

**Board of Health
October 21, 2014**

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairperson Beer called the meeting to order.

Present at roll call were Chairperson Beer, Vice Chairperson Boyce, Secretary Armstrong and Health Officer Dr. John Frey. Also present were other city staff and alderpersons, Mayor Ross, City Atty Ewald, and Admin. Rath. Alder Thoman was absent.

B. Correction of Minutes

None

C. Business: Open

1. Potential planning to prepare for possibility of city residents becoming stricken with Ebola Virus.

Deputy Fire Chief Lane Heins began by stating that Fire Chief Raucsh, Police Chief Kelley, and the Health Department will follow the lead of the County Health Department. County Health Nurse RoeAnn Warden began her presentation by saying that the County will follow guidelines established by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the CDC. Per RoeAnn, there are no Ebola Virus cases currently in Wisconsin, which is considered a low-risk state. If a person is exhibiting symptoms that meet the screening criteria, they will be isolated and cared for in a hospital setting. A couple of hospitals in the state are equipped to deal with the Virus, with a goal of having every hospital in the state trained to identify and isolate patients. Health Officer Dr. John Frey informed the committee that Monroe Clinic personnel have been training in new PPE equipment and new gowning procedures established for Ebola patients. He also said that airports are beginning new protocol. RoeAnn went on to explain that the State Health Department will notify the county of visitors from targeted regions so they can be observed for 21 days. The Monroe EMS has initiated screening patients for travel criteria if they present flu-like symptoms. The Fire Department has ordered masks to reduce exposure. Dr. Frey also stated that the possibility of the Ebola Virus spreading to Wisconsin is almost nil.

Discussion ensued. Chairperson Beer commented that it was good to sit down and know the plans that are in place.

D. Business by Members

None

E. Adjournment

Motion made by Secretary Armstrong and seconded by Vice Chairperson Boyce to adjourn. Motion carried.

Carol J. Stamm, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk