



Board of Health

Regular Meeting

Minutes

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Monday, February 10, 2025

5:15 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers 335 S.
Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Present: Teresa Gulyas, Pamela Gantz, Devin Perock, Robyn Lauritsen

Absent:

Excused: Dennis Hibray, Cassie Schandel

Also Present: Chrystal Woller, Kelly Burke, Trista Groth, and Madalyn Genskow

2. 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

Madelyn Genskow, a De Pere resident, reported bed bugs and elder abuse at Oak Meadows apartments. Madelyn reported that when she moved into her apartment, she was not aware there was a bed bug infestation in the building. She explained that she found a bug in her bathroom and put it in a jar. She called the Health Department and Trista Groth went to the apartment and identified that the bug was a bed bug. Trista investigated the beds, but did not find additional bed bugs. Madelyn reported that her neighbor had bites, so Trista visited the neighbor's apartment and found bed bugs. The neighbor's apartment was sprayed and Chester (a dog who is trained to find bed bugs) also visited the premises. Madelyn reported that her dermatologist identified a few bed bug bites on her. Madelyn reported that she was scolded by the manager for asking other tenants if they had a bed bug problem. Madelyn felt the manager was trying to scare her, which she viewed as elder abuse. Madelyn had a written letter from another neighbor who said she had a bed bug issue for 10 months in 2023.

Chrystal Woller provided Madelyn with tenants' rights information. Teresa Gulyas assured Madelyn that the Board of Health and Health Department would advocate for her. Teresa asked Madelyn to keep in contact regarding how management is handling the bed bug issue.

3. Approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2024 meeting

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz
SECONDER:	Devin Perock
EXCUSED:	Dennis Hibray, Cassie Schandel
AYES:	Teresa Gulyas, Pamela Ganz, Devin Perock, Robyn Lauritsen

No discussion. Upon vote, the motion passed.

4. Welcome new board of health member: Robyn Lauritsen

Robyn Lauritsen introduced herself. She graduated from nursing school in 2012. Prior to that, she had a Spanish degree. She was a Nordic skier. She was a nurse for 8 years and then went back to school to become a nurse practitioner. She has been with Bellin for 5 years.

5. Discussion of the 2025 Grants for the Health Department

Chrystal Woller explained that she put a summary together of our current grants as well as whether there was an increase or decrease in funding from last year. Chrystal pointed out that there was a decrease in Maternal Child Health funding compared to last year due to improved birth outcomes. Chrystal noted that De Pere's funding is based on a formula. There was a slight decrease in the Prevention grant also, but an increase in the Preparedness grant. Chrystal reported that the department hasn't started using the Public Health Infrastructure grant yet, so that remains at \$105,800. Covid Immunization has been approved for carryover until June 30th. Public Health ARPA was also approved for carry-over until December 31, 2025. In 2024, Public Health ARPA was used for the health department furniture upgrade and community center communications equipment.

6. Communicable Disease Report: Annual Overview from 2024 and Quarterly Report
11/24-1/25

Chrystal reported that in 2024 sexual transmitted infections remained consistently high, as expected. De Pere's Pertussis cases were elevated from prior years. Chrystal explained that De Pere had a cluster of cases of norovirus at the De Pere school district. Chrystal stated that the health department has also been treating some latent Tuberculosis cases.

7. Environmental Health Report: Year end summary 2024 and Q1

Chrystal Woller reported that Trista has been very busy licensing Short Term Rooming Houses for the NFL draft. Trista also completed a self-assessment of FDA standards. From this, she can develop an action plan. This is a quality improvement opportunity. Chrystal explained that Trista is exceeding her volume of work, so we are working with Brown County to create an MOU for work being done at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Brown County manages all the events at the fairgrounds, so it makes sense that their inspectors would inspect the events they are managing. This would lighten Trista's workload.

8. Program Performance Management Dashboard Update: Q4

Chrystal explained that the purpose of the dashboard is to monitor program performance. A few items stood out, such as the need to revise the environmental sanitarian's capacity to meet the ever-growing demand for her services. Chrystal and Trista are working with developmental service to determine if the new code enforcer position can take over any of Trista's responsibilities or provide back-up.

Chrystal also reported that De Pere's influenza vaccination numbers have declined, as have other jurisdictions. Chrystal explained that we have a meeting scheduled with the Mulva cultural center to discuss an event providing an educational documentary and providing vaccinations onsite.

9. Director's Report Q1

Chrystal Woller reported that the Health Department currently has two students. De Pere Health Department is exploring the feasibility of becoming a donor milk depot. The Health Department no longer does in-home lactation support, but this is a way to provide resources. As a milk depot, we would be a drop-off site for milk.

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards met in January. They talked about monitoring H5N1 and partnerships with organizations such as DATCP, the UW extension and farms. More information will be on the March agenda. The May meeting will discuss the current legislative priorities for the organization.

The Chapter 14 review date has been set. It will be held in the Nicolet conference room. Board members should notify Chrystal if they plan to attend.

10. Resolution #25-25 Approving Grant Agreement Modification to Wisconsin Division of Public Health DPH Contract No. 62109-5.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Devin Perock
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz
AYES:	Teresa Gulyas, Pamela Gantz, Devin Perock, Robyn Lauritsen
NAYS:	None

Chrystal Woller explained that the Consolidated Contract will be forwarded to the Common Council if approved by the Board of Health. The Board voted and the motion was approved.

11. Resolution #25-24 Approving EpicCare Link Site Level Agreement with Ascension Health - IS, Inc.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz
SECONDER:	Devin Perock
AYES:	Teresa Gulyas, Pamela Gantz, Devin Perock, Robyn Lauritsen
NAYS:	None

Chrystal Woller explained that the Health Department has approval for access to Epic for communicable disease follow-up with Gunderson/Bellin, HSHS and Aurora. This item is to obtain Epic access for another health system, Ascension. This item will also need to go to Council for approval. The Board of Health voted, and the motion was approved.

Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items are: follow-up on bed bug situation and the concern of elder abuse.

Adjournment

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz
SECONDER:	Robyn Lauritsen

AYES:	Teresa Gulyas, Pamela Gantz, Devin Perock, Robyn Lauritsen
NAYS:	None

Upon unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burke