

## HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH  
DATE: January 3, 2023  
TIME: 4:00 PM  
PLACE: Forest County Boardroom-Courthouse

### CALL TO ORDER

By Black at 4:00pm and read the agenda.

### ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Black, McMillion, Van Grinsven, Skallerud, Gretzinger

ABSENT: Goode, Anderson, Dr. Lindgren

OTHERS PRESENT: Seibold, Nimsgern, Price, Slagowski

### APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion by McMillion second by Van Grinsven to approve agenda. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Skallerud second by Van Grinsven to approve minutes from previous meeting, All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Staff Training Log

No Action

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Monthly Expenditures

Motion by Skallerud second by McMillion to approve monthly expenditures. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COVID Grants

Seibold explained the COVID grant funding sources.

Gretzinger asked that it be clear that the wage increase for the LHO above the budget amount for 2024 will be coming out of the COVID grant fundings. Seibold explained that it would be an allowable cost.

Motion by Skallerud second by McMillion to plan to use ARPA grant funding for the wage increase for the LHO position above the \$72,000 of budgeted levy of up to \$15,000 for 2024 and from 2025-2027 plan to use Public Health Infrastructure grant money. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: LHO wage and Recruitment updates

Seibold explained that there have not been any qualified applicants for the LHO but is hopeful that there will be with the wage increase. Nimsgern stated that she is monitoring the recruitment of a LHO and that the county is doing due diligence with advertising and getting the word out.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PHN recruitment updates

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Motion by Van Grinsven second by Skallerud to post both Public Health Nurse and Staff Nurse positions until one position is filled. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Merger

Seibold presented merger discussion questions and also a shared service agreement and what each of these may look like. There will be continued discussions and gathering of more information on how each of these may work best for the County and the Health Department.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Board meeting time and dates for 2024

Black presented a letter from Dr. Lindgren with dates and times that would work better for her to be able to attend meetings. Motion by Van Grinsven second by Skallerud to have next meeting on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and continue with second Wednesday of the month at 1pm thereafter. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: LHO interim MOU

Seibold informed the Board of Health that Ann Price would be willing to be the next LHO Interim and that the appropriate procedures can move forward.

Motion by Skallerud Second by Van Grinsven to send contract offering Ann Price the LHO Interim position at \$450 a week for 6 months and forward to Personnel and that Nimsgern will start the qualification process as soon as she receives Ann's resume with a projected start date in mid-February. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### DIRECTOR REPORTS: 140 Review

Black and Seibold received the 140 letter from the State, stating that the Forest County Health Department has met all of the requirements for a Level 2 Health Department. Nimsgern was asked to present the certificate at the next County Board meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and also that Seibold and the Health Department Staff be there as well.

### NEXT MEETING DATE:

February 14th, 2024 at 1:00 PM County Board Room

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Grinsven second by Skallerud to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.