



City of Milwaukee

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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, LaNelle
Ramey, Ericka Sinclair, and Wujie Zhang*

Thursday, February 4, 2021

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant,
Julia Means, LaNelle Ramey, Ericka Sinclair, Dr. Ian Martin and Wujie Zhang

Absent: Ald. Chantia Lewis

3. Approval of meeting minutes from January 2021

Board Member Ramey motioned to approve, Board Member Zhang seconded; none opposed.

4. Meet and Greet with nominated Health Commissioner, Kirsten Johnson.

a. Introduction

b. Questions

Kirsten Johnson introduced herself to the board, provided an overview of her experience, qualifications, and priorities, and the board was able to ask questions.

5. Communication from the Commissioner

a. Questions

2 of 5 Gating Criteria are green (Testing and Care), while 3 are Yellow (Cases, Safety & Tracing) so Milwaukee is moving to Order 4.4. MHD has been administering COVID-19 Vaccines since January 13th, and began vaccinating individuals 65 and older on Monday (2/1). The City has plans to operate mobile vaccine clinics and to expand number of vaccines administered per day at the Wisconsin Center, but is limited by supply of vaccines that are being received from the state/federal government.

6. Discussion of DHS 140 certification

MHD was last assessed in 2019 and has recently had conversations with the state about their preliminary findings. Primary areas of concern were 1) MHD's Strategic Plan, 2) Implementation of CHIP, 3) Implementation and operation of Board of Health; while primary areas of Strength were 1) Food Safety & Lab Programs, 2) Understanding of Equity, 3) Overall vision of the department. Many areas of concern have been addressed since initial assessment, and the state will likely make their final decision on certification soon, results of this decision will be communicated to the Board.

All media requests for the board should be directed to Ruthie; and/or directly to Lilliann and the Commissioner of Health.

7. Milwaukee Health Department branch collaboration updates

a. Presentation and discussion from BOH members on branch collaborations

Board Member Means is participating as a panelist in MHD's upcoming Town Hall on COVID-19 Vaccines

Board Member Ramey is working with Commissioner Jackson to discuss vaccine outreach through the Divine Nine.

HEH: Board Members Grant and Zhang have had conversations with the Wisconsin Lead Policy Advisor to discuss funding to support the Lead Safe Advisory Committee's work

Medical Services: MHD is continuing to work in all areas of COVID-19 Pandemic response including testing, outbreak investigations, contact tracing, and staffing a hotline that receives 2-3 thousand calls/month; this year MHD doubled its goal of 2,000 flu vaccines and administered 4,000 flu vaccines through drive-thru clinics this fall

8. Future agenda items

9. Adjournment

Dr. Martin motioned to adjourn; Board Member Means seconded; none opposed

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