah Armbruster reported that the City of De Pere ordinance states that two Board of Health members are appointed from the Common Council. The Mayor assigns them on a yearly basis. Alderspersons are appointed by the Mayor yearly in April. There are three citizen members. One member is to be a nurse, which Teresa Gulyas is. One member is to be a physician, which Dr. McHenry is. The citizen members serve 3 year terms of office. Currently, the Mayor will automatically reappoint these members.

Jonathon Hansen and John Quigley will be re-appointed this year. Dr. McHenry and Teresa Gulyas terms end in 2025. Dennis Hibray's term ends in 2023. Dennis did accept a continuation on the Board of Health.

Going forward, the Mayor will use his discretion to continue to renew members, unless the member indicates they no longer wish to be on the Board.

Dr. McHenry questioned if there the Board would get criticism for not turning over new membership. Deborah Armbruster responded that she is not aware of this being an issue and the other Board of Health she had worked with in the past had members who stayed on it for many years.

6. Discussion of 2023 Grants for the Health Department

Deborah Armbruster stated that she included the grant details in the packet, including the grant amounts and what they may be used for. Deborah reported that the Health Department has a new grant for the LEAF program (Localizing Efforts to Address Falls). This is an \$8,000 grant which is dedicated toward the mature adult and falls prevention. The Health Department will be doing "Bingocize". Bingocize is an evidence-based program. It is an exercise program to improve agility. The program will be 2 days a week for 10 weeks. Deborah Armbruster shared that advertising will be done in churches, at the community center, and through our existing programs. Class size will be limited to 20 people. The Health Department would like to continue this program yearly. There is no age cut-off for the program. Referrals can come through De Pere Fire and Rescue. Self-referrals are also encouraged. All levels of activity are accepted. There is no acceptance criteria. People may register for the program through our website.

Teresa Gulyas asked about the "Stepping On" program. Debbie replied that we were going to offer that program, but we didn't have much interest and then Covid hit, which put the program on hold.

Dr. Stroman asked if the Bingocize program would compete against the other falls programs. Deborah Armbruster responded that this would not have any correlation with DePere's Stay at Home assistance program.

Jonathon Hansen questioned if the Health Department would continue programs funded through ARPA until December 2024. Deborah Armbruster responded that the ARPA funds can be used for Covid response and for re-establishing our Public Health programming and proceeding after Covid. We will use this for our LTE (Limited Term Employee) staff to continue our programming and for educational opportunities with the new RV (recreational vehicle). This funding is flexible.

7. De Pere Health Department Communicable Disease reports from 11/2022 to 1/2023 and 2017 – 2022 case counts

Dennis Hibray questioned the decreased Covid numbers. Deborah Armbruster explained that most people are doing home tests which do not provide us any data. With the lack of laboratory Covid testing, the only way to assess disease activity is through the wastewater.

8. De Pere Health Department Outreach and Prevention Activities from 11/2022 to 1/2023
No comments were made.
9. De Pere Health Department Trainings/Conferences from 11/2022 to 1/2023

Deborah Armbruster commented that the Health Department staff has been very busy with webinars and keeping up to date with public health issues.

10. Report on COVID-19 response efforts and updates

Deborah Armbruster reported that the Covid clinics are decreasing as there is less interest from the public. The Health Department will be offering one Covid vaccine walk-in clinic each month. Clinic are advertised on Facebook and our website.

Dr. McHenry stated that Brown County residents received a mailing about fentanyl. He asked if that supercedes anything we (De Pere Health Department) do? Deborah Armbruster responded that Brown County developed an overdose task force. Debbie did

attend and asked for De Pere's Police and Fire Department to be involved. This task-force will be working on strategies to try to reduce Opioid use. Brown County developed this initiative, but De Pere is a part of it.

Dennis Hibray asked about the implication of the Covid vaccine becoming commercialized. Deborah Armbruster responded that the government has been paying for the Covid vaccines since they became available. The government will not continue to pay for them in the future. When this happens, we will need to purchase the vaccine through a pharmaceutical company, like we do for the flu vaccine.

11. Report on the status of the recreation vehicle renovation and plans for use

Deborah Armbruster reported that the RV (recreational vehicle) is completely renovated. The Health Department is in the process of stocking it. Health, Fire and Police will use it. We will be inviting the Board of Health to look at it when the weather is nicer. Deborah Armbruster explained that we have an outlook calendar for Police, Fire and Health to schedule events with the RV. The Health Department will be doing some initiatives with Jed Bradley from Police. The Health Department will be using the RV at our fall flu clinic, farmers markets, and beer gardens.

Mayor Boyd stopped in the meeting to explain that he will reappoint all the Board members unless they tell him they don't wish to continue on the Board.

12. Next In Person Wisconsin Association for Local Health Departments and Boards of Health ("WALHDAB") meeting

The next WALHDAB meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd in Appleton. If any Board members would like to attend, let Deborah know.

13. Future Agenda Items

none

14. Adjournment

Jonathon Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McHenry seconded the motion. Upon unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burke