



NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

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

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Shorewood, WI 53211

April 4th, 2019

The North Shore Board of Health meeting was called to order on April 4th, 2019 at 7:04pm by Ann Christiansen.

1. Roll call

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

Absent: Gary Lewis, MD, Ellen Friebert Schupper

2. Persons desiring to be heard

There were no persons desiring to be heard.

3. Approval of January 17th, 2019 Minutes

Debesh Mazumdar made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17th, 2019 the motion was seconded by Bruce Weiss and approved by full Board.

4. Review 2018 NSHD Annual Report Data

Ms. Christiansen provided an overview of the 2018 Annual Report data. BOH members commented on increases in overall number of confirmed diseases reported to NSHD in 2018 compared to previous two years. Diseases where an increase was observed included food and waterborne illnesses, sexually transmitted diseases, influenza hospitalizations, and Latent TB. Barb Bechtel suggested we submit the Annual Report data to state legislators to inform them of the work at the North Shore Health Department. Chris Simenz also suggested data be presented at a library program to share more broadly with the general public. Ms. Christiansen will look into these opportunities.

5. Health Department Administrative Items

a). Interim Health Officer – Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on her role as Interim Health Officer for Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department. Ms. Christiansen will be supporting this department

on a limited basis for emergencies requiring health officer authority. She will serve in this role until August when the current health officer returns from sabbatical.

b). Update on North Shore Community Health Improvement Plan

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on the next phase on the NS CHIP process now that the BOH has approved four priority health areas. NSHD is working with VisualLeverage to facilitate a discussion with community partners and stakeholders to identify potential goals and objectives around the priority areas. A meeting to discuss Mental Health and Emotional Well Being and Substance Free Living is set for May 1st.

c). Strategic Plan – Merge Shorewood and Brown Deer computer systems

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on the plan to move the two distinct computer systems into one cloud-based network. She is working with OnTech to merge these systems in the next couple of months. This is an objective of the NSHD Strategic Plan in creating an efficient and effective work environment.

6. Reports and Discussions

a) Communicable Disease Update

i. Latent TBI Investigations

Ms. Christiansen provided an update that LTBI investigations continue to challenge staff. NSHD had 36 cases reported to us since 7/1/2018. She reported in a review of Milwaukee County overall, there were approximately 1,200 LTBI cases reported since 7/1/2018. Ms. Christiansen shared that they continue to discuss impact with the WI Department of Health Services to raise awareness about how these investigations impact our workload.

ii. Update on flu season – vaccines and disease burden

b) Substance Abuse – Opioid Overdose Death Reviews

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH that she was working to schedule a North Shore Overdose Review meeting in May. She will update BOH once meeting is set.

c) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Update

i. MCC_ORR Review

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on the March 19 Medical Countermeasures Operational Readiness Review with representatives from the State of Wisconsin Department of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care and staff from Preparedness staff from NSHD and the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD). The NSHD and other local health departments in the metro Milwaukee area (as well as departments in other metropolitan areas in the US) receive funds from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) specifically designated to improve preparation for a public health emergency (such as an aerosolized Anthrax attack, or pandemic influenza) in the most populous areas in the US.

ii. North Shore Water System Emergency

Ms. Christiansen updated the BOH on an upcoming tabletop exercise NSHD is hosting on April 15th, 2019. NSHD is bringing together agencies from across North Shore to discuss planning, coordination and operational capabilities associated with a water system incident that impacts the population.

7. Scheduling of next meeting and location

May 16th @ 7:00pm – changed to Shorewood due to space limitations in Brown Deer

August 15th @ 7:00pm – Shorewood

October 17th @ 7:00pm – Brown Deer

8. Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by Chris Simenz and seconded by Bruce Weiss at 8:14pm and approved by the full Board.

Dated: May 10th, 2019 ALC