



**Jefferson County Health Department**  
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**Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**  
**January 15, 2025**  
**Jefferson County Courthouse**  
**311 S. Center Avenue, Room C1021**  
**Jefferson, WI 53549**  
**or Zoom Meeting**

**Board Members**

**Samantha LaMuro, R.T, Chair; Meg Turville-Heitz, Vice-Chair; Steve Nass;**  
**Jessica Coburn, RN, PhD; Donald Williams, MD**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by LaMuro at 1:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call (establish a quorum):**  
Board of Health Members Present: Samantha LaMuro, R.T.; Meg Turville-Heitz (via zoom); Steve Nass; Donald Williams, M.D. (came in after roll call) **Quorum established per LaMuro.**  
Others Present: Elizabeth McGeary, Director; Kendell Cooper, Public Health Program Manager; Michael Luckey, Interim County Administrator (via zoom); Michele Schmidt, Recorder; Holly Hisel, Environmental Health (via zoom); Patricia Cicero, Land and Water Conservation Director; Matt Zangl, Director of Planning and Zoning; Danielle Thompson, Corporation Counsel; Saranas Stolar, Paralegal, Corporation Counsel (via zoom).  
Guest: Anita Martin, Barrett Rehm, Tony Beard, Chad Johnson, Lisa Castagnozzi (via zoom), Sarah Yang (via zoom).
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:** LaMuro certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** No changes to the Agenda were requested. Motion by Nass/Turville-Heitz to approve the Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Motion by Nass/Turville-Heitz to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Communications**
  - a. Jefferson County Health Department 2024 Quarter 4 Newsletter – McGeary reported that the Newsletter went out this week.
  - b. CDC: 0519-11/18/2024 First Case of Clade/Mpox Diagnosed in the United States - McGeary discussed.
  - c. CDC: 0518-10/12/2024 Disruptions in Availability of Peritoneal Dialysis and Intravenous Solutions from Baxter International Facility in North Carolina - McGeary discussed.

- d. Wisconsin DHS Alert #63: Potential Hepatitis A Exposure in Wisconsin - McGeary discussed.
  - e. Wisconsin DHS Alert #62: Increase in Mycoplasma Pneumoniae Cases in Wisconsin – McGeary discussed.
  - f. DHS New Releases 2024 – McGeary reported.
7. **Public Comment:** 3 guests spoke on Agenda #10. 1 guest spoke to arsenic exposure and Ordinance No. 98-46 Public Health Hazard and Public Nuisance Ordinance. Another guest spoke on composting of poultry remains post avian outbreak.
  8. **Approval of Health Department Financial Report:** Schmidt reviewed the “November 2024 Statement of Revenue & Expense Report”. Motion by Nass/Turville-Heitz to approve the financial report. Motion passed 3-0.
  9. **Discussion and Approval of \$2,175.00 in Restricted Donations from Aurora Summit for the Safe Sleep Program:** McGeary discussed the Restricted Donation received from Aurora Summit which will be used to purchase pack and plays and sleep sacks for the Safe Sleep Program. Motion by LaMuro/Nass to approve the Restricted Donation. Motion passed 3–0.
  10. **Discussion of Foam Debris Analysis Results:** McGeary gave the results of the recently tested foam debris in a presentation that provided information from the Department of Health Services and the Department of Natural Resources. Sarah Yang spoke on behalf of the Department of Health Services on the foam impact on human health. Questions were asked and answered by either Health Department Director, Daybreak Food Representatives, or Land and Water Conservation Department.
  11. **Operational Update of the Environmental Public Health Consortium:** Hisel reported the Drinking Water Lab opened this week. Hisel reported that there are still some pool inspections showing some challenges. In addition, the state of Wisconsin will be increasing their fee schedule and additional conversation will be had regarding Jefferson County’s adoption of these fees. Hisel discussed January is Radon Action month and to get people to get their homes tested, free of charge. Hisel reported that a press release was done for Radon Action month.
  12. **Operational Update of the Public Health Divisions**
    - a. New Employee: Program Assistant – DFC – McGeary reported Heather has been hired.
    - b. Divisional Statistics 2024 Quarter 4 Report – McGeary discussed.
    - c. Review of Communicable Disease Cases Reported – Cooper reviewed.
    - d. Nitrate Screening Data – McGeary discussed.
  13. **Operational Update on the Strategic Plan:** McGeary provided updates on each of the priority areas within the strategic plan.
  14. **Future Agenda Items:** Jefferson County Health Department’s Avian Flu response was requested to be added to the agenda with the notation that the Board of Health Chair and the Director will discuss specifics prior to the next meeting.
  15. **Adjourn:** Motion by Nass/Williams to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: April 16th, 2025**

*Minutes prepared by: Michele Schmidt, Accountant II, Jefferson County Health Department and reviewed by Elizabeth McGeary, Director/Health Officer.*