



**Minutes of the
BOH Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:30 pm
Zoom Platform**

Members Physically Present: Ron Gottschalk (Chair), Robert McCreath, Angie Goral, Luci Hoover, Dr. Patricia Lewis

Members Absent: Dr. Allen Williams (Ex-Officio)

WCHD Staff Physically Present: Dr. Sandra Martell – Public Health Administrator, Todd Marshall - Director of Environmental Health, Christina Washington - Recorder

Ron Gottschalk called the April 14, 2021 meeting to order at 4:35pm.

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Ron Gottschalk entertained a motion to set the April 14, 2021 BOH Policy Committee meeting agenda. Luci Hoover made first motion; Robert McCreath made second motion. Unanimously approved, motion carries.

2. **Proposed Agreement Regarding Permit Reinstatement**

a. **Backyard Bar and Grill**

Dr. Sandra Martell provided a brief overview regarding the 22 food permitted establishments whose food permits was suspended. There was an outreach to the State Attorney's office for an Agreement to be crafted for Backyard Bar and Grill. No other establishment has requested an agreement. Backyard Bar and Grill had multiple violations, which they went through the whole process throughout COVID-19 of not following the Executive Order related to indoor dining. Dr. Sandra Martell indicated she has concerns on setting a precedent, where we would negotiate anything with one particular entity, without the other businesses. Initially Backyard Bar and Grill requested an agreement that was no fault. Backyard Bar and Grill food permit was suspended by failure to comply, and if they wanted to reinstate their food permit they would need to pay the allocated fine, which they have paid, but then they wanted a follow-up agreement. Dr. Sandra Martell indicated that the agreement that she would like to execute is that they would follow all future Executive Orders. Dr. Martell emphasized that this does not mitigate or take out their prior violations. Attorney Vaughn indicated that she did negotiate this agreement with the business owner's attorney and even with the revised language, Attorney Vaughn does not think it prohibits the County from future enforcement action should this business be cited or be in violation of the Executive Order again. A brief discussion was held amongst Policy members, WCHD staff and Attorney Lafakeria Vaughn.

There is a consensus amongst Policy members to not approve the requested agreement. Dr. Patricia Lewis made a motion that the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Health do not agree to an individual agreement. Seconded by Luci Hoover. Unanimously approved, motion carries.

3. **Update**

a. **12220 Harbor Oaks Variance**

Todd Marshall indicated that there is no update but there has been some communication with the State Attorney's Office and the property owner's attorney. A meeting is scheduled with WCHD staff, State Attorney Office and property owner's attorney to discuss the variance request further.



4. Additions

Vaccination of Staff

WCHD is receiving more and more questions about vaccination of staff and whether there will be a policy issued. Dr. Sandra Martell indicated that the Policy Committee might want to consider discussing further at their next meeting in May 2021.

Variance R201-034253 / Private Well Installation

Todd Marshall requested that an item be added to the Board of Health Policy Committee items to discuss Variance R201-034253 regarding a private well installation. Policy Committee members were in consensus of adding item to Board of Health meeting agenda for April 20, 2021.

Water Testing for PFAS Contaminate

Todd Marshall provided a brief overview regarding water testing for PFAS contaminate of private wells in Winnebago County. PFAS contaminate is a new contaminant and is a forever chemical, there is no established threshold-or limits; they are working through this process. These areas are typically adjacent to a manufacturing area, which does not surprise us that they are also adjacent to a super fund cleanup site. This is becoming a nationwide issue. Recent consumer reports lists lead, arsenic and PFAS is now being found in drinking water. Dr. Sandra Martell indicated that aging infrastructure is failing and municipalities are starting to look at Water Management Plans to address these issues.

5. Executive Session - None

Adjournment: There being no additional business, Chair Ron Gottschalk asked for a motion to adjourn the April 14, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting. Robert McCreath made a motion to approve adjournment; second motion made by Luci Hoover. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm

Approved by the Policy Committee of the BOH 4/20/2021
DATE



Dr. Patricia Lewis, Interim Secretary
Winnebago County Board of Health