



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, Ericka
Sinclair, Domonique Weathers, and Wujie Zhang*

Thursday, September 2, 2021

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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1. Call to order

2. Roll call

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

Excused: Ald. Chantia Lewis

Absent: Bria Grant

3. Approval of meeting minutes from August 5, 2021

Board Member Sinclair motioned to approve, Board Member Means seconded and the motion passed with none opposed.

4. Election of Board of Health officers

a. Nominations

b. Discussion

c. Vote

President/Chair: Board Member Sinclair nominated Ruthie Burich-Weatherly for Chair, Dr. Martin seconded the motion, which passed with no opposition.

Vice President: Board Member Means nominated Ericka Sinclair for Vice President, and Dr. Martin seconded. The motion passed with no opposition.

5. Communication from MHD Health Commissioner, Kirsten Johnson.

a. Presentation

b. Questions

[210143](#) Communication relating to those documents submitted to the Board of Health for its meetings in 2021.

Commissioner Johnson presented an update on MHD's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic including current vaccination rates, case burden, and plans to continue incentivizing and making the vaccines widely accessible.

6. Office of Violence Prevention- Proposal requested by Gov. Evers office

a. Presentation by Arnitta Holliman , Director, OVP

b. Questions

Arnitta Holliman, the Director of the Office for Violence Prevention (OVP), presented an overview of OVP's work to establish and maintain partnerships to reduce violence, their ReCAST Safe Summer Healing Project grants and ARPA request to expand their violence prevention work in response to recent trends and increasing violence during the pandemic.

Standing Agenda Items

9. Discussion of DHS 140 certification

a. Questions

10. Lead Program

a. Questions

The Public Health foundation is continuing their audit and reviewing cases, while Deputy Commissioner Weber is working closely with the Mayor's Office and community partners to develop a proposal for ARPA funds to address lead poisoning, and expand the capacity to abate homes, develop the workforce, and implement effective policies.

11. Strategic Planning

a. Questions

MHD leadership has identified a consultant and anticipate beginning work in October.

12. Milwaukee Health Department branch collaboration updates
a. Presentation and discussion from BOH members on branch collaborations

PIE is working on filling key vacancies.

13. Future agenda items
a. Oct- HIV/HCV update from Dr. Paradis
b. Oct- Lead audit outcomes discussion pending result availability

14. Adjournment

Dr. Martin motioned to adjourn, Board Member Gomez-Tom seconded, and the motion passed with none opposed.

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