



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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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*

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020

5:30 PM

Zeidler Municipal Building  
841 N Broadway Ave, Rm 102

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#### Agenda item 5 added on 3/9/2020

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Marylyn Ranta, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Julia Means, Ruthie Burich-Weatherly,  
LaNelle Ramey

Late Arrival: Ericka Sinclair, Bria Grant

Not Present: Alderperson Chantia Lewis

3. Approval of Minutes from 02/11/2020  
Minutes approved without changes
4. Communication regarding department updates

Julie Katrichis, Director of Clinical Services at City of Milwaukee Health Department provided update

- Re: Level 3 Travel Advisory- Airport/Providers will tell travelers to selfquarantine
  - COVID tracing - The Health department is responsible for contact tracing of all individuals who test positive. The department is notified through the Wisconsin Electronic Data Surveillance System (WEDSS) and case contact information is also recorded in that system. The department does not release specific personal health information.
  - Media Updates: 02/28/2020, 03/05/2020, 03/08/2020, 03/09/2020
  - Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharyya, Laboratory Director for City of Milwaukee Health Department provided MHDL updates
  - Wisconsin Diagnostic Lab & CHW Lab – working to obtain approval to begin COVID -19 testing
  - In-house testing updates – capacity, turnaround time
  - Nicole Mutzenbauer provided HR Updates
  - Priorities
  - Budget Office lifted hold on hiring temporary employees
  - Commissioner Kowalik provided - COVID-19 related updates
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- Lessons learned re: DNC planning are helping frame COVID-19 response preparation
  - Once a case of COVID 19 is identified, event cancellation and additional restrictions will need to be considered.
  - Rotation of Back-Up to Commissioner of Health
  - 1st Special Deputy Dr. Bhattacharyya
  - 2nd Special Deputy Dr. Torres
  - 3rd Claire Evers (in May 2020 after graduate studies completed)
  - 4th Deputy Commissioner for Community Health
  - Nicole Miles -Better Outcomes for Mom and Baby (BOMB) updates
  - Plan to hire 4 doulas—2 have been hired , Will use HealthConnect curriculum based doula model for training, staffing and service delivery
  - Originally thought there was an Request For Responses (RFR); now, doulas will be independent contractors

5. Communication from the City Attorney's Office regarding the Board's statutory authority.
  
6. Communication from the Immunization Program regarding immunization reminder recalls

Lindsey Page, Infectious Disease Program Manager, City of Milwaukee Health Department, and Cadin Truesdale from Pfizer provided an introduction to the Pfizer Immunization Reminder Project - Vaccine Adherence in Kids (VAKs)

- Available at no cost and can be used to supplement an existing reminder call; postcards, phone calls, text message and telephone
- Review of the program by the City Attorney is pending

7. Update on the development of a Lead-Safe Advisory Committee

The Common Council still needs to approve the Health in All Policies (Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention) mini-grant – the contract approval process was explained by Mark Yatchak and Michael Stevenson

- Legal opinion regarding the permissibility for the Board to form a community task force is pending
- The plan is to recruit around 30 community participants and the applications that have been received to date were accepted pending approval of the grant and approval for the Board to form the task force.

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

This agenda item was tabled and will be included at a future meeting

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

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