

HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH
DATE: May 4th, 2022
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: Forest County Boardroom-Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER

By Lynne Black at 4:38 PM and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Black, Tina Anderson, Cindy Gretzinger, Candy Daily, Susan Moore, Scoot Goode.

ABSENT: Larry Berg

OTHERS PRESENT: Sami Hoffman, Dr. Lindgren, Chris Slagowski

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Anderson second by Goode all present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Moore second by Anderson to approve minutes from previous meeting, All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment.

Discussion and Possible Action: Introduction-New Medical Advisor

Hoffman thanked Dr. Susan Moore for serving on the board and as the volunteer medical advisor since 2017. Welcome to Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren who will be the new health medical advisor starting June 1st and will be appointed at the May 17th County Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COVID UPDATES:

Hoffman updated board members on current COVID cases in Forest County. 10 cases in April, up from 2 in March. Thus far in May there has been one case of COVID in Forest County. Cases in Wisconsin are up with a 7-day average of 1,247 cases. Current completed vaccination rate is 50.3 % for Forest County residents, 61 % for Wisconsin. We hosted a vaccine clinic on April 29th, 2022 where we administered 33 COVID vaccinations to individuals, this increased from 7 doses administered at March's vaccine clinic.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2021 ANNUAL REPORT:

Hoffman provided the 2021 Annual Report and reviewed it with all BOH members present. Motion by Goode second by Daily to approve 2021 FCHD Annual Report All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2022 FOREST COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

Hoffman shared the 2022 Health Rankings for Forest County. Forest County is currently ranked 71 out of 72 in health outcomes. Health Outcomes: The overall rankings in health outcomes represent how healthy counties are within the state. The healthiest county in the state is ranked #1. The ranks are based on two types of measures: how long people live and how healthy people feel while alive.

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Hoffman updated that Forest County is ranked 69 out of 72 for Health Factors. Health Factors: The overall rankings in health factors represent what influences the health of a county. They are an estimate of the future health of counties as compared to other counties within a state. The ranks are based on four types of measures: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic, and physical environment factors.

Hoffman discussed that FCHD will be working with Oneida and Vilas counties on completing a community health assessment in 2022 to better understand the needs of the county, from there the department will create and Community Health Improvement plan.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM UPDATES

Hoffman updated board members on what programs and new projects the Health Department is working on. We are back to meeting with our coalitions on a regular basis and are working on some really great things. As part of our prevention grant, we partnered with Forestry, as well as Laona and Crandon School Districts to build 15 benches, 14 will be placed at Otter Creek Trail and one at Hemlock trail with a new trail sign. This new sign will give the department an opportunity to post upcoming events as well as information on tick and Lyme disease prevention. The benches will open-up the trails to all age groups, giving them the opportunity to utilize the trails but the ability to rest if needed. We are currently working on planning a summer challenge for the public. Next week is prevention week so we have been helping with planning and promoting these events throughout the county. The department will be participating in the prevention walk on May 13th. May 1st, we started our first worksite wellness challenge in the courthouse, this month it is a step challenge and we have ten teams entered. We plan to do these challenges four times a year. We are also bringing back flavored water on Wednesdays and healthy snack options in the fridge in the break room. We completed a worksite survey; these were ideas individuals in the building wanted to see brought back. We have started working on revising our website as well.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SUMMER INTERN/ CHA/CHIP POSITIONS

Hoffman presented two job descriptions to the board. One for a Summer Intern: up to 24 hours per week, for the summer of 2022, will run no longer than 12 weeks. This position will work aside the nursing staff and assist with community education events, as well as learn about public health nursing in hopes to recruit more nurses into public health.

Second one presented is for a Community Health Specialist: This position would be full time (40-hour work week) and fully grant funded, it would be limited term employment and is grant dependent. Which means it may be discontinued on 12/31/2024 if funding is not available or potentially extended if further grants are available. The Community Health Specialist will be working to engage internal and external public health stakeholders in the development, maintenance, execution, and evaluation of various departmental plans that address the health needs of our community and enhance operation processes of the department. Promote individual and population health by leading community health planning initiatives. Facilitate and develop a community health assessment in collaborations with other department staff, hospital systems, community stakeholders, elected officials, community members and other agencies and organizations. Implementation and evaluation of the community health improvement plan.

Black asked to have more time to look over job descriptions and add to next meeting agenda.

BOH members present thanked Hoffman for information and breakdown provided in annual report as well as complimented department on upcoming events that are planned.

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NEXT MEETING DATE:

- June 1st, 2022, 4:30 PM County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Goode second by Moore to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.