



# NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

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

October 15th, 2020

The North Shore Board of Health meeting was called to order on October 15th, 2020 at 7:00pm by Ann Christiansen.

## 1. Roll call

Present: Ann Christiansen, MPH; Gary Lewis, MD; Debesh Mazumdar, MD; Kristine Peterka, DNP, BSN, RN; Christopher Simenz, PhD, Ellen Friebert Schupper, MBA, and Bruce Weiss, MD, MPH.

Absent: Claudia Altman, MD; Rosalyn McFarland, DNP, RN, APNP, FNP-BC

## 2. Persons desiring to be heard

There were no persons desiring to be heard.

## 3. Approval of August 20th, 2020 Minutes

**Debesh Mazumdar made a motion to approve the minutes from August 20th, 2020. The motion was seconded by Chris Simenz and approved by full Board.**

## 4. Health Department Administrative Items

### • Review NSHD's 2021 Budget

Ms. Christiansen reviewed the pending 2021 NSHD budget for the Board of Health. Ms. Christiansen highlighted the uncertainty with state and federal funding to continue the COVID response beyond the 2020 funding. With the regular budget, NSHD has 8.01 FTE on staff. With funds for COVID-19, the department added 12.0 FTE. Not having additional COVID funding will have a significant impact on the budget moving forward.

Kris Peterka made a motion to approve NSHD's 2021 Budget; Chris Simenz seconded and the budget was approved by the full Board.

### • Staffing for COVID-19 Response

Ms. Christiansen briefed the BOH on this item in the previous agenda. Ms. Peterka asked how the Board could help advocate for funding. Ms. Christiansen mentioned they could send notice to the Governor and Legislature regarding the need to support local health departments with funding.

## 5. North Shore COVID-19 Update

a. Situational Awareness: Ms. Christiansen presented an update on the North Shore Health Department's COVID-19 response. She provided slides showing an increase in the number of cases since the Board met in August. She noted that in looking at burden

rates for the past two weeks, all of the North Shore communities were in the High or Critical category for disease activity. Ms. Christiansen noted that the number of tests per week had been increasing but for the first week in October, the total number of tests provided for the North Shore were down. She also noted the percent of positive COVID-19 tests was slightly low in early October than at the end of September. The latest seven-day rolling average was 8.2% compared to a 10.4% high at the end of September.

b. Milwaukee County COVID-19 Testing Strategy:

Ms. Christiansen noted Milwaukee County has variety of testing options available, including community testing sites at Miller Park, Barack Obama High School and other locations in the county. In the North Shore, Health Connections has been planning to set up a larger scale testing site as part of their clinic. The Milwaukee County Unified Emergency Operations Center coordinated [www.testupmke.com](http://www.testupmke.com) to help people navigate where they can get tested.

c. Other Items: The Board offered no additional items to discuss.

**6. Next meeting, January 21st, 2021** – The meeting will continue to be virtual to allow for physical distancing. *Meeting was postponed to February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

**7. Adjournment:**

**There was a motion to adjourn by Chris Simenz and seconded by Kris Peterka at 7:50pm and approved by the full Board.**

Dated: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ALC