

HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH COMMITTEE
DATE: JULY 7, 2021
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Black called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lynne Black, Tina Anderson, Cheri Collins, Larry Berg
Others present: Holli Denton

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Collins to approve agenda, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Anderson to approve minutes from June 2nd meeting, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-ANNUAL REPORT APPROVAL FROM BOH TO SEND ON TO COUNTY BOARD-

Approved at July County Board meeting, posted to Health Dept. Webpage.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION- LETTER OF SUPPORT OR COMMITMENT FOR A NEW WALKING/BIKING PATHWAY IN CRANDON FROM FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI-

Motion by Cheri Collins and 2nd by Larry Berg for Health Department to sign the letter of support for the Walking/Biking Pathway from Crandon to Otter creek Trail.
All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON WIC PROGRAM/MERGER WITH ONEDIA COUNTY-

Denton shared that the Health Department has been having talks with the State about avoiding a merger if possible and keeping the program in Forest County because it will serve our community members best. She shared that State has said they will help us make it be the best fit. Denton shared that telehealth is a possibility for the dietician services, but she is not sure how that would affect the Fit Families program, but that they are in the process of working this out. An option mentioned was the possibility of merging projects with Forest County Potawatomi once they hire a new dietician, if we could not get a telehealth program set up. Anderson questioned the possibility of merging with Mole Lake's project. Denton shared that the Health

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Department will be talking to Florence County Health Department to see how the telehealth program is set up, and that she will continue pursuing options.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – COVID-19 UPDATES:

Denton shared current Forest County COVID case counts, and that one new death was reported this week. Currently, Forest County has 968 positive cases, 24 deaths, 3 probable deaths, 944 recovered cases.

Vaccine rates were also shared by Denton. 41.6 % of residents ages 12 and up have had at least one dose, 40.1 % of residents age 12 and up have completed the series. 50.9% of adults age 18 and over residing in Forest County have had at least one dose of the vaccine, and 49.2 % have completed the series.

Denton shared that requests for the COVID vaccine have dropped to nearly none. She shared that the Health Department is currently not ordering more COVID Vaccine, as area partners have an adequate supply of vaccine, and to order more would mean possible waste. Denton shared that if residents call and ask information on where to get a vaccine the health department is able to direct them where to find a vaccine the same day.

Denton shared that the Delta Variant is of concern in Wisconsin, but that as of this date, we have not had any cases in Forest County, however, with the increasing tourist activity we are at an increased risk of seeing this. She shared that with the risk of the Delta Variant, the Health Department is continuing to put out messaging on getting vaccinated, wearing masks in public places, and encouraging social distancing, proper hand washing, and staying home if sick, and being tested for COVID-19.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON HUMAN HEALTH HAZARDS ACTIVE IN FOREST COUNTY-

Denton shared that currently there is one active Human Health Hazard. The Health department sent the homeowner a certified letter and a copy to corporate counsel. The Health Department has received proof that the homeowner has received the letter. She explained that the homeowner has 30 days to abate the hazard complaint. She explained that we have not had to issue citations to property owners for a long time, but that if this owner does not comply, a citation will be issued, as the issue has been reoccurring for some time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-RENOVATION UPDATE-WHERE VACCINE WILL BE STORED DURING RENOVATION-

Denton shared that Forest County Potawatomi Health and Wellness center has agreed that the Forest County Health Department can keep the vaccine stored in their vaccine refrigerator during the renovation. She shared that it will be easily accessible for vaccine clinics and kept in a secure area. She shared that the Health Department will be using office space in the ADRC during the renovation and the WIC clients would continue to be seen virtually.

MOTION BY Larry Berg, 2nd by Anderson to go into closed session. All present voting (AYE) Motion carried.

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Roll call: Tina Anderson-AYE, Cheri Collins-AYE, Lynn Black-AYE, Larry Berg-AYE

CLOSED SESSION-

The Committee went into closed session: pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (C) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility”.

This closed session relates to:

Public Health Nurse Job Applicants, recommendations for Personnel

MOTION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Collins made a motion to reconvene, 2nd by Berg, all present voting (Aye). Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Cheri Collins recommended applicant Tiffany Hauser be forwarded to Personnel to be interviewed for the Position of the Public Health Nurse Job, seconded by Larry Berg, all present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING-

Covid updates

Update on current Human Health Hazards

WIC project merger

One pager for new Board of Health members

Other concerns

NEXT MEETING DATE- AUGUST 4TH, 2021 4:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Cheri Collins, second by Tina Anderson. All present voting (AYE).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Health meeting.