



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## 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*

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Thursday, May 14, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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1 Roll Call

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

*Other: Claire Evers, Lilliann Paine, Griselle Torres, Greg Kruse, Mark Yatchak, Marlaina Jackson, Rocio Serna, Sanjib Bhattacharyya, Marlaina Jackson, Aaron Szopinski*

2 Approval of minutes – 3/10/20, 4/14/20

*March and April minutes were approved*

3 Communication from Deputy Commissioners regarding

*a. Departmental updates and introductions*

- *Recent hires Rocio Serna and Shawn Benjamin joined the Board Meeting*

*b. COVID 19 pandemic response*

- *MHD presented and discussed slides that were also provided at Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting on 05/14/2020 link to presentation:*

*[https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?](https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4452238&GUID=B1183A8B-3678-454F-A6BD-CCCEBBAE2D05&Options=&Search)*

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*i. Lab testing*

*MHDL continues to do COVID 19 testing but is not conducting antibody testing yet.*

*ii. Community testing strategy*

- Assist MHD to develop mitigation strategies in the context of community outreach and engagement for specific/minority groups*
- Develop culturally appropriate community mitigation strategies for plant employees and their families*
- Identify actions regional meat packing plants can take to mitigate COVID-19 (safely operate and reopen), including providing evidence-based guidance on ongoing testing strategy/timing and protocols for employees*
- Provision of support for MHD leaders with regard to communication of key messages with government officials/politicians*

*iii. Contact tracing and follow up*

- Deputy Paradis shared current daily testing goal of 2,000 for WI; 1,000 for Milwaukee. Milwaukee based National Guard testing sites recent daily testing volumes : Midtown (933); Umos (1,085)*
- Deputy Paradis confirmed that MHD is able to initiate contact tracing attempts within 24-48 hours of notification of a positive test result in most cases. There continue to be challenges in reaching and follow-up with some individuals. She also shared that 150-200 tracer will be required to adequately meet ongoing surge capacity; mitigation includes utilization of MHD staff/furloughed Milwaukee Public School Nurses/ Medical Residents; furloughed Milwaukee Public Library staff; cohort of nursing students*

*iv. Other*

- Latino Outreach - MHD collaborating with 16th Street Health Center; CDC Field Team is assisted with refining health risk messaging for Southside*
- Board Members raised the following questions: –*
  - What should messaging/marketing look like for 14-23 year old Milwaukee residents?*
  - What should messaging/marketing look like for LGBTQ+ demographic*
- Once developed, the board will be asked to help disseminate the messaging and communication tools produced from the Advancing Healthier Wisconsin grant.*

4 Update on Health in All Policies (HiAP) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant and lead safe advisory committee formation

- I. Grant is on pause*
- II. Formation of the Lead Safe Advisory Committee is on pause*
- III. MHD is working on getting extension for grant due to COVID-19 outbreak*

5 Summer meeting schedule

6 Adjournment

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