



NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Serving the communities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point,
Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin

4800 W. Green Brook Dr.
Brown Deer, WI 53223

December 12th, 2019

The North Shore Board of Health meeting was called to order on December 12th, 2019 at 7:05pm by Ann Christiansen.

1. Roll call

Present: Claudia Altman, MD, Barbara Bechtel, RN, BSN; Ann Christiansen, MPH; Debesh Mazumdar, MD; Kristine Peterka, DNP, BSN, RN; Christopher Simenz, PhD

Absent: Bruce Weiss, MD, MPH, Ellen Friebert Schupper, MBA, Gary Lewis, MD,

2. Persons desiring to be heard

There were no persons desiring to be heard.

3. Approval of August 15th, 2019 Minutes

Chris Simenz made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15th, 2019. The motion was seconded by Debesh Mazumdar and approved by full Board.

4. Health Department Administrative Items

- **Staffing Updates**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on staffing shortages associated with two staff currently on medical leave through 2019.

- **Review and Approve 2020 Budget for NSHD**

Ms. Christiansen presented the NSHD 2020 Budget to the BOH. She reviewed health department activity numbers for 2019 and projections for 2020. She noted that as of the middle of 2019, communicable disease cases were slightly lower in this year compared to 2018. Ms. Christiansen anticipates a similar number for 2020. She noted an increase in the number of restaurant licenses issued in 2019 and anticipates continued increases in 2020 with the Democratic National Convention. Ms. Christiansen noted the budget narrative contains information on 2019 accomplishments including completing the North Shore Community Health Improvement Plan and establishment of the North Shore Opioid Fatality Review group. The health department also brought in new grants from

the WI Department of Health Services to support the opioid response and funding to host an exercise surrounding a water main break scenario.

Ms. Christiansen noted that the contributions from participating municipalities increased by 2% to account for increases in salary and health insurance benefits. Revenue from restaurant licenses increased slightly as a result of a 4% fee increase implemented for the July 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2020 license year.

Barbara Bechtel made a motion to approve the NSHD 2020 Budget. The motion was seconded by Chris Simenz and approved by the full BOH.

5. Legislative Updates -

- **Update on municipal ordinances to expand definition of smoking to include vaping and e-cigarette use in areas currently prohibited under Wisconsin State Law.**

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH regarding the passage of municipal ordinances regarding e-cigarettes. Specifically, North Shore municipal governments were considering ordinances to prohibit the sale and possession of e-cigarettes by anyone under 18 years of age and to prohibit smoking and e-cigarette use in indoor places where smoking is prohibited by Wisconsin State Law. Ms. Christiansen stated such municipal ordinances were passed in Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay.

6. Reports and Discussions

a) Communicable Disease Update

i. 2019-2020 Flu Season Update

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on current efforts to prevent influenza for the 2019-2020 flu season. The North Shore area was experiencing lower than average numbers of cases of people hospitalized for the flu. Ms. Christiansen noted we again offered flu vaccine for all municipal employees as part of our planning for public health emergency preparedness. The department provides the flu vaccine as part of efforts to meet our objectives for our Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. As part of Domain 4, Capability 8, Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration, we are charged with determining the number of individuals who would be vaccinated as part of a critical workforce group. Municipal staff may be considered part of this group during a pandemic outbreak.

ii. 2020 Adult Health Clinic Update

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on an assessment the public health nursing staff is doing of our Adult Health Clinics. We are considering rescheduling our clinics for months in the year when we have historically had more appointments scheduled. Ms. Christiansen will provide the BOH with an updated schedule once the assessment is completed.

b) Environmental Health

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on a human health hazard case the department was working on with the Village of Shorewood.

c) Other Items

i. Milwaukee County Department on Aging Cognitive Screenings

NSHD partnered with the Milwaukee County Department on Aging to host two cognitive screenings in 2019. As a result of the demand for the screenings, Kathy Platt worked with our nursing students from Concordia University this fall to create a toolkit to support additional cognitive screenings in 2020.

ii. Milwaukee County Fall Prevention Coalition

Ms. Christiansen updated on the BOH on NSHD's involvement in the development of a new Milwaukee County Fall Prevention Coalition. She has been serving on the coalition's Steering Committee as the group develops its mission, objectives and strategies. Ms. Platt, PH Nurse Supervisor, has also attended several of the initial meetings. The charge of the coalition is to raise awareness that falls are a preventable condition, as well as support community programs to prevent falls.

7. Scheduling of 2020 meetings

BOH agreed the meeting schedule for 2020 would be as follows:

January 16th @ 7pm – Brown Deer
March 19th @ 7pm – Shorewood
May 21st @ 7pm – Brown Deer
October 15th @ 7pm – Shorewood

8. Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by Debesh Mazumdar and seconded by Kris Peterka at 8:06pm and approved by the full Board.

Dated: January 9th 2020 ALC