

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2025 AT 12:00 pm

Classroom 1/Virtual

**Present:** Jo Pankonin, Dr. Mary Murphy, Mick Gibbs, Kari Benz, Liz Wheeler,

**Absent:** Andrea Polkingham, Karen Tvedt,

**Staff Present:** Joe Kippley, Amy Richardson, Nayeema Ahmed, Lisa Stensland, Shelby Kommes, Jaimie Roggenbauer

Call to order: Dr. Mary Murphy called the meeting to order with a vocal roll call at 12:00 pm. \_P\_ Mick \_V\_ Mary \_A\_ Karen \_P\_ Kari \_P\_ Jo \_A\_ Andrea \_P\_ Liz

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 10, 2024, supported by Jo, seconded by Mick. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

#### New Business:

2025 Community Health Assessment:

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) provides a comprehensive overview of the population's health and disease prevalence. It utilizes multiple data sources, highlighting demographics, health outcomes, health behaviors, health disparities, and social determinants of health. This is done in partnership with both hospital systems and the VA. In February the findings will be released.

The assessment includes everything from life expectancy, chronic disease, death rates from falls, adolescent and adult mental health, tobacco use rates, to access to health and dental care. It also looks at other issues like access to affordable childcare, homelessness, and increasing STI rates.

2024 Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant:

The State and large metro Public Health Departments use CRI funding to develop, test, and maintain emergency response plans detailing how to quickly receive medical countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). The CDC provides CRI funds to 50 states and four large metro areas for a total of 72 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), with one in at least every state. Sioux Falls and Rapid City receive CRI funds for the state of SD for our MSA (Minnehaha, McCook, Turner and Lincoln County).

Our goal is to provide prophylaxis to the entire population before they become symptomatic. It's much easier to prevent, than it is to treat. The goal is to provide those medical countermeasures within 48 hours to the 200,000+ individuals under our MSA so the funding from the CRI grant helps us run preparedness activities like drills and functional and full-scale exercises.

We try to plan each of these exercises with the entire state in mind, so we have come together to create a 5-year exercise plan that is built with the collaboration of statewide nonprofits, fire, PD, military and various healthcare organizations. This allows us to exercise different events where one organization can plan and run a certain disaster and another organization can prepare for another. We get to participate in each others exercises which helps us all become more prepared. The main objective of that is better preparedness but also enhanced

communication. If we are all talking to each other it makes it easier to respond in a real time event, and because we spread the planning responsibility, we have increase preparedness for various events.

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is the United States' national reserve of critical medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, and equipment designed to respond rapidly to public health emergencies. Managed by the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the SNS ensures readiness to protect the health of Americans during events such as pandemics, natural disasters, or bioterrorism. Through partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies, the SNS delivers essential resources to affected areas to stabilize and support healthcare operations when local supplies are exhausted. Its mission underscores a commitment to preparedness, rapid response, and safeguarding public health.

Points of Dispensing (POD) are sites for distributing vaccines, medications, or supplies during health emergencies. They are designed to be fast, safe, and efficient at distribution and proper documentation. They are run by trained staff, volunteers, and local employees as needed. The goal is enhanced preparedness.

We rely on communication and coordination through our local and state partners to be successful in emergency planning and preparedness. Because of that the work we do and the way we communicate keeps us all safer and enhances our ability to respond. We as the city might plan, prepare and fund for one event and invite other partners to participate or evaluate or just to learn and then other organizations do the same thing. This way we are all able to practice multiple situations and learn from each other.

After a POD the after-action reports are reviewed to see what aps exist and what changes need to be made.

Board Election of Officers:

Motion to accept the nomination of Karen for Chair, supported by Liz second by Mick. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the nomination of Andrea for Vice-Chair, supported by Liz second by Jo. Motion carried.

**Public Input:**

None at this time

There being no further business or further discussion, the motion to adjourn was supported by Liz and seconded by Jo. Motion carried.

