

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**Health & Human Services Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Loka, Patricia Voermans, Dr. J. Moore, Brenda Mueller, Sue Weith

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Shelley Hersil

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brenda Mueller (excused), Dora Gorski, Derek Woellner

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Draco Fink, Jennifer Johnson

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Call to order by Mike.
2. Approve minutes of previous meeting:  
Motion by Pat, second by Chuck to approve the previous meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Immunization Program Review-Jennifer Johnson, Public Health Nurse: Jenny provided an overview on 2 year old immunization rates for Lincoln County which is at 68%. LCHD collects baseline data from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry benchmark report covering all children who turn 2 years old in Lincoln County. The immunization lead nurse tracks monthly progress and analyzes benchmark reports. Mailings and phone calls are implemented for all residents not up to date with the recommended immunization schedule. HPV vaccination rates for Lincoln County adolescents age 13 to 18 is currently at 54%. Lincoln County providers are doing well with educating and providing adolescents with the recommended HPV immunization series. Lincoln County is ranking among the top 10 highest HPV vaccine rates out of the 72 counties in Wisconsin. Only 30% of Lincoln County school aged children received flu vaccinations in Fall 2019. LCHD gave 649 flu vaccines at school in 2019 compared to 373 in 2018. The online consent form process for Merrill Area Public School students was less effective than the paper based process utilized in the Tomahawk Schools.
4. Q & A on Written and Financial Reports:  
Motion by Chuck, seconded by Mike for approval of Shelley's timesheet and expense reimbursement. Discussion on budget and financials. Thank you to Judy Sargent and Mary Klade for their 15 years of service with Lincoln County. Motion by Chuck, seconded by Mike to place the written and financial reports on file. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Update on Strategic Plan Objectives: Shelley provided an overview strategic plan objective to maintain skilled and competence workforce. She will be evaluating and reassigning public health staff roles and responsibilities as public health faces employee recruitment issues. Registered nurses and Registered Sanitarian are needed to coordinate and execute programs within LCHD. Wages need to be addressed as they are low compared to market.
6. Letter of Support for Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition (NWTFC) Grant Application: Oneida County NWTFC is asking for Lincoln County to support their grant application. This grant supports the tobacco coalition that Lincoln County is a member. By signing a letter of commitment, each health department plans to actively participate in NWTFC to achieve health equity by preventing initiation, eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol, and improving accesses to treatment for nicotine dependence among populations experiencing greater tobacco-related health burdens. Motion by Mike, second by Dr. Moore to send a letter of commitment for the grant. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Discussion and Action Assembly Bill 422-Tobacco 21: Shelley presented information on Assembly Bill 422. WAHLDAB is against the bill as it does not include vaping products. In other

words, if a vapor product does not include nicotine, it can still be sold to individuals under age 21. Shelley provided information on how to reach out to legislators to oppose AB422 with the substitute amendment.

8. Approval of Wisconsin Health Education Center Application: Shelley requested approval for a summer intern to assist with Environmental Health program. Cost would be \$2,600. Motion by Mike, second by Pat to apply for intern. All ayes, motion carried.
  9. Approval for Public Health Improvement Training Scholarship: Shelley provided information on training scholarships for the PHIT Performance Management Conference in June 2020. Scholarships would cover registrations, travel, meals, and lodging. Motion by Mike, second by Pat to have Shelley apply for the scholarship. All ayes, motion carried.
  10. Agenda Items and Next Meeting: None at this time. Next meeting is March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
  11. Public Comment: None.
  12. Adjournment: Motion by Chuck, seconded by Dr. Moore to adjourn. All ayes, motioned carried.
- Minutes submitted by S. Weith