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Re: Seeking City of Milwaukee Board of Health nominations March 1-31, 2019

Greetings:

In February 2019, an ordinance was passed to create a Board of Health for the City of Milwaukee. The Council File, #[180919](#) was authored by Alderwoman Chantia Lewis and was unanimously approved by the Common Council. The ordinance creates a nine-member Board to be appointed by Mayor Tom Barrett and confirmed by the Common Council. This advisory board will provide policy guidance and input to the City of Milwaukee Health Department on all facets of public health. The Board of Health, requirement is defined by State of Wisconsin Statute s. 448.01. It shall consist of:

- 1 Common Council member,
- 5 persons with backgrounds in science and public health including formal training and appropriate education credentials in these areas, and
- 3 persons with backgrounds and appropriate education credentials in fields of the social determinants of health (SDoH), including, but not limited to, policy, law enforcement, and commerce. All board members shall be current and in good standing in professional associations representing their respective disciplines.

In March 2019, we are seeking nominations of City of Milwaukee residents interested in serving on the Board of Health. The first group of appointees will serve for a term of 2-5 years, and should be:

- Experienced and knowledgeable in public health,
- able to attend Board meetings at least monthly in year one, and quarterly thereafter, and
- have a deep commitment to improving public health practice in the City of Milwaukee.

Interested Milwaukee residents should visit city.milwaukee.gov/appointments, and upload a letter of interest and resume (or CV) for Mayor Barrett's consideration. Appointees will have their appointment heard by the Council's Public Safety & Health Committee prior to confirmation by the full Common Council.

In service,

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