



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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## Meeting Minutes

### BOARD OF HEALTH

*CAROLINE GOMEZ-TOM, CHAIR*

*Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, VICE-CHAIR*

*Bria Grant, Dr. Ian Martin, Julia Means, Ericka Sinclair, Wujie Zhang, and Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa*

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Thursday, May 4, 2023

5:30 PM

Virtual

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Caroline Gomez-Tom called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant, Dr. Ian Martin, Ericka Sinclair, and Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa

Absent:

Excused: Julia Means and Wujie Zhang

Julie Means has requested to resign earlier than scheduled from the Board of Health.

#### 3. Approval of March 2, 2023 Board meeting minutes

Board member Dr. Ian Martin motioned to approve, Board member Ruthie Burich-Weatherly seconded, the motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

#### 4. Communication from Interim Commissioner, Tyler Weber

Interim Commissioner Weber presented an update including the Common Council vote for Health Commissioner candidate, the ending of the Emergency Order and how it impacts Medicaid renewal and eligibility, current COVID vaccine availability, and preparations for Fall 2023 COVID vaccine availability.

**221532** Communication relating to those documents submitted to the Board of Health for its meetings in 2023.

**5. Communication from Board Director, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, regarding Ascension Wisconsin's reductions in healthcare service at St. Francis Hospital Milwaukee**

Board Director, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, provided an update regarding the reduction and elimination of services at Ascension Wisconsin's St. Francis Hospital Milwaukee and how it has impacted the southside community and across the city of Milwaukee.

Guest speaker Executive Director of the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Healthcare Professionals, Jamie Lucas' presentation included trends from 2016 – 2023 regarding profits, salaries, eliminated and remaining services at St. Francis Hospital Milwaukee.

**6. Communication from Board Chairperson, Caroline Gomez-Tom, regarding Medicaid Renewal and Eligibility Re-Determination in Milwaukee**

Board Chairperson, Caroline Gomez-Tom, provided an update regarding the Medicaid Renewal and Eligibility Re-Determination in Milwaukee including the pandemic eligibility rule guaranteeing continuous eligibility has stopped, re-determination will begin by the end of the month, and the potential loss of healthcare coverage for individuals and or families.

**7. Presentation from Office of Violence Prevention Director, Ashanti Hamilton, regarding OVP Operations and Programming**

Office of Violence Prevention Director, Ashanti Hamilton presented an update regarding OVP operations and programming including the mission of OVP, the Blueprint goals, understanding prevention, guiding principles, and department and summer initiatives.

Family Violence Prevention Coordinator, DeShawn Ewing presented an update including the Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2023 events, trainings and collaborations and Family Violence Services offered to the community.

Suicide Prevention Manager, Vaynesia Kendrick presented an update including the messaging with the HOP and other community partners, suicide and reckless driving, and the OVP faith-based community collaboration and partnership

Community Violence Prevention Coordinator, Quentin Taylor presented an update including the OVP partnership with the Milwaukee Bucks, Safe Summer initiatives, and Milwaukee Promise Zones initiatives.

Office of Violence Prevention Operations Manager, Karin Tyler presented an update on ReCast Milwaukee including summer therapy initiatives, Milwaukee County partnership regarding trauma response initiatives, and other upcoming summer initiatives.

**Standing Agenda Items:**

**8. Home Environmental Health (Lead Program)**

Deputy Commissioner Weber presented a lead update including vacancies and hires, city and nationwide funding development, adaptation of LMS, ARPA update, and the future launch of an ARPA dedicated webpage.

**9. MHD Board Member and Branch Collaboration Updates**

Board Member Ruthie Burich-Weatherly met with the Admin branch and discussed the budget, salary reconciliation, vacancies and the classification study.

Chair Caroline Gomez-Tom met with the PIE branch and discussed position postings and vacancies.

**10. Office of Violence Prevention [SEE AGENDA ITEM #7]**

**11. Future agenda items [Next board meeting, Thursday, July 6, 2023 @ 5:30 pm]**

~ Policy, Innovation and Engagement (PIE) will provide an update provide an update at the next scheduled meeting.

~ COVID and Flu vaccinations Fall 2023 –pricing accessibility, and MHD role

## 12. Adjournment

Board member Ruthie Burich-Weatherly motioned to adjourn, Board member Ericka Sinclair seconded and motion passed, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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