

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 11, 2023

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Greendale Health Department Meeting Room

1. **Roll Call:** 5:01 PM: Present: A. Haas, R. Barbian, J. Brewer, K. Krueger, G. Ouellette, K. Price, T. Slota
Excused: M. Green, M. Mohiuddin
2. **Introduction Of Guests:** Megan Mermal, Public Health Specialist April BOH Secretary
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A. Haas motioned to approve the March 14, 2023, draft minutes, seconded by R. Barbian.
Ayes: A. Haas, R. Barbian, J. Brewer, K. Krueger, G. Ouellette, K. Price.
Abstained: T. Slota
Nays: None
Motion to approve: Carried
4. **Citizen Comments:** None
5. **New Business**
 - a. May is Mental Health Awareness Month- M. Mermal: Talked about the following: a proclamation for Mental Health awareness Month at the 4/18 Board of Trustee Meeting, Glow Yoga event on May 5th at the Historic Hose Tower, Art and Wellness Workshop on May 20th, the Greendale Schools groups who are planning a campaign for Mental Health Awareness Month, promotion of the Healthy Mind, Healthy Greendale website, and resources and messaging to village departments and on social media. J. Brewer offered to attend the event and promote mental health resources.
 - b. Discussion about the keeping of chickens within the community: The topic was discussed at a fall Board of Trustee meeting- BOH briefly talked about it; coming back to the BOT agenda and in the interest of keeping the BOH informed- creating a space for our BOH to discuss this topic, ask questions, etc. Discussion about the keeping of chickens within the community. Only 10 minutes allotted to this topic, allowing Trustee Barbian to take over and introduce the topic.
6. **Ongoing Business:**
 - a. Update on Village-wide AED project: Alverno Nursing students have been working on doing an audit of the AEDs present in our Village. Greendale Schools Buildings and Grounds Director is working with Fire Chief Kais to obtain new AEDs for all school buildings. This project will also be an agenda item for the Village's internal Safety Committee.
 - b. Health Literacy: Milwaukee County Coverage Report: Milwaukee Enrollment Network – A. Haas shared that there will be changes in Medicaid eligibility at the end of April, we will share information with clients to help with the transition. A. Haas will send out additional information to the board. Community Healthcare Access Program – A. Haas discussed information from the WI Health Literacy Board, additional information will be sent to the board regarding Health Literacy and Health Care Accessibility.
7. **Tabled Business: None**
8. **Standing Reports:**
 - a. **Medical Advisor:** A. Siddiqui, MD – Seeing much fewer cases of COVID and Flu and illness is not as severe as previously seen. “Obesity is our new epidemic.” With the weather warming up, he is encouraging people to get out and be active, such as taking daily walks.
 - b. **Health Officer Report:** A. Haas reviewed the March 2023 report. A. Haas reported the

Health Department received funding from Milwaukee County to support a part-time Public Health Navigator/Case Man

- i. Will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team in the Village, providing a different level of service than provided by our Public Health Nurse. There was a Village need for someone to be responsible for assisting residents with continuing needs. Priority areas include vulnerable older adults, mental health, psychosocial support, and frequent emergency call situations.
- ii. Jessica Runnells RN, guest speaker, has previously served on the Board of Health and has provided nursing services for our COVID vaccine clinics. She is now working as a school nurse with the Racine Unified School District. J. Runnells has completed a community teaching project for her school nursing “Preventing Diabetes” and would like to briefly share her information and pamphlet with the Board of Health.
- iii. The Health Department will be at the Greendale Schools’ National Arab American Heritage Month Community Celebration at Greendale Middle School on 4/27 from 5:50 – 8:00 pm. The program includes a dance exhibition, vendors and showing of the movie “Aladdin.”

c. Community Health (CHIP) Workgroups Report

- i. **Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE):** M. Mermal reported that the SAGE group just finalize their 2023-2027 action plan. SAGE and the health department were invited to enroll in the Age Friendly Public Health Systems recognition program for their prior and continued efforts for older adult health. The group will welcome and work with a student intern this summer to create an updated SAGE resource guide.
- ii. **Healthy Minds, Healthy Greendale:** M. Mermal reported that HMHG and CA collaborated with Greendale police and fire to create a mental health resource postcard to distribute at their discretion. Chief Kais approached the group about the postcard because of the gap between emergency services and after care. The intended audience of the card is someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis and survivors of an incomplete suicide.
- iii. **Step Up to Better Health:** A. Haas--MSOE nursing students to help weed at Children’s Garden next week, heard presentation from Pam Kania- co-leader of GCG about the importance of community partnerships and sustaining gardens. GCG and GHS garden providing donations to senior social club. Step Up Summer Activity Challenge will start on June 9, 2023. Students are encouraged to use a paper form or online platform to log activities and meet checkpoints for chances to win prizes.
- iv. **Community Alliance:** A. Haas shared that Tonight’s Community Alliance meeting; group will discuss what summer community events in which they will participate. This Saturday, 4/16/23, CA will be hosting a [Wake Up Call Room](#) with help from the Greendale Public Library. The mock teen bedroom shows examples of what seemingly innocent items could indicate substance abuse and provide proactive parenting strategies to keep youth substance free. Averno nursing students creating a parent’s toolkit to prevent /stop youth from vaping.

- v. **Trustee Report:** R. Barbian reported it is the season of road construction, seven projects this summer. Elections had a phenomenal turnout, 56% of registered voters. Other prior BOT meeting agenda items.

9. **Citizen Comments:** None

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** K. Price motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Haas.

Ayes: A. Haas, J. Brewer, K. Krueger, G. Ouellette, K. Price, T. Slota

Nays: R. Barbian

Motion to adjourn: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Next meeting: May 9, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the Greendale Health Department lower-level meeting room. ***Please notify Ashley Haas, Greendale Health Officer, or Theresa Rypel @ 423-2110 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Email: trypel@greendale.org***