

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



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WCPH staff: Send approved meeting notes in PDF form to: CountyClerk@winnebagocountywi.gov

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	X in person	Kate Hancock-Cooke	X in person	Toby Vanden Heuvel	X in person	Kim Malouf	Virtual
Denise Prehn, MD	X in person	Lucas Reinke	X in person			Kay Horan	X in person (left at 8:45 am)

WCPH staff/ Invited Guests/others in attendance (indicate V for virtual)				
Heidi Keating	Wanda Tracy	Ashlee Rahmlow	Anne Boyce	Shelley Brown- Giebel
Belinda DeGoey	Jaci Grignon	Julia Salomon	Sarahjean Schluechtermann	Alana Erickson
Maddie Breager (virtual)	Bev Slusarski (Virtual)	Hannah Wainio (Virtual)	Lynnsey Erickson (Virtual)	Danielle Florence (virtual)
Tracy Gehrke (virtual)	Jayne Tebon (virtual)			

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A. Call to Order	Chair	- Start Recording: Yes - Meeting called to order at by: 7:31am by Supervisor Ralph Harrison	
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>	

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		- Names/number of in person: Lucas Reinke, Ralph Harrison, Kay Horan, Denise Prehn, Kate Hancock- Cooke, Toby Vanden Heuvel - Name/number of Virtual: Kim Malouf - Names/number of Absent: None	
C. Public Comments	Public	None	
D. Approval of Minutes		Motion to approve minutes BOH MEET MINS 11.11.25.pdf (included in CIVIC PLUS) Supervisor Lukas Reinke Second by: Toby Vanden Heuvel - Names/number Voting: Passed Unanimous (6-0)	
E. Business Items	Heidi/ Wanda	Winnebago County Public Health Strategic Plan Annual Review and Updates. Discussion and questions.	

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F. Director's Report	Doug	1. Review of Income Statement: INCOME STATEMENT - 12.01.25.pdf 2. Operational Updates from Public Health Divisions: Administration (Admin): • Tri County Community Health Assessment is complete • 2025 Annual Report in progress • Strategic Plan sharing • Emergency Preparedness: working on partnerships re: warming shelters • Vacancy: Administrative Associate position Communicable Disease (CD): • Hosting two UW Oshkosh Accel BSN students 03/02/26-04/10/26 • Illness Report in Wisconsin from Monday, December 8 ○ Respiratory ▪ Influenza activity is increasing in Wisconsin (6.3%). ▪ Rhinovirus/Enterovirus (16.3%) activity is decreasing in Wisconsin. ▪ Parainfluenza activity (6.1%) is moderate in Wisconsin. ○ Enteric ▪ Norovirus (12.9%) and Campylobacter (2.3%) activities are elevated in Wisconsin. ○ Group A Streptococcus activity in Wisconsin is moderate (18.1%). • For healthcare providers, updated Pediatric CPR/AED (2025) guidance will be released for 2026 • DHS Wisconsin Communicable Disease Data Dashboard - upcoming to display data by county • November Infant Botulism Outbreak continues - ByHeart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula • H5N5 human avian flu death end of November • Meetings attended • 2 staff - Communicable Diseases Regional Seminar November 2nd • 3 staff - 2025 WI Mycobacteriology Laboratory Network Annual Conference November • VFC Compliance Visit Thursday December 9th Community Health and Prevention (CHP):	
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		Environmental Health (EH): • No new establishments or change of owner since last week • Completed fall school lunch inspections – full health inspection • Special events – 4 popup tattoo events in the last month – usually at craft fairs or brewery/distillery • Staff attended state radon conference in Wisconsin Rapids • Today/tomorrow staff will attend FDA Food Protection webinar • Lead – 5 properties are being processed by the State and will be ready to go in January Healthy Lifespan (HLS): • Maternal Child & Family Health Focus Groups – DHS led strategic conversations on how the mandates overlap with PH Foundational Areas & Competencies (https://phaboard.org/infrastructure/public-health-frameworks/the-foundational-public-health-services/). Maternal & Child Health indicators are indicative of a healthy society, that is why it has always had a separate area/focus. Local related policy ideas: ○ WIC & Snap benefits could be more accessible by allowing use at Kwik Trips & Online Orders ○ Sustain childcare workforce by providing free acute health care through 3 Waves ○ Eliminate Birth Cost Recovery Tax as Dane, MKE and Racine have done • Oral Health – Partnership / Tri-County / Bridging Brighter Smiles; coordinating discussion and creating a flow chart for appropriate referrals to improve efficiency and sustainability. • Tri-County Healthy Aging / NER Chronic Disease Prevention; SWOT analysis and aligned strategies ○ Fall Prevention / Increase Movement & Nutrition / Reduce Isolation & Loneliness • WOW Meetings starting regionally in 2026; The WOW Collaborative aims to create a shared vision for Wisconsin's safety net and the individuals and communities served, and to spur and mature partnerships that will bring the vision to fruition. https://www.wispolitics.com/2025/wisconsin-owns-wellbeing-collaborative-announces-five-safety-net-strategy-sessions-in-2026/ ○ Mutual Aid / jurisdictional lines don't help, how can we have cross programmatic services (E.g. Neenah Office: Lead vs WIC vs Behavioral Health – all available Women, Infant and Children (WIC)	
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		- Two professional staff have completed credentialing in breastfeeding support and counseling. At this point all professional staff are credentialed to support and provide education on breastfeeding. - In the process of collaborating with community partners to assist non-English speaking families to better utilize WIC benefits. Plan to include upcoming university students in this project.	
G. Communication Shared by BOH	All	The Women's Fund is organizing a 6-month community campaign related to social media and technology. Helping You Thrive in a Digital World. Starts in January 2026.	
H. Next Meeting	Board Chair	- Next tentative meeting will be: Tuesday January 13th, 2026 - The Board of Health typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month unless an additional meeting is needed at 7:30 am	
I. Adjourn	Board Chair	- Motion to adjourn at (time) by: Denise Prehn - Second: Lukas Reinke Names/number of Voting: 5-0 unanimous	

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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