



# 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 53223

March 23rd, 2017

The North Shore Board of Health meeting was called to order on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:05 pm by Ann Christiansen.

**1. Roll call**

Present: Claudia Altman, MD, Mary Jo Baisch, PhD, RN, Barbara Bechtel, RN, BSN, Debesh Mazumdar, MD, Christopher Simenz, PhD Bill Warner, Ann Christiansen, MPH, and guest Kris Peterka.

Absent: Jennifer Eversen, MS, Gary Lewis, MD

**2. Persons Desiring to be heard**

There were no persons desiring to be heard.

**3. Approval of January 19th, 2017 minutes**

**Dr. Simenz made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19th, 2017; the motion was seconded by Mr. Warner and approved.**

**4. Health Department Administrative Items**

**a. Review and Discuss 2016 Annual Report Information**

Reviewed and discussed 2016 data, including increases in rates of communicable disease. The Board express concern about the rise in sexually transmitted infections, especially gonorrhea. They also noted the increase in number of blood lead level tests we received in 2016 compared to 2015. Ms. Christiansen reported that some of this increase was the result of the grant we received to survey physicians and clinics about their practices around blood lead testing. The health department determined that in some clinics, tests results were not always being sent to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Considering the communicable disease information, the Board discussed the advocacy work happening by the Wisconsin Public Health Association to support state level funding for local health department to investigate and control communicable diseases.

**Dr. Mazumdar made a motion for the North Shore Health Department to adopt a resolution in support of state funding to local health departments for communicable disease prevention and control. Mr. Warner seconded the motion and the full BOH approved the motion.**

Dr. Baisch volunteered to write the resolution and work with Ms. Christiansen to get signatures for BOH members.

**b. Review Community Health Assessment Outline and discuss next steps**

Ms. Christiansen introduced Kris Peterka, DNP Student in the UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing. Ms. Peterka shared the outline of the CHA with the group and discussed the department's use of the Wisconsin Way and County Health Rankings framework. The Board discussed some of the specific measures we are reviewing and suggested we continue to report on our progress at our upcoming meetings.

**c. Update on the Funding Formula Discussion with Managers/City Administrator**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on continued discussions about the health department formula. The formula is being considered along with the formulas of other consolidated services in the North Shore. One consideration Ms. Christiansen shared is having a proportion of the formula be based on fixed costs, given that WI State Statute requires all municipalities to have a health department. The Board advised Ms. Christiansen to continue discussions with the managers/city administrator.

**5. North Shore Environmental Health Consortium**

**a. Discuss addition of Glendale to North Shore Environmental Health Consortium**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on the ordinance approval process informing them that Whitefish Bay was scheduled to review and approve the ordinance on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Shorewood will review and approve on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**b. Discuss process for approval of the revised Food Safety and Recreational Licensing ordinance**

Per discussion above, Glendale approved the ordinance on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Brown Deer's was approved on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Our next steps are to share with the other five municipalities and work with them to pass the revised ordinance. Once these communities are done, the ordinance will be shared with Fox Point and River Hills.

**6. Reports and Discussions**

**a. Disease Control and Prevention**

**-Hantavirus Investigation –**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board about an ongoing investigation the department has been involved with since the beginning of the year. We are involved with a national investigation of the hantavirus because several residents in the North Shore acquired domesticated rats from facilities infected with the hantavirus.

**-Mumps Cases –**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on a mump investigation the department lead in February.

**b. Environmental Health –**

**-Human Health Hazard Case**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on a human health hazard case they have been investigating for many years. The Department, along with the Village's Building Inspection department determined the home to be unfit for habitation due to no ability to determine if the home has running water and a usable toilet. Procedures are in place to support the home owner's removal of excess clutter to access the bathroom and kitchen areas in the home.

**c. Injury Prevention**

**-Safe School Zone – Pedestrian Safety Grant update**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on this grant from Safe Kids for modifications to school zones in Shorewood. The department has scheduled a workshop for the end of April to meet with an engineer whose expertise is pedestrian safety. He will review traffic around Shorewood schools and provide recommendations for improvements. The grant will support \$30,000 for these improvements.

**-Heroin/Prescription Drug Resource Guide**

Ms. Christiansen updated the Board on continued dissemination of the Resource Guide. She said a next step is for staff to partner with the Medical College of Wisconsin to develop a single card for EMS and other first responders to provide to people who are in crisis.

7. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Brown Deer.
8. There was a motion to adjourn by Bill Warner at 8:25pm, seconded by Debesh Mazumdar and approved.

Dated: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ALC