



North Shore Health Department – Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2022

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 702pm by Kathy Platt.

- 1) Roll Call: Present-Charonda Farrington, Marisa Roberts, Debesh Mazumdar, Gary Lewis, Kris Peterka, Becky Rowland, Kathy Platt, Shayla Rubbani, Tanya Bohacheff, Joey McMahon, Kayla Bonack, Chris Okuseri

A quorum was present? Yes.

- 2) Persons Desiring to be Heard: None.
- 3) Minutes of February and March 2022 were reviewed by members, motion to approve made by K. Peterka, seconded by G. Lewis and passed. March, Moved by D. Mazumdar, seconded by K. Platt. In the future, B.Rowland will send out minutes with agenda.
- 4) Entertain a motion to have Dr. Lewis take on another term as Medical Advisor. Moved by D. Mazumdar and seconded by K. Peterka.
- 5) Kayla, Tanya, Joey, and Shayla presented on:
  - CHA process and update, public health 3.0. Kathy mentioned the funding, Becky mentioned services of Employ MKE
  - Goal to increase diversity and exposure to individuals who participate in the CHA. Suggestions made for the current CHA to capture a more accurate and reflective data set. Created 2 priority sections, for adults and individuals with children (to be answered by their caretaker). Presented a 6-month timeline for next steps
  - Health Policy Analysis—Capstone Project around childhood immunizations, in conjunction with the MC4JR.
  - BD schools: 6<sup>th</sup> graders need TDAP and C. Farrington mentioned that over 50 children did not have vaccines. BOH members had questions about school-aged kids that are missing vaccines. There is a 30-day window, but if parents are not able to get it in time, they tend to waive. This was linked back to the CHA to uncover if there are access or other SDOH issues that impact the vaccination rates. C. Farrington mentioned the ability to get consent—paper or electronic—and then parents did not need to be present for vaccinations to occur.
  - NSHD is not able to move forward in the same manner that MHD does because our VFC funding will not allow it.
- 6) Health Department Administrative Items
  - Health Director/Officer Transition: Transition going well
  - Environmental Health: Proposed fee increase has been presented and passed by Brown Deer, Whitefish Bay, Bayside, and Fox Point.
  - We have vastly increased social media following to obtain more input from North Shore residents and partners. Kayla Bonack is coordinating the preparation and planning, and

we have three health assistants contributing to this as well. We will be reaching out to all Board of Health members for key informant interviews within the next several months.

7) Mobilizing Communities for a Just Response- contract in place and spending

8) North Shore COVID19 Update

- Numbers of cases are increasing again. The Omicron variant increased numbers to a point that we needed to stop attempting to call each case and needed to triage cases and focus on people 65 and older, along with children under 5 years old. NSHD staff have been working hard to manage case numbers requiring importing from staging, triage review and calls. At this time, we plan to continue calling these high-risk groups.
- Transition to recovery: Going well. BR transition into the role is so far successful. We have re-initiated Stepping On classes, blood pressure monitoring at senior centers, car seat installations, childhood vaccination administration and surveillance, lead follow up and other disease follow up. Shared the new monthly report that captures qualitative data related to the CHIP.
- We remain a full position down in core staff, although we have LTE COVID response staff backing us up in all COVID related work. A PHN position has been sent to HR for posting, and two other positions are in the works. Each LTE COVID response staff member is assigned to a specific area of COVID work, in addition to calls to high risk cases.
- COVID Antigen tests have been ordered through WI DHS and will be distributed directly to individuals within the NS as self-tests.
- Vaccination program- we are continuing to offer first, second and third dose (when applicable), along with boosters for all eligible age groups. We continue to hold clinics at Brown Deer and Shorewood offices and Karin and Odile are doing outreach to schools and businesses to provide needed vaccines in the community as well. Charles has taken over the schools and day cares.
- NSHD will continue to host and provide vaccine clinics.
  - Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 11 to 2 pm in Shorewood
  - Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 9 to 11:30 in Brown Deer
  - Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 11 to 2 in Shorewood
  - Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 to 12 in Brown Deer
  - Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 9 to 12 in Brown Deer
- We have been informed that vaccines for 6 month-4 year olds will take at least two more months for approval and when that does happen, some community partners, such as pharmacists may not participate in vaccinations for this age group. Vaccines for small children will likely need to be done by Primary care clinics or Public Health.
  - Cases
    - Among all county residents (adults + children) there were 1,968 cases this week compared to 1,768 last week.
    - Among kids only (18 years and younger) there were 467 cases this week and 438 last week.
    - The proportion of cases among kids is increasing (23.7% compared to 24.8% last week).
  - Hospitalizations
    - 115 hospitalizations among adults; 93 last week (note that hospitalization data often lags due to reporting challenges)
    - 14 hospitalizations among kids; last week counted 13 hospitalizations among kids.
  - Deaths
    - 0 deaths reported among adults for this week; for the prior week 0 deaths

were reported.

- Deaths have been steadily low over recent weeks.
- B. Rowland shared some HERC updates re: ICU beds and surge and booster information for adults, and if there are any concerns about access to infant formula.
- Motion to move future meetings to 6pm: Moved by K. Peterka, and seconded by D. Mazumdar.
- M. Roberts asked BOH members how they interact with their communities and feedback information. K. Peterka and D. Mazumdar mentioned that they do not attend many board meetings, until there is an issue. Attendance is requested by HO in that event and generally they attend together.
- Other items- no other items were brought up.

9) Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by Chris Okunseri, seconded by D. Mazumdar and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Dated: May 19, 2022

Becky Rowland

North Shore Health Department Health Officer, Secretary