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Name of Board Member	In person Virtual Absent	Name of Board Member	In person Virtual Absent	Name of Board Member	In person Virtual Absent	Name of Board Member	In person Virtual Absent
Kate Hancock-Cooke	In person	Brenda Pluchinsky	In person	Bob Poeschl	absent		
Shiloh Ramos	In person	Lucas Reinke	Virtual				
Kim Malouf	absent	Denise Prehn, MD (left at 12:44 pm)	In person	Toby Vanden Heuvel	In person		

WCPH staff/ Invited Guests/others in attendance (indicate V for virtual)					
Anne Boyce	Jaci Grignon	Shelley Brown-Giebel	Sarahjean Schluechtermann	Doug Gieryn	
Hannah Wainio	Ashlee Rahmlow	Belinda DeGoey	Danielle Florence	Julia Salomon	
		Heidi Keating (V)	Koby Schellenger (left at 11:20 am)	Camryn Krueger (intern)	

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A. Call to Order	Chair	- Start Recording: 11 am - Meeting called to order at by: Shiloh Ramos at 11 am ROLL CALL: - Names/number of in person: Shiloh Ramos, Kate Hancock-Cooke, Brenda Pluchinsky, Denise Prehn, Toby Vanden Heuvel - Name/number of Virtual: Lucas Reinke - Name/number absent: Bob Poeschl, Kim Malouf

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B. Roll Call	Chair	Do we have a quorum? Yes 6 total (5 in person; one virtual, two absent) - Name/number of Virtual: Lucas Reinke - Names/number of Absent: Kim Malouf, Bob Poeschl
C. Public Comments	Public	
D. Approval of Minutes		Motion to approve minutes from BOH meeting May 12, 2026 (included in CIVIC CLERK): Kate Hancock-Cooke Second by: Brenda Pluchinsky - Names/number Voting breakdown. All in favor

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E. Business Items		Shiloh requested the review of income statement be moved ahead of director updates. - Reconsideration of Board of Health Meeting Schedule - County Supervisor Lucas Reinke was not present at the last meeting when the new time was agreed upon. - Changes in other Winnebago County committees - Motion by Kate Hancock-Cooke, to continue meeting first Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm, second by Brenda Pluchinsky. - Voting: All in favor: Kate-Hancock-Cooke, Brenda Pluchinsky, Toby Van den Heuvel, Denise Prehn, Shiloh Ramos - Approve a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$158,913 for the Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant - Motion to approve: Brenda Pluchinsky; second by Kate Hancock-Cooke - Doug Gieryn provided background and context about this topic. There are no other changes to this other than it is a budget transfer as opposed to a budget amendment. The county board of supervisors approved this grant previously. - Kate Hancock-Cooke suggested WCPH provide an executive summary about the background of requests to make it easy for county board of supervisors and board of health members when they are asked to review and approve. In this particular example, highlight how approving this budget transfer would save time and be more efficient. - Voting: all in favor voted to approve: Kate Hancock-Cooke, Brenda Pluchinsky, Toby Van den Heuvel, Denise Prehn, Shiloh Ramos. - Review of Income Statement May 28, 2026. Income statement in Civic Clerk - Overview of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program: Program Manager Belinda DeGoey presented an overview of the WIC program to the Board of Health Members.

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F. Director's Report	Doug	1. Operational Updates from Public Health Divisions: Administration (Admin): • PH Planner- Big Projects: Tri-County CHIP process, presented at WPHA on New Regional Tri-County CHA process • Emergency Preparedness: 3 sites are now on Purple Air with Air Quality locations. • Emergency Preparedness: an After-Action Report will be forthcoming related to the flooding situation • Regional position (Comms and Epi) update. • Sarahjean Schluechtermann earned her Masters of Science in data science in May of this year. Communicable Disease (CD): • Respiratory Illness: rates low. Rhinovirus/enterovirus - most frequent cause of the common cold and are a common viral trigger for asthma attacks - annual spring rises in cases. • Hantavirus - very low risk ○ Sin Nombre virus, not transmissible between humans, found in the United States and WI. ▪ Found in airborne particles/dust of urine, droppings, or saliva of infected rodents (deer mice). Typically contracted when cleaning in enclosed, poorly ventilated spaces. 5 to 6 confirmed cases in Wisconsin since 1993 ○ Andes virus - not a U.S. strain. • Ebola - Bundibugyo Virus ○ To date, no cases of Ebola disease have been confirmed in the United States. The risk to Wisconsin residents who have not traveled to Ebola-affected areas is low ○ The Health Dept. is notified to ensure appropriate screening and symptom monitoring any travelers returning from an affected country during the previous 21 days. ○ Risk to the American public remains low • Staff update: ○ Susan Sattler PHN has received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is the highest level of nursing education ▪ Emphasizes clinical excellence, systems leadership, and the practical application of existing research. Her focus is informatics ▪ Has been selected to participate in the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Public Health AI Focus Group
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- Jennifer Zager is retiring, her last day is July 27.

Community Health and Prevention (CHP):

- Camryn Krueger, completing 450 hour preceptorship to finish a degree in Public Health and Community Health from UW La Crosse
 - Working with Breakwater Coalition on environmental scan for THC/ Vapes in Oshkosh and at the prevention/ leadership groups at the B&GC through the summer
 - Working in harm reduction
- NEWMHC Project Zero Adult Suicide Death Summary Report <https://www.newmentalhealthconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Adult-Suicide-Death-Review-2026.pdf>

Environmental Health (EH):

- Lead Program: Cody started May 11 and will be attending Lead Supervisor (next week) and Lead Risk Assessor Training (July). Both are 5 days of training. Since May we have completed 3 abatement projects, 2 Risk Assessments and 5 projects are at the State for approval.
- Sanitarian Program- Staff is working on finishing our inspections by the end of June (license year runs July 1 to June 30) and all establishments must have at least one inspection in the licensing year. License renewals were sent mid -May and reminders will be sent next week. This year we have an online payment option – less than 20% have used it so far.
- Environmental –Beach/Boat Launch water testing started week of Memorial Day –samples are collected and tested by UWO Students. 8 boat launches are tested once per week, and 3 beaches are tested twice per week. Boat Launches include Lake BDM Landing, Lake Poygan Landing, Boom Bay Landing, Village of BDM Landing, Fritse Park Landing, Grundman Park Landing, Asylum Point Landing, Black Wolf Boat Launch. Beaches are: Fresh Air Park Neenah, Menominee Park Oshkosh and Winneconne Park. The results are posted to the website on Friday.
- Flooding well water testing: 3 Positive, 26 Negative and 24 pending (picked up the kit have not tested water)

Healthy Lifespan (HLS):

Family Child Health:

- Awarded \$4k to [facilitate local focus groups to discuss maternal health and substance](#) use through DHS' Maternal Health Innovation Program. Partnership with OFR Member, WIC, FCH Services, Solutions & Apricity

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- First session went well and was very insightful and encouraging to our staff. Parents crave a community of trusted support. Reduce stigma in the clinical setting.
- **June 1 –[Start to WI Postpartum Medicaid Expansion](#):** the state will extend Medicaid coverage from 60 days post-partum to 12 months of coverage without reducing the financial eligibility threshold for women to keep their Medicaid. Helping local providers understand and promote through legislative updates and provider group calls. Join this group by emailing Allison (alavertymontag@winnebagocountywi.gov)
- Trying to explore creative funding for our programs (less grant funding, and program restrictions creating a greater levy burden). One example, Car Seat Program & Funding Ask (\$18k). We are looking for feedback on other groups to contact/work with for <\$20k one-time donations.

Promoting Healthy Aging (Chronic Disease Prevention)

- **Tri-County Healthy Living** - Calumet, Outagamie (Appleton), Winnebago (Menasha)
- **Tri-County CHIP:** working together and aligning strategic goals for greater impact. Big focus on social connection to spur healthier activities – exercise, shared meals, hobbies, brain health.
- NEWMHC losing capacity to facilitate Adult Death Review Team, trying to determine similarities and differences between all other review teams in WC to understand the purpose after providing extensive local recommendations: [Project Zero 2026 Report](#)
- Wellness Plus Classes continue to expand and gain stability. Less interest in long commitments, consecutive learning – more interest in single events or "anytime" join.
- Providing feedback to UW-Extension / WIHA / ADRC about the disconnect between their infrastructure and what our community wants.

Falls Prevention & Intervention Group

- 2026 Quarter 2 Progress Updates – virtual meeting on June 17th Noon-1. OFD is consistently providing aggregated fall data for analysis. Based on OFD jurisdiction alone ~50 response calls a month. Some of our first attempts will be focusing on:
- Housing Authority Clients – easy infrastructure with current staffing model
- Number of falls over 3 months:
 - 1st: text of falls resources
 - 2nd: Mailed Letter

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		○ 3rd: Phone call from PHN offering assessment ○ 4th: Support a direct referral to primary care physician. • With more capacity we can expand groups: everyone over age 65, anyone refusing transport at time of fall • Working through quality improvement stages along with partners from OFD, Senior Center, Emergency Rooms, 2-1-1, etc. • Goal is for us to facilitate this task group to find a sustainable process that has faltered many times/ways over the past decade. Eventually help cross-train to 2-1-1 and ADRC to help with the health education need. Here are some of the falls referral resources we will be sharing via text / mailed letter / phone calls: • Falls Risk Assessment- a free 1-on-1 home scan with a Public Health Nurse: visit www.wchd.pub/healthyagingreferral or call 920-232-3000 • Wellness Plus Classes are researched and tested to help participants self-manage their health multiple class options at over 13 locations in Winnebago County: 920-232-3000 • Oshkosh Senior Center has personal trainers ready to work with you on specific health goals: 920-232-5320 • Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers information on community resources and programs: 877-886-2372 • Rebuilding Together - a nonprofit organization that makes critical home modifications and repairs to income-qualified homeowners: (920) 730-2156 • Call or Text 2-1-1; 24-hour information on community, health and social services • Winchester Lion's Medical Locker (Larsen, WI); free medical rentals: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOCKER is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 9 am to 11 am. Call 920-427-3244 • Sharing, if you had a fall, with your primary care provider
G. Communicati on Shared by BOH	All	• Brenda Pluchinsky provided an update on the Solid Waste Department meeting. Discussion revolved around sharp containers availability for community members as needles are not recyclable, but Solid Waste staff are encountering needles in recycling. • Kate Hancock-Cooke: attended a meeting related to HR-1 (SNAP benefit impacts). • Kate Hancock-Cooke shared that the Oshkosh SchoolTool Library is launching a program called Build a Village. • Kate Hancock-Cooke shared information about a podcast titled: Drug Story.

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H. Next Meeting	Board Chair	Next tentative meeting will be July 2nd at 3:30 pm in Room 120 County Administration building.
I. Adjourn	Board Chair	- Shiloh asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:52 pm. Brenda Pluchinsky, Kate Hancock-Cooke second. - Shiloh called the meeting adjourned.

Mission:

Winnebago County Public Health protects and promotes health through services, partnerships and equitable practices and policies so all can live their best life.

Vision: Healthy people building thriving communities.

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