



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
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## Meeting Minutes

### BOARD OF HEALTH

*Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant,  
Ald. Chantia Lewis, Dr. Ian Martin, Julia Means, Ericka  
Sinclair, Domonique Weathers, and Wujie Zhang*

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Thursday, November 4, 2021

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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#### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM.

#### **2. Roll call**

Present: Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant, Ericka Sinclair, Julia Means,  
Wujie Zhang

Excused: Dr. Ian Martin, Dr. Domonique Weathers

Absent: Ald. Lewis

#### **3. Approval of meeting minutes from Sept 2, 2021 and October 7, 2021**

Board member Means motioned to approve minutes from September, Board member Sinclair seconded, and the motion passed, with none opposed.

Board member Gomez-Tom motion to approve minutes from October, Board member Means seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

**4. Communication from MHD Health Commissioner, Kirsten Johnson.**

Commissioner Johnson presented an overview of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and major updates. COVID case numbers are declining in the city and MHD clinics have started vaccinating children 5-11 at all three sites. City vaccine mandate has gone into effect for employees, MHD received \$42.6 of ARPA funds for OVP, the lead program, and continuation of the COVID response.

**5. Presentation from Erica Olivia**

[210143](#) Communication relating to those documents submitted to the Board of Health for its meetings in 2021.

Interim Deputy Commissioner of Community Health/ MCH Director, Erica Olivier, presented an overview of the Empowering Families of Milwaukee Program, Direct Assistance to Dads (DAD) project, PNCC (Prenatal Care Coordination), and BOMB Doula Program (Birth Outcomes made better), impacts of COVID on the home visiting programs & plans for next year.

**Standing Agenda Items:**

**6. Discussion of DHS 140 certification**

Strategic Planning has begun in collaboration with Genesis Health Consulting and will be completed in July 2022.

**7. Lead Program**

The Public Health Foundation finished their audit, and are working on their recommendations, which will be released in early December for a public presentation to Common Council. They are also working with DHS on quality improvement processes, and have launched into planning with partners on utilizing ARPA funds. The CDC announced an update to lower the blood reference value of concern for children to 3.5ug/dL.

**8. Strategic Planning**

**9. Milwaukee Health Department branch collaboration updates**

Medical Services– scheduling a tour with Dr. Bhattacharya and Dr. Paradis of the lab to get more engaged with Medical Services and the Lab

PIE – Board members met new directors in PIE, Mike (Data & Evaluation) & Langston (Health Strategy)

**10. Future agenda Items****11. Adjournment**

Board Member Gomez-Tom motioned to adjourn, Board Member Sinclair seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

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