



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Agenda

BOARD OF HEALTH

*Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant, Ald.
Chantia Lewis, Julia Means, LaNelle Ramey, Ericka Sinclair, and
Wujie Zhang*

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

5:30 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: Ruthie Burich-Weatherly, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Bria Grant, Ald. Chantia Lewis, Julia Means, LaNelle Ramey, Ericka Sinclair, and Wujie Zhang

Not Present: Dr. Ian Martin

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Board member Means moved approval for October 13, 2020 minutes, seconded by member Zhang. Approved by board. There were no objections.

4. Introduction of new board member Dr. Ian Martin

Dr. Martin has a conflict and was not in attendance but provided his resume and introduction to the board to review.

5. Presentation and discussion on electric health records plan from Griselle Torres, DrPH, MPH, MSW; Deputy Commissioner | Policy, Innovation, & Engagement

- a. *Presentation*
- b. *Questions and discussion*

Dr. Griselle Torres, Deputy Commissioner of Policy, Innovation, and Engagement Branch of the Health Department, gave a presentation on the decision-making and implementation process of MHD's procurement of an Electronic Health Record System. The EHR system was selected through a department-wide collaborative process to ensure consistent documentation, automate quality improvement processes and enable data analysis across programs to measure the value and number of services provided across the department. Patagonia was selected and CARES Act dollars were leveraged to purchase. The department is in the process of purchasing and finalizing contracts, with expected implementation to begin in 2021.

Board was then able to ask questions to Dr. Torres.

6. Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey Proposal by Lisa Dowling from Polco National Research Center

- a. *Introduction by Ald. Chantia Lewis*
- b. *Presentation and questions from the board*

Ald. Lewis invited Lisa Dowling from Polco National Research Center to present a scope of work to conduct a Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey in Milwaukee to examine community mental health needs in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Polco is proposing to conduct a hybrid of mail and digital surveys with a representative sample of the community and work collaboratively with members of the Board to develop questions. The board or a subcommittee will be expected to manage and execute the collaboration with Polco.

Board member Grant motioned to approve Ald. Lewis' proposal to move forward with creating a resolution for the Common Council to allocate funds to this project. Member Ramey seconded. Approved by the board. There were no objections.

7. Written communication from the Commissioner

- a. *Questions*

Interim Commissioner Jackson provided written updates on the Health Department. DER is putting together a panel to review applicants for the Commissioner position. The health department has been offered a billboard off 1-94 & S 6th Street to use for COVID-19 messaging and would appreciate the board's ideas on what could go on that billboard. The commissioner is also requesting the board's input and support in coordinating MHD's COVID-19 response with the State, as there is not currently a coordinated communication strategy. Board members will set up a meeting with Commissioner Jackson to discuss this coordination and what is already happening. Additional suggestions included writing a letter from the board to support COVID-19 communications, or involving members of the press.

8. Milwaukee Health Department branch collaboration updates

- a. *Presentation and discussion from BOH members on branch collaborations*

Item postponed to December's meeting

9. Reminder of 2021 meeting schedule -- Change to be implemented in January 2021.

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Adjournment

Board Member Gomez-Tom motioned to adjourn, member Zhang seconded. Board Approved. No objections.

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