

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN – November 14, 2022**

The Board of Health of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Hibray at 5:15 pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Jonathon Hansen, John Quigley, Dennis Hibray, Teresa Gulyas, Dr. Steve Stroman, and Dr. Michael McHenry. Also present were Deborah Armbruster, Danielle Jauquet and Kelly Burke. Citizen attendee was Grace Weston.

3. Approval of August 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Teresa Gulyas made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022, meeting minutes. Dr. Michael McHenry seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. 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 Public comments were made.

5. Update on current health department programs, including COVID-19 vaccination clinics and health department website and brochure revisions.

Deborah Armbruster included a memo in the meeting packet indicating what the health department is working on. Deborah reported that the vaccine clinics had ebbed and flowed prior to the new bivalent booster. After its approval, the vaccine clinic attendance has increased. Deborah reported that we (Health Department) have had two walk-in vaccination clinics, which have been very busy and the Health Department ran out of vaccine at the first walk-in clinic. Deborah related that the health department will continue with walk-in clinics going forward.

Dennis Hibray asked if the clinics were for the booster vaccines. Deborah Armbruster replied that we have clinics where we give Moderna vaccine, including the new boosters. We also have clinics where we give Pfizer vaccine, including the new booster. The vaccine clinics are listed on the Health Department website with the details of the vaccines being offered. Deborah stated that in 2023 we will do one appointment clinic a month and one walk-in clinic a month. If the need increases, we will increase the time frame of the clinics. The clinics are open to all and residency is not checked. Deborah reported that she heard the Covid vaccine may become commercialized in 2023.

Jonathon Hansen commented that the clinic dates were not viewable on the website through the link on the general health department page, so there may be a broken link. The page is viewable through the COVID-19 tab on the main page under vaccine information. Theresa Gulyas suggested adding information on the website about the grapevine presentations.

Dr. Stroman asked if flu vaccine was also offered for adults as the website shows flu for age 6 month – 18 years. Deborah responded that we had adult flu vaccine available for \$20, but we ran out. Dennis Hibray asked if Debbie had any information on the efficacy rate of the flu vaccine. Deborah replied that she does not have any information on that at this time.

Deborah Armbruster reported that the Health Department Brochure was updated and provided printed copies to the Board members.

6. Update on Health Department Community Outreach Activities

Deborah Armbruster asked if anyone had questions on the health department outreach activities. Dr. McHenry asked about the Lead and Immunization books in the free little library. Deborah Armbruster responded that the lead books are free through the lead coalition. Sara and Trista are on the Lead Coalition and have been asked to put the lead books in the libraries. The Health Department had purchased some immunization board books for children which our staff placed in the little libraries. These books have a label with our Health Department information and a QR code to our website.

Dennis Hibray questioned if we took on the XRF machine. Deborah responded that we did not. Winnebago will be hosting it.

7. Communicable Disease report from 8/1/2022 through 11/1/2022

Dr. McHenry commented that Lymes Disease numbers are increased. Syphilis is also up a little. Debbie added that Covid wastewater levels are high, even though the community spread numbers are low. Dr. McHenry reported that he went to a NE Wisconsin Health Officer meeting (WAHLDAB) with Debbie and one of the presenters from UW supervises the wastewater detection. Dr. McHenry reported that areas across the state send in samples to the State twice weekly for monitoring. It is a very active program, and the findings may proceed what we see in the community numbers.

8. Update on COVID-19 response

Debbie Stein, the Covid response coordinator, put together the document included in the meeting packet. Deborah Armbruster asked if anyone had questions on the document. Jonathon Hansen asked if the health department would be updating the covid self-reporting form to no longer include close contacts since the health department is discontinuing contact tracing. Deborah Armbruster responded that this form will not change at this time and we will continue sending out letters to the Covid cases. We will be discontinuing phone calls. Jonathon Hansen asked what “hotwash” means. Deborah responded that it is bringing all the department heads together to discuss the response to the Covid pandemic, including what we did well and what we could improve on. It’s a debriefing in which we gather opinions and feedback. The next WAHLDAB meeting is December 15th.

Dennis Hibray asked how far our funding will go for Covid response. Deborah replied that one of our grants extends through June of 2023 and another through December of 2024. Deborah plans to keep our staff through December 2024. Our current contact tracer will be done in December 2022.

9. Dates of Board of Health meetings for 2023

After discussion, it was determined the Board of Health 2023 meeting dates will be: February 13, 2023

May 1, 2023
August 14, 2023
November 13, 2023

10. Future Agenda Items

Non future agenda items were discussed.

11. Adjournment

Jonathon Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathon Hansen seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Burke
Health Department Administrative Assistant