



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Board of Health/Veterans
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Health Service Center Board Room, 1225 Langlade Road, Antigo, WI

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:
Social distancing was observed and masks were worn, cell phones silenced.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:28 a.m. by Chairman Benishek.
2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence as final recognition is given to fallen Veterans.
3. **Recognize members to be excused.** Chairman Benishek informed the Committee that Richard Hurlbert has resigned from the County Board. Benishek will take the Chairman position and drew for Vice-Chair. Thomas Bauknecht will be the Vice Chairman for Board of Health/Veterans Committee.

| BOH/VETERANS COMMITTEE | | |
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| Name | Role | Status |
| Robert Benishek | Chairman | Present |
| Thomas Bauknecht | Vice-Chair | Present |
| Dave Krochalk | Committee Member | Present |
| Warren Wagner | Committee Member | Present |
| Vacant | Committee Member | Absent |
| Dr. Jeffrey Nielsen | At-Large Member | Present |
| Dr. Kristine Flowers | Medical Advisor | Present |
| Judy Popelka | At-Large Member | Present |
| Non-Committee Members Present | | |
| Name | Interest | |
| Ron Barger | Director Health & Social Services | |
| Jean Weston | Public Health Nurse | |
| Vern Cahak | Supervisor | |
| Becky Rank | Deputy County Clerk/Recording Secretary | |
| Darlaen Jansen | Antigo Unified School District Nurse | |

4. **Approve previous BOH & Veterans meeting minutes (January 6, 2021).** Motion by Krochalk, second by Bauknecht to approve the previous meeting minutes of January 6, 2021. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas** – Benishek will work with Barger on streamlining the agendas.
6. **Review monthly budget for Veterans Office:** Committee reviewed the written Veterans January Budget Summary. Committee had no questions or concerns. Information only.
7. **Review monthly budget for Health Department:** Barger presented the Committee with a written January Health Department Budget Summary. Barger discussed budget. Committee had no questions or concerns. Information only.
8. **Directors Report and Personnel Update:**

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- a. **Vacant Public Health Nurse position (Update).** Barger stated Donna Wiegert has been hired as the new Public Health Nurse. Wiegert will start on February 17, 2021. Information only.
- b. **CoVID Funding Update.** Barger stated the Health Department has been awarded the Base Award Grant of \$140,000 for CoVID Funding and expecting an additional amount of \$160,000. Funding will arrive between now and mid-year in 2022. Information only.

9. New Business:

- a. **Virtual conference and workshop attendance for BOH and staff:** Motion by Popelka, second by Wagner to approve the virtual conference and workshop attendance for BOH and staff. All ayes, motion carried.
- b. **Policy review: Volunteer Policy.**
 - 1. **Vaccine Safety Policy.** Weston presented the Committee with a Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions Policy. The purpose statement is to provide the necessary information and guidelines to manage medical reactions during and after the administration of a vaccine. Motion by Popelka, second by Bauknecht to approve the Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions Policy. All ayes, motion carried.

Weston gave the committee a Legislative update. Weston discussed the senate repeal of the Governor's Mask Mandate, stating this is on hold. President Biden's Team has issued a National COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness Plan. Discussion held on mandating masks in all county owned buildings. Committee asked that the Proclamation recognized by County Board on December 15, 2020 be revised, supporting COVID initiatives, with a strong message encouraging the use of mask/facial covering. Committee also discussed bringing a resolution requiring masks/facial covering in all county owned buildings. Motion by Krochalk, second by Popelka to support a Proclamation supporting COVID initiatives. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Bauknecht, second by Wagner to support a Resolution requiring mask/facial covering in all county owned building sunseting 90 days upon adoption. All ayes, motion carried.

- c. **Request to transfer available tax levy funds designated for wages to DSS in the current 2021 and projected 2022 budget for the purpose of funding a part-time community support social worker position. Exact amount to be determined pending creation of position and approval by Finance, DSS, and full County Board.** Barger stated during the Social Services and Administrative Team Meetings prevention ideas were discussed to help with out of home placement costs in the Social Services Department Budget. A Community Support Social Worker was suggested with funding to be determined. Barger is seeking approval to transfer \$95,000 available tax levy funds from the Health Department Budget to Social Service Budget to fund a part time Community Support Social Worker position. The funds transferred would support the position from July 1, 2021 through 2022, pending position approval. Discussion held on funding wants/needs within the Health Department. Motion by Krochalk, second by Popelka to release \$95,000 from the Health Department Budget to Social Service Department Budget. All ayes, except Dr. Flowers and Bauknecht, nay. 5-2 vote, motion carried.

Barger is seeking approval to apply for an AmeriCorp Grant stating the HeART Grant will be ending. Barger stated the HeART Project has been successful in Langlade County and would like to see those projects continuing. AmeriCorp Grant is a match grant. Discussion held. Motion by Popelka, second by Krochalk for Board of Health supporting the application for the AmeriCorp position to be administrated under the Health Department. All ayes, motion carried.

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10. **Data Report:** Committee was presented a written Data Report. Barger gave the flu vaccination statistics for Langlade County. Information only.
11. **Communicable Disease Update:**
 - a. **CoVID-19:** Weston updated the Committee on COVID testing and vaccinations. Weston discussed the statistical number of positive cases and testing. National Guard are doing COVID testing every other week. Health Department has given 330 vaccinations, waiting for more supply. Weston will be working on Vaccination Clinics. Weston stated the public can enroll Online or through the hotline. Information only.
 - b. **Other:** None
12. **Program Updates:**
 - a. **School Nurse Update:** Jansen stated for one week the Antigo District was COVID free. Currently 2 students have tested positive, 26 students, 4 staff out with contact/illness. Jansen is working with Public Health Department on COVID vaccinations. Jansen stated she is working on Mental Health and promotion of the hotline for suicide prevention. Jansen thanked the Health Staff on the great work. Information only.
13. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Public Awareness Activities:** Committee reviewed public articles. Jansen stated a Community Survey was sent out on vaccinations. That data is being used to create a public awareness campaign. Information only.
 - b. **Further discussion on creation of Sanitarian position and WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) recommendation. (Next Steps):** Barger updated the Committee on the Sanitarian position. DATCP has asked that this position be put on hold until the 2022. DATCP is behind on training and computer systems are down. Barger stated water contract is under review with the DNR. Information only.
14. **Referrals and Recommendations for the next meeting:** Bauknecht ask to move up the School Nurse Update on the agenda. Chairman agreed
15. **Set date for next regular meeting:** March 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Health Care Center, Board Room.
16. **Adjourn meeting:** Motion by Wagner, second by Bauknecht to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
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