



# 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*

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Tuesday, December 10, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

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#### 1. Roll call

**Present:** President Lyn Ranta, Vice-President Caroline Gomez-Tom, Julia Means, Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Bria Grant (Arrived at 5:41), LaNelle Ramey, Ericka Sinclair (arrived at 5:22pm), Wujie Zhang;

**Absent:** Alderwoman Chantia Lewis

#### 2. Approval of minutes from 11/12/19 meeting

Board member Burich-Weatherly moved approval, seconded by member Zhang, of the meeting minutes from November 12, 2019. There was no objection.

#### 3. Communication from the Commissioner regarding department updates

The Commissioner provided an overview of the DHS 140 review the department participated in earlier that day. The review takes place every five years and determines if the department is a level I, II, or III health department. The State will present their findings in early winter 2020.

There is an all staff meeting on 12/13/19.

Dr. Geof Swain, Medical Director and Nancy Hills, Graphic Designer, are retiring from the health department on 12/13/19.

The Commissioner introduced new staff: Lilliann Paine, Chief of Staff, Griselle Torres, Deputy Commissioner of Policy, Innovation, and Engagement; Nicole Miles, BOMB Doula Program Manager.

The Office of Violence Prevention provided an update on the Blueprint for Peace at a meeting on 12/6/19.

#### 4. Communication from the Health Department related to vaping

Courtney Geiger, Grants Manager at the Health Department, provided an overview the health department's response to vaping. The health department's response included press releases, media engagement, and case investigations.

The majority of reported chemical pneumonitis cases have reported using THC products. Research also has shown that vitamin e acetate was in a majority of the products used.

5. Discussion related to the Lead-Safe Advisory Committee

**Ofelia Mondragon, Home Environmental Health Manager at the Health Department, provided an overview of a \$25,000 grant the health department received from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) which includes activities related to developing a lead-safe advisory committee. She also provided an overview of a proposed structure for the lead-safe advisory committee.**

**It was clarified that the lead-safe advisory committee was a Board of Health Committee, not a health department committee. The committee was made by the board, but will have staff support from the health department.**

**Members Grant and Zhang agreed to serve as the lead board members on this committee.**

6. Discussion of future meeting agenda items

**Members identified items for future meetings, which included: An overview of the hiring process, overview of the STI strategic plan, and updates from each branch on their 2019 successes and 2020 priorities.**

**Members also determined that 2020 meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.**

7. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Vice-President Gomez-Tom, seconded by member Sinclair to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.**

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