



MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020, AT 6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:40 PM

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Order at 6:40 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Aldersperson Pam Akers	Present
Darren J. Rausch, MS, CPH	Present
Andrew Martinez, Phar	Present
Allen Owen, D.D.S.	Present
Mary Kitten, R.N.	Present
Luanne Wielichowski, R.N.	Present (arrived @ 6:45p.m.)
Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.	Present
Cindy Leranthe	Present
Richard Dettman, Ph.D., M.Ed.	Present

2. Approval of the September 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of
09/10/2020 Minutes**

A motion was made by Allen Owen, seconded by Richard Dettman to approve the September 10, 2020 minutes of the Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Commentary

Citizen Commentary

Erick Kirsch of 10445 W. Howard Avenue addressed the Board regarding the keeping of chickens within the City of Greenfield. He has four egg-laying chickens and built a coop for them in his backyard. He believed that chickens were allowed within Greenfield. Mr. Kirsch said he liked the convenience of having eggs available especially during COVID-19. He keeps the chickens clean, penned and they are kept far from neighbors. Mr. Kirsch provided pictures of the coop which Mr. Rausch shared via Zoom.

4. Discussion and Decision related to keeping of chickens in the City of Greenfield

**Discussion and
Decision related to
keeping of chickens in
the city**

Mr. Rausch provided a synopsis of the process of chicken ordinance violations. He indicated that a neighbor had contacted the city with a complaint about Mr. Kirsch's chickens. Mr. Rausch stated that the keeping of chickens had been addressed by the city several times in the past and most recently in 2017.

A motion was made by Mary Kitten, Seconded by Leon Saryan to maintain the status quo. The motion carried unanimously.

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| 5. | Informational update on Departmental Budget | Informational update on Departmental Budget |
| | The budget process is moving forward and a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 th at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Health Department budget proposals are advancing. All Health Department positions are continuing and it appears that we are funded for the new Public Health Supervisor position. The budget should be approved after the public hearing. | |
| 6. | Informational update on the Environmental Health Program Annual Self-Assessment | Informational update regarding Environmental Health Program annual self-assessment |
| | The Annual Self-Assessment has been completed. The assessment looks at the quality of our program, how the policies and procedures are working, how effective we are getting our licensing and inspection activities completed. The State has responded that they had received the self-assessment and that we were in good standing. The inspection numbers were much lower than normal due to COVID-19. The Environmental Health Specialist was unable to do inspections because he was helping with COVID-19 related issues. | |
| 7. | Informational update regarding suicide data within the City of Greenfield

Tabled until the January Meeting | Informational Update regarding suicide data |
| 8. | Discussion regarding COVID-19 Pandemic within the City of Greenfield

We are about 8 months into the pandemic. This week marked a new high in the number of cases. The department generally runs on nine employees. Currently we have 33 part time staff members in order to help with disease investigation and contact tracking. The department has started planning for vaccinations once the vaccine becomes available for distribution. | Discussion regarding COVID-19 Pandemic within the City of Greenfield |
| 9. | Committee to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(f)(g) and 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:
a. Communicable Disease Updates
b. Environmental Health Updates
c. Personnel Updates
d. Annual Evaluation of the Health Officer/Director | Closed Session |

NOT NEEDED

10.	Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session NOT NEEDED	Open Session
11.	Public Health Legislative Updates Not much is happening due to the lame duck session at the federal and state levels. Mr. Rausch is hoping that federal COVID-19 Public Health funding is considered quickly. As of 2021, funding for contact tracers will be approximately quarter of what was available in 2020.	Public Health Legislative Updates
12.	Public Health Research The Medical College of Wisconsin and the UWM Zilber School of Public Health are putting together a research proposal through the Advancing Healthier WI Foundation to look at the effectiveness of policies and programmatic decisions on COVID-19. The Greenfield Health Department is likely to be the lead partner for this funding due to Mr. Rausch's role as the primary public health lead for the Epidemiology Intelligence Team. They are looking for funding to cover three years beginning in the summer of 2021.	Public Health Research
13.	Executive Officer's Report Mr. Rausch did not run a report but noted that the predominant communicable disease is COVID-19. Mr. Rausch thanked the board for their continued support.	Executive Officer's Report
14.	Chairperson's Report No Report	Chairperson's Report
15.	Aldersperson's Report No Report	Aldersperson's Report
16.	Miscellaneous Board Member's Report No Report	Miscellaneous Board Member's Report
17.	Items For Future Agendas	Future Agenda Items

- Suicide Data
- Substance Abuse Data
- Health Officer Evaluation in March of 2021 due to COVID-19

Adjournment

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Pam Akers, Seconded by Cindy Leraneth to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. The motion carried unanimously.