



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: President Lyn Ranta, Vice-President Caroline Gomez-Tom, Wujie Zhang, Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, LaNelle Ramey, Bria Grant (5:38pm), Julia Means (5:39pm), and Ericka Sinclair (6:34pm).

Absent: Chantia Lewis.

3. Approval of minutes from 01/14/2020

Vice-President Gomez-Tom moved approval, seconded by Board member Ramey to approve the minutes from January 14, 2020. There were no objections.

4. Communication from the Commissioner of Health regarding department updates

Commissioner of Health, Jeanette Kowalik, provided updates on the health department's 2019 report to the community, filling of key vacancies, the BOMB Doula program, and the reorganization.

Julie Katrichis, Director of Clinical Services, provided an update on the Coronavirus and the department's role in the response. .

Board members will review the 2019 report to the community and send edits to Lilliann Paine by February 24th. Board Member Burich-Weatherly will draft a letter from the Board to include in the report.

Commissioner Kowalik will share the BOMB Doula program RFA with board members.

5. Overview of STI strategic plan

Julie Katrichis, Director of Clinical Services at the City of Milwaukee Health Department was joined by consultants Melissa Ugland and Rashida Butler-Jackson to provide an update on the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategic Plan.

The plan was finalized in the fall of 2019 and five workgroups are now meeting to implement strategies identified in the plan.

6. Overview of hiring process and practices

Sonia Allana, Human Resources Representative at the City of Milwaukee Health Department, provided an overview of department and city hiring processes.

Board members requested to see the health department's vacancy hiring priority list and learn if the department can host a career/job fair.

7. Discussion related to letters of support from the Board of Health

This item was held at the call of the President.

8. Update on the development of the Lead-Safe Advisory Committee

Board members Grant and Zhang provided an update on the development of the Lead-Safe Advisory Committee. The Board received 8 applications to-date and discussed strategies to increase applications. The goal is to have the first meeting in March 2020.

The Board discussed opening applications to individuals who live outside of the City of Milwaukee, but decided to keep residency as a requirement. The Board said they would revisit this issue if applications remained low.

Commissioner Kowalik will share the rubric that was used to evaluate Board of Health member applications. Board members Grant and Zhang will adapt the rubric to evaluate Lead-Safe Advisory Committee applications. Commissioner Kowalik will also identify one point-of-contact within the health department for the Board to work with.

Lilliann Paine, Chief of Staff, will work with Board members Grant and Zhang to distribute a press release and social media posts in an effort to increase applications.

Michael Stevenson, Public Health Strategist, will share Lead-Safe Advisory Committee applications with the Board.

9. 2019 Successes and 2020 Priorities, Environmental Health and HR

Claire Evers, Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Health at the City of Milwaukee Health Department, provided an overview of 2019 successes and 2020 priorities for the Environmental Health Branch. The Environmental Health Branch includes the Consumer Environmental Health Division, Home Environmental Health Division, and Emergency Preparedness.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board member Ramey, seconded by member Grant to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

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