

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	virtual
Denise Prehn, MD	In person			Toby Vanden Heuvel	In person	Kay Horan	absent

WCPH staff/ Invited Guests/others in attendance (indicate V for virtual)					
Hannah Wainio	Alana Erickson	Koby Schellenger	Conley Hanson (virtual)	Jaci Grignon (virtual)	
Anne Boyce	Wanda Tracy	Shelley Brown-Giebel	Bev Slusarski (virtual)	Belinda DeGoey (virtual)	
Danielle Florence	Lynnsey Erickson				

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A. Call to Order	Chair	- Start Recording: 7:29 am - Meeting called to order at by: Ralph Harrison at 7:29 am ROLL CALL: - Names/number of in person: Denise Prehn, Ralph Harrison, Kate Hancock-Cooke, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Lukas Reinke (arrived at 7:31 am) - Name/number of Virtual: Kim Malouf logged on at 7:32 am - Absent: Kay Horan	
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: Denise Prehn, Ralph Harrison, Kate Hancock-Cooke, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Lukas Reinke (arrived at 7:31 am) - Name/number of Virtual: Kim Malouf arrived virtually at 7:32 am - Names/number of Absent: Kay Horan	
C. Public Comments	Public		
D. Approval of Minutes		Motion to approve minutes of October 2025 Board of Health Meeting (found in Civic clerk): Kate Hancock-Cooke Second by: Toby Vanden Heuvel - Motion passed 5-0	
E. Business Items		Wisconsin Partnership Program Grant Presentation by Hannah Wainio, Community Health Strategist (WCPH) - Discussion topics included: how can a model like this be started in earlier grades/younger ages; metrics of success; etc. Budget Amendment: Acceptance of a Wisconsin Partnership Program Grant in the amount of \$158,913 for the 2026 Winnebago County Public Health Department. - Lukas Reinke moved to accept the WPP Grant; Denise Prehn seconded. VOTE: all in favor: Denise Prehn, Ralph Harrison, Kate Hancock-Cooke, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Lukas Reinke. (5-0)	

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F. Director's Report	Doug	Review of 2025 Year to Date Income Statement - BOH members shared their disappointment about the county board of supervisors' decision to not fund the Public Health Analyst position and discussed the merits and the downfalls of AI as a data mining tool adding that more information and understanding about AI is needed. - Operational Updates from Public Health Divisions: Administration (Admin): - Draft of the Tri County CHA/CHIP completed. - Draft of WCPH branding plan completed and website tweaks. - Mass shelter training scheduled for today (EM, WCPH and HS). - Additional trainings include a sheltering plan in case of a radiation event. Training includes sheltering pets as well. - Staff interested in learning more about AI and its responsible and unbiased use in Public Health. - Vacancy: Administrative Associate III due to Andy Scheu accepting CHW with CHP. - Kudos to our accountant with assisting through our budget season. Communicable Disease (CD): <u>Respiratory</u> - Rhinovirus/Enterovirus activity is high in Wisconsin - Parainfluenza activity is moderate in Wisconsin - Influenza activity is low in Wisconsin but rising, typically peaks end of January through mid-March <u>Enteric</u> - Norovirus & Campylobacter activities are elevated in Wisconsin <u>Group A Streptococcus</u> activity in Wisconsin is moderate <u>Ticks</u> are active in WI all year, but highest spring through fall - High activity noted in the Black legged tick, in the nymph stage Community Health and Prevention (CHP): - FoodShare/Information collaboration among County Exec/WCPH/Human Services/IT and Community Partners - Map of food pantries, etc. posted on County Website. Continues to be shared widely. - Naloxone boxes installed in gas stations, bars, restaurants, parks throughout Neenah and Fox Crossing.	
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	• Andy Scheu hired as Community Health Worker and will be working in the harm reduction and Breakwater. Environmental Health (EH): • Finishing up on last large special events for the year – Omro and Winneconne Fall Festivals, this weekend Hmong New Year celebration at the Expo Building • Weekly computer training on new inspection program – Health Space Cloud for Body Art Inspections • New Establishments – 1 new tattoo establishment, 4 tourist rooming houses, 3 mobiles, 2 retail stores • Lead: 3 abatements completed in Sept, 1 abatement completed in October, 5 projects out for bid, 1 project starting today • Lead: participated in the Childhood Lead Prevention week with a press event with Wisconsin DHS at a property under abatement in Oshkosh • Lead: still waiting to hear on the Lead grant Healthy Lifespan (HLS): • WWWP: (serving nine counties) ○ Intentional outreach being done ○ Cancer diagnoses higher than before. COVID lag? Delays in enrolling in WWWP? Delays in accessing health care and screenings? Uncertainty related to Medicare/Medicaid funding? ○ Contract for WWWP upcoming; funding will remain the same as last time. • Family Child Health ○ Only 2 Car Seat Clinics left this year. Seeing an uptick in “seat checks” requests (in addition to our normal need of giving/installing car seats). Great partnership with using the bay at both Fox Crossing and Oshkosh Fire Departments; much less stress on scheduling in winter months. ○ MCH DHS Title V Funding Awarded \$53k for 2026 (20% decrease from 2025); Objective – Developmental Screenings. This will fund staff's labor time for administrative support to F5FV, Help Me Grow, etc. ○ TRACY Gehrke (PHN) had the honor of accepting an award for "Community Service Business of the Year" from the Fox West Chamber of Commerce as Chair of Childcare Centers Resource and Referral. • Promoting Health Aging	
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		- Leaf No One Behind was Sunday Nov 9th 29 degrees with “real feel” of 12. Still happy with the turnout– 15 homes served in Oshkosh; 36 Volunteers, 5 Partners (Public Health, OASD, Senior Center, ADRC, Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods). Women, Infant and Children (WIC) - September final caseload was 2360. October preliminary caseload 2389 - WIC continues to be funded through the month of November with staff encouraging clients to keep their appointments and spend their benefits. - WIC outreach: Hyde Center in Oshkosh and Multicultural Center in Menasha.	
G. Communicati on Shared by BOH	All	- Data about the positive impacts of COVID vaccine is coming out Our world in Data webpage: What Americans die from and the causes of death the US media reports on.	
H. Next Meeting	Board Chair	- Next tentative meeting: Tuesday December 9th, 2025. - 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: Lukas Reinke to adjourn - Second: Toby Vanden Heuvel Names/number of Voting: Denise Prehn, Ralph Harrison, Kate Hancock-Cooke, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Lukas Reinke (5-0)	

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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