



MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021, AT 6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:45 PM

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Order at 6:45 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
Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.	Present
Cindy Leranth	Present
Richard Dettman, Ph.D., M.Ed.	Present

2. Approval of the November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of
11/12/2020 Minutes**

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

3. Citizen Commentary

Citizen Commentary

None

4. Informational Update regarding suicide data within the City of Greenfield

**Suicide Data within
the City of Greenfield**

Mr. Rausch requested that item 4 and 5 be combined. The data for both items is very difficult to find for the City of Greenfield. Anecdotaly, the stresses of the pandemic and the virtual schools and work have played a factor in increasing mental health issues and substance abuse. Mr. Rausch stated that he will continue to look for data.

5. Informational update regarding substance abuse data within the City of Greenfield

**Substance Abuse Data
within the City of**

Addressed with Item #4.

6. Discussion regarding COVID-19 pandemic within the City of Greenfield

**COVID-19 Pandemic
within the City of
Greenfield**

COVID-19 cases were slowly decreasing through the month of December. Over the last couple of weeks there has been a bit of an increase. There was a significant lack of testing around Christmas. Also, families did get together and the holidays so it's likely there may be secondary cases as a result exposures.

One hundred doses of the Moderna vaccine were received in the department on January 4th and another 100 does on January 11th. Last week the focus was vaccinating the Fire Department and EMS. The Health Department worked with the Fire Department to set up clinics. This week clinics were set up to vaccinate the 1A healthcare providers, and over 120 individuals were vaccinated over the course of two days. There have been no significant reactions or complications among those vaccinated to date. Things have run smoothly. Mr. Rausch anticipates phase 1B opening up at the end of January or the first week in February.

Governor Evers announced that 86 million dollars was going to be made available to the Health Departments in the state. The split means that the City of Greenfield will receive approximately \$439,000 for Covid activities. The funding for 2021 provides for disease investigation, contact tracing, lab testing and vaccination. The money will be used as efficiently as possible but additional funds will probably be needed given the scope of the work that needs to be done. The state would like to see 80% of the population vaccinated in order to reach herd immunity. That would mean that 4 million people in WI need to be vaccinated. The limiting factor for us is vaccine allocation. More vaccine needs to be deployed.

Mr. Rausch will be meeting with nearby communities to find suitable sites to set up large scale clinics. It is his hope to work together with other communities in the area.

7. Informational update related to 2021 department grants

**2021 Department
Grants**

All grants will continue into 2021, including Immunization, Lead Poisoning, Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, Preventive Health. Additionally we have the funding stream for Public Health Preparedness, and the City's Readiness Initiative Grant as well as the previously mentioned Covid Funds. Recently the Farmers Market received a \$1000 grant for marketing and outreach as well.

8. Informational Update related to annual review of Board of Health Actions

**Annual Review of
Board of Health**

Actions

Item Deferred to March Meeting

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.

Discussion ensued regarding a new position within the department.

Mr. Rausch stated that a Public Health Supervisor position was approved and funded by the Common Council. It will probably be filled in March or April. This position would be most likely filled internally and then the vacated position would need to be filled. The contact tracing staff hours are being closely monitored for grant expenditures.

10. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

Open Session

Not Needed

11. Public Health Legislative Updates

Public Health Legislative Updates

The Wisconsin Senate has introduced three bills limiting the powers of local health officers. The bills included limiting the closure of places of worship by health officers, prohibits local health officers and the DHS from requiring anyone to receive the COVID-19 vaccination and third prohibits vaccination as a condition of employment. At this point there is no bill that limits authority of Health Officers in relation to closing of businesses or limiting capacity.

Mr. Rausch is hoping that more federal dollars are spent to help in the vaccination effort.

12. Public Health Research

Public Health Research

None

13. Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer's Report

No communicable disease report has been prepared. At the March meeting Mr. Rausch will provide an end of year report for 2020.

Mr. Rausch gave testimony today to the Wisconsin Assembly regarding local health departments and Covid vaccination. Mr. Rausch provided information on what public health is, what it does and its role during the pandemic. He stressed that although, vaccinations are here there are all of the other items to do. At the end of his presentation he noted what was needed in order to be successful. That includes a steady supply of vaccine, human capital and resources to make that human capital to work for us. For example allowing pharmacy techs to vaccinate. Providing adequate funding and strong statewide coordinated messaging.

14. Chairperson's Report

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None

15. Alderperson's Report

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The Common Council supports Mr. Rausch, all his efforts and the efforts of the department in dealing with the Covid pandemic.

16. Miscellaneous Board Member's Report

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None

17. Items For Future Agendas

Future Agenda Items

- Informational Update related to annual review of Board of Health Actions
- Annual review of Actions
- Health Officer/Director Evaluations

18. Adjournment

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pam Akers, Seconded by Cindy Leranthe to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. The motion carried unanimously.