



Health Department

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

SOUTH MILWAUKEE/ ST. FRANCIS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 6:30PM

SOUTH MILWAUKEE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2424 15TH AVENUE

SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI 53172

AGENDA

1. Call to order – J Ove called meeting to order 6:34pm.
2. Introduction of Members
Present: J Ove, J Bzdawka, V Dominski, C Hadley, Dr. S Scalzitti
Excused: C Kieck, Ald. M Damon, Ald. P Clark
Absent: D Flores
J Ove informed members of the unexpected passing of former BOH member Karen Stewart on Jan. 17, 2022.
3. Approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2021 meeting. V Dominski moved to approve, C Hadley 2nd motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Medical Advisor Report – Study still underway on vaccines for children under 5 years of age. Flu (influenza A) cases are trending downward after peaking in December. RSV cases peaked in early fall, now trending downward. While Omicron cases appear more mild, most of the hospitalized patients are unvaccinated. Better Covid19 treatments now available, such as new monoclonal antibodies. Many different antibody tests available. PCR tests indicate live virus and nontransmissible virus. Antigen tests indicate live transmissible virus.
5. Public Health Administrator Report
 - a. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update: Disease Investigation, Testing, Vaccination – Links for updated COVID19 information are found on the websites for each city. South Milwaukee's vaccination rate is very low (60%). St. Francis is a little higher (65%). The Health Dept. mailed out postcards to residents as a vaccination reminder. Residents have called and made appointments. South Milwaukee, St Francis, Cudahy and Oak Creek Health Depts. are still working together at community clinics in each city. On this date, one was held In OC. When approval is given for vaccinating ages 6 mos. to 4 years, the Health Depts. will be offering



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appointments in each local department, not in a large clinic setting because of the age group.

Testing – the Health Dept. applied for and was approved as a community testing site by the state to offer PCR testing. This will begin around March 1, Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 3pm. The program runs until the end of June. The testing site uses the Covid Connect app for registration. Clients will stay outside in their car for testing.

Disease investigation - In the Health Dept. there has been a shift from contact tracing to outbreak management. In the schools, contact tracing is still done due to the type of environment. School Board is addressing masks and quarantine at their meeting on this date.

- b. Health Program Updates – 140 Review, done every 5 years. In 2017, the Health Dept. went from a Level 1 to a Level 3 dept. This year the review is due in April 2022. Staff is working on this currently. Copies of WI Statute Chapter DHS140 were provided at the meeting. This was revised in 2019. Also includes Foundational Public Health Services to provide fair opportunities for all.
Maternal Child Health (MCH) focuses this year on breastfeeding. Looking to find friendly work places – 2 in SM and 2 in SF to work with on this. Health Dept. staff will be trained to be certified lactation consultants (2).
Reproductive Health - accounts being set up to obtain medications.
Opioid overdose response – quick response. Fatality review for the 4 cities to determine intervention strategies.
Childhood immunization rates – working on methods to increase rates.
- c. Department Staffing Updates – nothing new here.
- d. Wisconsin Policy Forum Report regarding Public Health in Milwaukee County – presented to Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC)
Links sent in email prior to meeting.

Links to the Wisconsin Policy Forum Be Prepared Report

<https://wispolicyforum.org/research/be-prepared-an-overview-of-public-health-services-in-milwaukee-county-and-options-for-structural-change/>

Companion report by the UW Population Health Institute

https://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/316/2022/02/milwaukee_public_health_report.pdf



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6. Adjournment – J Bzdawka moved to adjourn, V Dominski 2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETINGS: ALL THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM
 May 12, 2022
 September 8, 2022
 November 10, 2022

Please contact Jackie Ove at SM/SF Health Dept. 768-8055 or ove@smwi.org, if you are unable to attend.