



MINUTES

Le Sueur – Waseca Community Health Board

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Held at the Waterville Senior Center

Members present: Brian Harguth, Doug Christopherson, Brad Krause, Daniel O’Keefe, Steve Rohlfling, John King, David Preisler, and DeAnne Malterer.

Others present: Sarah Berry, Megan Kirby, Joe Martin, Andrew Nicolin, Greg Huber, Sam Holicky, Leah Cameron, Leah Frederick, Nicole Jarvis, Ashley Killday, Colin Ayers and Kristen Friederichs and Carson Hughes (Le Sueur County News).

Call to Order at 1:29 pm by Vice Chair Doug Christopherson.

Review/Approval of Agenda. Added Approval of 8/1/2023 minutes with November 7, 2023 minutes.

Motion to approve amended agenda by Brian Harguth; seconded by John King. Motion carried.

Review/Approval of August 1, 2023 minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of August 1st & November 7th 2023 by DeAnne Malterer; seconded by Steve Rohlfling. Motion carried.

Review recent items signed by Board agent & Funding Summary-Sarah Berry

1. Regional Health Equity Grant-\$31,297.64 goes towards staffing time and data analysis.
2. Perinatal Hep. B-case by case reimbursement.
3. Bridge Access– Reimbursement for the UUAV COVID-19 vaccine that we provide in each county.
4. Suicide Prevention Pathway to Care Cohort-\$5,000 to support Waseca County staff time.
5. RSG-\$123, 525.28
6. CTC- \$73,776. This has decreased from 2023 due to changes around Independent Health Systems involvement.
7. COVID Grant Extensions-Have until 3/31/2026 to spend remaining funds.
8. Letter of support for MDH water testing grant application. This was completed by the Cannon River Watershed. This would support/remedy issues around drinking water identified. Public Health would provide outreach for this grant.
9. New agreement for the PH Foundational Responsibilities-new allocation. Details to follow later in the agenda.

Annual Business

Election of 2024 Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Chair nomination: Doug Christopherson by DeAnna Malterer second by Daniel O’Keefe. Motion carried

Vice Chair nomination: Daniel O’ Keefe by John King; second by Brian Harguth. Motion carried.

Secretary nomination: DeAnne Malterer by John King; second by Brian Harguth. Motion carried.

Appointment of SCHSAC Committee Member: DeAnne Malterer and Alternate: David Preisler. Motion by DeAnne Malterer; second by David Preisler. Motion carried.

Revised Resolution of Board’s Agent: Sarah Berry and Alternate: Megan Kirby. Motion by Steve Rohlffing; second by Brian Harguth. Motion carried. Resolution was signed by Chair Doug Christopherson and Vice Chair Daniel O’Keefe.

3. Updates from the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee-De Malterer

Reviewed the meeting take home notes that were included in the packet. Each CHB including Le Sueur-Waseca is receiving additional base allocation funding. This is the foundational work that should be done and paid for by government, to start driving change around public health efforts.

4. Community Health Assessment-Colin Ayers

Have a final draft completed. This is a 64 page document with data including county and regional specific data regarding health priorities. Focuses on eight different factors. Condensed version was shared in previous meetings. We do have partners already requesting to see work so that they can utilize it for projects specific to their interest as well. Summary document was included in board packet and full summary went out in email to CHB prior to meeting. Commissioner Preisler suggested a change to the education data to account for the Alternative Learning Center in Waseca County. Review/Approval of CHA with suggested edits by: Steve Rohlffing seconded by: Danny O’Keefe. Motion Carried.

5. Community Health Improvement Priority Setting-Colin Ayers

Public Health/CHB leadership prioritized top 5 health subjects: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Transportation, Social Connectedness and Healthcare Access. Top two priority areas identified were: Mental Health and Substance Abuse. ACES, Mental Health Resource Map, Opioid Data for policy change and local and state policies for review were the objectives for each of the two priority areas. Feedback after review was concerned around verbiage with mental health resource map. Would like verbiage to change to entities that service our county. Clarity on which school districts to interact with was also suggested so that effort is reciprocated. CHB voted on going forward and approving the priorities and activities with the considerations & direction given by Commissioner Preisler & Commissioner Malterer. Review/Approval of CHA by: DeAnne Malterer; seconded by: John King. Motion Carried.

6. SHIP Updates-Kristen Friedrichs

Kristen shared one-pager. In year four of a five year cycle currently. \$175,000 of grant funding has been put out in the communities, half of which is spent in Le Sueur & Waseca Counties through three years. Gave an update that SHIP is giving input around the JUUL Settlement and expected it may be put into scope of work within the future. Additionally expecting cannabis to be put into future SHIP work as well.

7. Foundational Public Health Work

A. Public Health Foundational Grant-Sarah Berry

Sarah reviewed previous cost and capacity information for each county as well as gave a background around the work Public Health is required to do by statute by the state of Minnesota. \$343,743 will be 75% match required to receive the funding. This is expected to be collected through tax levy dollars, fees for service through Community Health & other funding sources outside of federal grants received.

B. Response and Sustainability Grant-Sarah Berry

Sarah reviewed grant parameters \$123, 505.28 annually as a CHB. Fiscal year is July 2023 –June 2024. We will have an ability to rollover funds into next year to fully make use of the funds provided. Directed toward preparing community for responding to disasters the recovery process associated with an event.

C. Request to hire-Megan Kirby

- i. Community Health Supervisor:
- ii. Emergency Preparedness Specialist

Going forward board would like to see measurables that will be completed through these new positions. Want to be sure to see regular updates until positions have become more routine. Comments by Commissioner Rohlfling about future of the funding, if it were to go away this would trigger discussion by both boards on whether to keep the positions. Would like a six month review of the position and measurables.

Motion to approve both positions as presented by: Steve Rohlfling and seconded by DeAnne Malterer. Motion Carried.

Additional Discussion: Rework Community Health Board budget to see what each county is investing in the CHB. Would like a draft by July or budget time-review at June CHB meeting. Will go to next Le Sueur County board meeting for hire with flexibility for interviews when Megan returns from maternity leave. Expecting to hire & review applications Mid-April. Additionally board would like to see an MOA drafted that would cover: Organizational Chart, Shared Position Descriptions, Funding Sources for the positions, Measurable Outcomes from these positions.

8. Environmental Health Policies 6 and 7-Andrew Nicolin

Reviewed planning and training manual that was briefly discussed the previous two meetings. Suggestion by Commissioner Malterer in moving the definitions to section 1 instead of the back of the manual.

Motion to approve policies 6 & 7 with suggested edits by Commissioner King & Seconded and by Commissioner O'Keefe. Motion Carried.

9. Requested adjustment to November 5th, 2024 meeting to October 1, 2024. No action requested.

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Motion by Brian Harguth and seconded by DeAnne Malterer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Megan Kirby for DeAnne Malterer, Secretary.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd 2024.

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