
**BAYFIELD COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – 5:00 PM**

Present: Jeremy Oswald, Madelaine Rekemeyer, Jeffrey Silbert, Terri Kramolis, Fred Strand, Mary Dougherty, Elaine Kopp, Dr. Deb Dryer (arrived at 5:22 p.m.)
Staff: Theresa Foley, Sara Wartman, Holly Weber (left meeting at 5:40 p.m.)

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Oswald.
- 2. Approval December 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes:** *A motion to approve the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Silbert; motion seconded by Kopp. Motion carried.*
- 3. Public Comment:** No Public Comment.
- 4. Presentation by Holly Weber on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder in Bayfield County Schools and Plans to Address:** Holly Weber, Public Health Nurse, focuses mostly on the prenatal care coordination, maternal/child health and AODA (alcohol and other drug awareness) prevention programs. When the COVID pandemic happened, these programs got pushed to the side. Weber has been trying to get back to working on thesis programs and move away from the pandemic in the last year. She had been the school liaison for the Health Department during the pandemic, which gave her a foot in the door for other programs. Weber reported that as expected, the mental health aspects on the students that were surveyed in the Bayfield County schools have gone up in regards to anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicidal ideation with a plan. For example, in 2019, 15% (fifteen percent) of the students surveyed said they considered suicide and in 2021 that number jumped to 25% (twenty-five percent). The schools have been working on getting the students to feel connected to their peers and having that social connectedness, especially with going back to in person learning. Alcohol and drug use numbers didn't change much; Vaping numbers declined. There are more that are looking to quit. The survey for trauma and adversity issues came back with alarming numbers. 16% (sixteen percent) of students reported experiencing rape, sexual assault or intimate partner violence. Last year, Weber had worked with New Day Advocacy Center to arrange an assembly speaker to talk at the schools about consent, sexual assault prevention and healthy relationships, which was very well received. Bayfield County was approached by the Washburn High School seeking assistance for the alarming trends they were seeing with their students, such as vaping, self-harm, substance abuse, mental health concerns, etc. Several county departments along with the Health Department met with school administrators to discuss these issues and to offer resources and support. The UW Extension department held a youth mental health first aid training at the Washburn School for the staff, which was well received. Since then, there have been similar trainings offered in Bayfield County. The American Lung Association

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5. Review and Possible Action Regarding 2022 End of Year Financial Report:

Review of 2022 Health Department End of Year Budget. Revenues – still outstanding – at \$926,011.74 and expenditures at \$1,210,697.00. Tax levy prior to all revenues received is \$284,685.26, which is comparable to 2021 at \$281,074. The health department typically receives reimbursements for grants with a three-month delay; there will likely be additional revenues being received in 2023 for the 2022 fiscal year. The total percentages received and expended during 2022 are at less than 100% - underbudget for the 2022 fiscal year. *A motion to accept the 2022 year end budget and place it on file was made by Kramolis; motion seconded by Strand. Motion carried.*

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Resolution to Accept the 2022 Health Department Budget Amendments:

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- 9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Ellen Braddock's Years of Commitment and Service on the Board of Health:** *A motion to accept the resolution to recognize and appreciate Ellen Braddock's service to the Board of Health and forward on to the full County Board was made by Strand; motion seconded by Rekemeyer. Motion carried.*
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action; Environmental Health Ordinance & Fees:**
- a. Discussion and Possible Action, Amendatory Ordinance-An Ordinance Amending Title 9-Chapter 2 and Title 9-Reference Document A of the Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin:** The Title 9 – Chapter 2 and Title 9 – Reference Document A has not been reviewed in several years. The proposed revision includes the appeals process in conformity to State Statutes. Additionally, with the expectation that fees will change and shift more frequently than changes would be required or recommended for County ordinance, the fee schedule has been removed so that updates due to inflationary increases can occur more frequently without the requirement of ordinance change. Level changes with State fee increases may be approved by the Board of Health – as the current ordinance states. Any increases above level State fee increases must be recommended by the Board of Health and approved by the County Board. *A motion to approve the mandatory ordinance and forward on to the full County Board was made by Strand; motion seconded by Silbert. Motion carried.*
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