



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF HEALTH

*Ruthie Burch-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant,
Ald. Chantia Lewis, Julia Means, LaNelle Ramey, Dr. Marylyn
Ranta, Ericka Sinclair, and Wujie Zhang*

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

5:00 PM

Zeidler Municipal Building
841 N Broadway, Rm 102

1. Roll call

Present: President Lyn Ranta, Vice-President Caroline Gomez-Tom, Julia Means, Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Bria Grant, LaNelle Ramey, Ericka Sinclair (arrived at 5:32pm).

Excused: Wujie Zhang; Alderwoman Chantia Lewis

2. Approval of minutes from 10/8/19 meeting

Board member Grant moved approval, seconded by member Burich-Weatherly, of the meeting minutes from October 8, 2019. There was no objection.

3. Communication from the Commissioner re: department updates

Commissioner Kowalik provided an update on the department which included the introduction of Deputy Commissioner Claire Evers and an update on filing other vacant Deputy Commissioner positions. The Commissioner also discussed the department's need to fill 56 vacancies throughout the department.

A motion was made by member Ramey and seconded by Vice-President Gomez-Tom that this communication be recommended for placing on file. There were no objections.

4. Communication from the budget office re: the Health Department's 2020 budget

Molly King from the Budget and Management Division provided an overview of the department's 2020 budget.

Commissioner Kowalik informed the board that the department recently received a \$700,000+ grant from NACCHO to expand the Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative.

A motion was made by member Ramey and seconded by member Sinclair that this communication be recommended for placing on file. There were no objections.

5. Communication from the Health Department's Environmental Health Branch re: the 2019 HUD grant

Deputy Commissioner Claire Evers provided an overview of a new \$5.6 million dollar Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Reduction grant that the Health Department received. The grant is active through April 2023 and will make 302 housing lead-safe.

A motion was made by Vice-President Gomez Tom and seconded by President Ranta that this communication be recommended for placing on file. There were no objections.

6. Resolution creating a lead advisory committee

Deputy Commissioner Claire Evers provided an overview of a Lead-Safe Advisory Committee proposal. Board members made changes to the advisory committee membership and reporting frequency. Board members also provided feedback to inform the implementation of the Lead-Safe Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by member Grant and seconded by member Ramey that this communication be recommended for placing on file, with the understanding that additional details about the Lead-Safe Advisory Committee would be discussed at the next meeting. There were no objections.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice-President Gomez-Tom, seconded by Member Ramey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

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