



Florence County Health Department

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Florence County Board of Health Meeting Minutes May 2, 2019- 5:00 PM Florence County Courthouse Upper Level Conference Room

Mission: Connecting You to a Better Life!

Vision: Healthy people, vibrant communities

Values: COMMITMENT, COLLABORATION, COMPASSION

Call to order/Roll Call- Meeting called to order by Holly Wahlstrom Stratton. Present: Sherry Johnson, Carolyn Lemanski, Vonnice Van Pembroke, Susan Theer, and Cindy Kmecheck.
Susan Theer (Excused-late)

M/S Hedmark/Johnson to approve the agenda as posted, unanimously approved.

M/S Johnson/Kmecheck to approve April 17, 2019 meeting minutes, unanimously approved.

M/S Johnson/Lemanski to approve April expenditures, unanimously approved.

Acceptance of Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) 2019 Board of Health of the Year Award and recognition of Ann Price recipient of Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) 2019 Spirit of Public Health Award: Seibold congratulated the board on the award and commended their work on policy and supporting community initiatives to benefit Florence County. Receiving the award with over one hundred health departments in Wisconsin is a recognition of the history of putting the needs of the community first. Seibold commended Ann Price on the WPHA award citing her collaborative work in the community and consistent demonstration of high quality programming and services. Ann received nominations from staff, board members and many community partners acknowledging her commitment and spirit of public health.

Approval to apply for and accept the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Opioid grant additional funding for \$4,000: Seibold provided application and summarized grant objectives for support of community forum and viewing of *Straight Forward: The Truth About Addiction* which will be held at 5:30-7p on August 27, 2019 at the Florence School auditorium with community partners through the AODA and Mental Health Coalition. M/S Van Pembroke/Hedmark, unanimously approved.

Theer seated at 5:35p

Board of Health Letter of Support for Medicaid Expansion to provide additional funding and services: Seibold provided an informational flyer on Florence County benefits from DHS and draft letter. After discussion, M/S Van Pembroke, Johnson, unanimously approved.

Director reports: Seibold discussed policy changes in WIC which will necessitate changing RD from a contracted position to part-time. Seibold will discuss with employee and begin process. The current RD meets policy requirements due to hire prior to 2016. An email introduction was read regarding the AHEC intern for the summer. Seibold reviewed the intern's responsibilities related to AHEC who will be orienting to other public health programs with a primary focus on the EH program.

Committee Concerns/Future Agenda Items: Wahlstrom-Stratton questioned the status of the Wisconsin Well Women Program (WWWP) and requested Seibold explore options to provide the program locally to assure clients are receiving services. The WWWP was led by the state to a regional consortium for efficiency but since then, Florence County services have decreased which may be due to Michigan providers and further outreach required. Seibold will contact the regional agent for further steps. Discussion on Meth and Opioid use in area and potential strategies.

Next meeting date: June 19, 2019 at 5pm
M/S Lemanski/Kmecheck, unanimously approved.