

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121**

The meeting was called to order at 2:24 p.m. by Chair Monroe.

Roll call was conducted. Members present either in person or remotely included: Chair Kenneth Monroe; Vice Chair Kathy Ingersoll; Supervisors Brian Holt, Joseph H. Schaefer (arrived at 2:30 p.m.), and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Penny Scheuerman (arrived at 2:27 p.m.), Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Susan Pruessing, Rick Stacey, Nancy Russell, and Dan Kilkenny

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Director of Health & Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred; Deputy Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlo Nevicosi; Behavioral Health Manager Amy Hart; and Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter

Vice Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the agenda with one amendment: 1) to move Item #9b, COVID-19 Update - i. Phasing and ii. Lake Geneva Site Testing to follow the Public Comment Period. The agenda was approved as amended.

On motion by Vice Chair Ingersoll, second by Supervisor Simons, the minutes of June 17, 2020 Health and Human Services Board Meeting were approved.

Public Comment

Chair Monroe explained the protocol for addressing the Health and Human Services Board.

Steven Doelder appeared at the meeting, expressed his concerns, and recommended utilizing all tools available to combat COVID-19.

The following individuals appeared at the meeting, expressed their concerns, and spoke in opposition of mask mandates:

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| - Roberta Zilke | - Dr. Paul McGraw | - Georgia Tollar |
| - Dana Paterson | - Madison Elmer | - Kari Adams |
| - Shelby Lemke | - Voss Jon | - Judine Potter |
| - Jack Sorock | - Danell Vincenti | - Jenny Schroepfer |
| - Patti Twist | - Matt Texidor | - Allison Yorgey |
| - Joanne Laufenberg | - Dave Rynders | - John Huyser |

Michele Batz expressed concern remotely via telephone and spoke in opposition of mask mandates.

Colleen Robb expressed concern remotely via telephone and spoke in favor of mask mandates.

Citizen Representative Dr. Richard Terry spoke briefly regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and stated he personally and professionally does not feel a mask mandate is required at this time. Dr. Terry cautioned the

community and advised them to look for resources that are reputable, of pure review, carry limited bias, are based on science, and are not conjecture or of editorial opinion.

Chair Monroe stated he is not in favor of a mask mandate and believes it is up to the municipality to create and mandate their own ordinance(s).

9. Reports

b) COVID- 19 Update

i. Phasing

Director of Health & Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred stated Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Department of Health Services are all in support of wearing masks. She noted masks, social distancing, and hand washing remain the pillars of managing the COVID-19 disease. Aldred spoke briefly regarding what other surrounding counties and municipalities are doing within their communities to manage COVID-19 and confirmed Walworth County is not proposing or exploring to mandate mask wearing at this time. She briefly explained what is known as the matrix posted out on the intranet and stated there are four factors that are measured within our community, which applies guidance to businesses and community members as to whether or not there is a need to strengthen or expand the things we are currently doing to mitigate the virus.

ii. Lake Geneva Site Testing

Aldred announced COVID-19 testing will be conducted next week in Lake Geneva and HHS is working on scheduling testing for a later date in August.

Discussion then focused on the matrix, the colors of the key indicators, and the guidance associated with each phase.

County Board Supervisor Rick Stacy stated he would never support a mask mandated and asked all members present to speak relative to their own personal stance.

- Vice Chair Ingersoll supports Citizen Representative Dr. Terry's comments and stated she is not in favor of a mask mandate at this time.
- Supervisor Schaefer agrees this is a personal matter and should not be associated with the county at any level.
- Supervisor Holt believes until action is taken at the state level, the responsibility will be up to the individual business, local municipality, and individual to make the decision as to what is best for them. He said personal opinions will not necessarily apply if there is a statewide mandate that Walworth County will be required to enforce.
- Supervisor Simons does not support a mask mandate. He does support asking residents, businesses, and organizations to familiarize themselves with the phased guidance the Health and Human Services Department has provided.
- Citizen Representative Los expressed concern as to whether or not HHS has a response plan in place should all of the indicators suddenly turn red.
- Citizen Representative Wucherer stated the statutory responsibility of the local health department is to protect, prevent, and suppress communicable disease and spoke briefly regarding the proven fact that hand washing, social distancing, and face masks help to prevent COVID-19.

Aldred responded to Citizen Representative Los' question and stated the Public Health Department has its guidance, which allows for movement within the different matrix phases, depending on the number of key indicators that are in the red zone. The key is to provide the safest environment.

- Citizen Representative Scheuerman said she feels the mask is an important tool in fighting COVID-19 and stated one must not downplay or diminish the urgency of the disease.

- Chair Monroe reiterated he is not in support of a mask mandate.

Unfinished Business – There was none.

New Business

- Behavioral Health Division Presentation

Aldred introduced Behavioral Health Manager Amy Hart who gave a brief presentation entitled Walworth County Department of HHS Behavioral Health Division. Discussion ensued.

- Urban Rural Women’s Grant Update

Aldred requested permission to accept the Urban Rural Women’s Grant funding. **Vice Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to accept the Urban Rural Women’s Grant funding. Motion carried 9-0.**

- Substance Abuse Block Grant Audit Findings

Aldred said in October of 2019 the state performed an audit relative to the Substance Abuse Block Grant. The report was received July 1st. Aldred referred to Enclosure 4 of the packet and briefly summarized the list of recommendations that were given to improve services. There were no citations and no corrective action plan was required. Aldred noted the state suggested HHS review their contract to include some additional language and this was forwarded onto Corporation Counsel. Discussion ensued.

Report(s)

- 2nd Quarter Write-Off Reports

Aldred gave a brief overview and requested approval of the 2nd Quarter Write-Off Reports.

Citizen Representative Wucherer offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to accept the 2nd Quarter Write-Off Reports and to place on file. Motion carried 9-0.

- COVID-19 Update

i. Phasing

ii. Lake Geneva Site Testing

This was addressed previously in the meeting.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – There were none.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Aldred noted the annual public hearing for Health and Human Services will be on this agenda.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Schaefer, second by Citizen Representative Los, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.