

Winnebago County Public Health (WCPH) Department Board of Health Minutes



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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
Ralph Harrison	In person	Lucas Reinke	In person	Kate Hancock-Cooke	In person	Kim Malouf	absent
Denise Prehn, MD	In person			Toby Vanden Heuvel	In person	Kay Horan	In person

WCPH staff/ Invited Guests/others in attendance (indicate V for virtual)					
Anne Boyce	Belinda DeGoey	Shelley Brown-Giebel	Sarahjean Schluechtermann	Wanda Tracy	Jaci Grignon
	Ashlee Rahmlow	Bev Slusarski (v) left at 8:05	Heidi Keating (v) left 9:04 am	Doug Gieryn 8:10 am	
		Conley Hansen (7:48 am v; left at 8:30 am)			

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A. Call to Order	Chair	- Start Recording: 7:35 am - Meeting called to order at by: 7:35 am ROLL CALL: In person: Kate Hancock-Cooke, Denise Prehn, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Kay Horan, Ralph Harrison, Lucas Reinke (6) Virtual:	
B. Roll Call	Chair	Do we have a quorum? YES <i>ONLY THOSE PRESENT COUNT FOR QUORUM AND VOTING. PLEASE INCLUDE NUMBER OF YES, NO, ABSTAIN VOTES</i> - In Person: Kate Hancock-Cooke, Denise Prehn, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Kay Horan, Ralph Harrison, Lucas Reinke (6) - Virtual:	

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		Absent: Welcome new Board of Health member Lucas Reinke, District 6.	
C. Public Comments	Public	None at this time	
D. Approval of Minutes		Motion to approve previous meeting minutes (June BOH meeting minutes) (included in CIVIC PLUS and in R drive): Kay Horan Second by: Lukas Reinke Voting: All voted yes: Kate Hancock-Cooke, Denise Prehn, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Kay Horan, Ralph Harrison, Lucas Reinke (6-0)	
E. Business Items			

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F. Director's Report	Doug	- Review of Income Statement and 2025 Budget Planning Process - Kate Hancock-Cooke inquired about any public health grants that may have been rescinded or reduced. Some grants have been eliminated or reduced for budget year 2026. Immunization and Preparedness grants were reduced, for example. COSSUP grant ends and no information about future availability is known. - Ralph requested a tour of public health's department to get an update on the facilities study. Lukas who sits on the facilities committee provided an update. Kate proposed we add this topic as a future agenda item. There is a facilities committee meeting in two weeks. - Ralph inquired about the BOH's involvement in Public Health's budget prior to submitting it. Members wonder if receiving information about the budget before it is submitted would allow for their input and would increase their awareness of what the department is planning. In previous years the BOH members have received a summary of the budget once it was proposed. Doug is planning to provide that summary to BOH. There will be a space for input before final budget is accepted, through town halls in which budget amendments will be discussed. - Doug provided an overview of the budget process. Base numbers of budget have been submitted. Labor numbers have been provided which is similar to last year with one addition to the Table of Organization. - Priority Based Budgeting process: this is more about presenting information about what depts do and to provide information about their impact. - Operational Updates from Public Health Divisions: - Overview of Temporary and Special Event Licensing and Inspections (from Environmental Health) - Overview of all Performance Management Metrics Administration: - Public Health monthly on WISS 98.3. Goal is to reach more residents, especially our rural areas about PH. First spot aired Monday June 30th: Overdose Fatality Communicable Disease - Tickborne illness high 6/24 DHS notification of Powassan virus (deer tick) - Many not tested as treatment is the same	BOH members are welcome to tour our dept.
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	○ If develop rash or flu-like symptoms following bite, seek medical attention • Advisory Committee on Immunization Program (ACIP): COVID-19 vaccine no longer appears as an immunization recommended for 6 month to 17 year old. ○ DHS Vaccine for Children (VFC) program will continue to offer for those that want it. • Measles ○ As of last Friday, 7/2/25 Johns Hopkins noted 1281 cases ○ Highest since 1992 and since endemically eliminated in 2000 ○ 6/26/25 DHS expanded wastewater monitoring to include Measles ○ At all 44 wastewater testing sites in WI ○ Accounts for approx. 50% WI population ○ If detected, notify LHD and increase frequency of testing ○ No public dashboard • Hosting UW Oshkosh Accel BSN student 7/14/25-8/22/25 Community Health and Prevention • Gold Cross partnership: Narcan Leave Behind Program • Applied for grant through WI partnership: Community Schools program. Community Health Workers in schools. No information about grant award yet. • Related to the Advancing Healthier Wisconsin grant related to Community Rooms. Winnebago County's community room will be highlighted. Environmental Health • Provided overview above WIC • Current Caseload: 2378 participants, above state target of 2323. • WIC benefits will be changing in October including: ○ Adding canned fish to most participants benefits ○ Increased Fruits and vegetables cash value benefit	
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		○ Increase whole grains for pregnant women ○ Choice of cash value fruit and vegetable benefit or purees to 6-12 month olds. ○ More tailored food packages.	
G. Communication Shared by BOH	All	● Kate: Coroner office looking to hire a therapy dog. Fundraising ongoing. ● Neenah County Board Supervisors will be at the Neenah Farmers' Market July 26th ○ Participation in Farmers' Markets. Public Health will be at the Omro Farmers' Market ● Parking for Homeless population (safer to park) discussion ○ Many community agencies and organizations are working on the homeless situation in the county.	
H. Next Meeting	Board Chair	● Next tentative meeting: August 12th, 2025 ○ Kate Hancock-Cooke and Toby Vanden Heuvel will not be in attendance. ● The Board of Health typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 am unless an additional meeting is needed.	
I. Adjourn	Board Chair	● Motion to adjourn at (time) by: 9:41: Lukas Reinke ● Second: Kay Horan ● Vote: all present: Kate Hancock-Cooke, Denise Prehn, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Kay Horan, Ralph Harrison, Lucas Reinke (6)	

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Vision: Healthy people building thriving communities.

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