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Attendees:	Board Members (BOLD)					
Rachel Youngquist	Jeffrey J Beem (7:50 am)	Ralph Harrison	Mike Norton	Karen Powers	Ashlee Rahmlow	
Toby Vanden Heuvel	Alana Erickson (8:05 am)	Eric Smiltneek (zoom)	Ashley Mukasa	Heidi Keating	Melissa Stahmann	Anne Boyce
Jamie Thibodeaux	Sarahjean Schluechtermann (8:44 am)	Julia Salomón		Doug Gieryn	Shelley Brown-Giebel	
Guests/In attendance						
Conley Hanson District 26 (zoom)						
Not in attendance (excused)						
Lois Gruetzmacher		Paula McNeil				

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1. Call to Order	Chair	 Meeting called to order at by: Roll call: Please state your name when speaking on zoom and when making a motion or seconding, so note taker can accurately attribute notes to that person. Note taker: If any voting items are on the agenda, please note who voted and how. Thank you. 	
2. Roll Call	Secretary	Do we have a quorum? YES. 7/9 (Paula McNeil and Lois Gruetzmacher absent) BOH voting members present:	
3. Approval of Minutes	Secretary	 Motion to approve <u>previous meeting minutes</u> (June 2022) reviewed. o Motion to approve minutes by: Mike Norton; o Second by: Karen Powers Voting: All in favor. 	
4. Public Comment	Public	Any public comment? Conley Hanson. Would like to understand more about agenda item F heard at the county board supervisor meeting regarding the CDC. Also would like to comment on what he read about the CDC Chief Walenski revamping the CDC due to 'mistakes' made in the pandemic. He wonders if our local health department can comment on that.	

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5. Business	Various	 A. Director and Staff Update – introductions and brief reports - Chairwoman Rachel Younquist asked if we would discuss the failed grant funding resolution from the last County Board meeting Doug (Health Officer): Failed resolution at county board supervisor meeting re: acceptance of grant funding (federal dollars from the CDC) to supplement work on our Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (work that is required from our department) grant was for an estimated \$65,000 competitive application process to the state. \$20,000 for existing staff to help us spend less of our levy funds; another \$20,000 to hire temp staff; and the rest for logisting in completing the work detailed in the grant. COVID-19 has highlighted the fact that the most disadvantaged of our residents struggled more during the pandemic and this work would explore what those issues were and how we can learn from these. The State Dept of Health was allocated \$27 million of the \$2.25 billion and DHS decided to use a portion of the \$27 million to create grants that local health departments and non profits who are addressing the impact of the pandemic. The perception at the county board seemed to focus around a 'mistrust of the CDC,' concern about an objective process that wouldn't just support the public health response to COVID, COVID being over and negative perceptions of what equity is. Did not have % majority, 3 votes short. How does this decision impact the work, impact our budget and what can we learn from this decision/process? Two BOH members themselves who voted yes at the last BOH meeting changed their vote at the county board of supervisors. Help us understand why the change of vote, how can we do better as a dept so this does not happen in the future. How do we earn your support? Something that we may need to improve is to inform/educate our own BOH members on who these grants	Suggestions: *Grant coordinator to meet with BOH members to dig deeper into what the funds will be used for, what the work will entail, etc. so BOH members are better informed. *Presentation on how grant processes: how are grants allocated, where funds come from, how are the funds used, what is the reporting process look like, etc. *Review roles of BOH and county supervisor so there is trust between the dept and our

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		 Issues with the title of the grant (inclusion of the word 'just') seemed to not be received too well by some. How do we build trust with our community, our BOH members and our county supervisors? How do we do better to communicate with these partners? Was it an issue of timing with the announcement of the CDC saying they made mistakes in their pandemic response? BOH member Harrison explained his change in vote and recommends that perhaps BOH members before approving or rejecting a resolution can ask for more information before a vote is casted. Q: is the issue with the research itself or the source of the funding: A: source Mike Norton explained that despite the funds coming from the CDC, the work and the impact of the work will be done at the local level and will help at the local level. There seems to be a strong mistrust of the CDC. However some county board supervisors who are also BOH members admit that perhaps they received misinformation from their constituents as well. Can this resolution be brought back at the next supervisor meeting for reconsideration. What can we do as a dept to help you with questions that you may have? It is up to us as a department to provide you with the information you need to support you in responding to your constituents. There is a lot of misinformation that our constituents are receiving and spreading. Please come to us if you have questions so we can provide the information. BOH Chair Youngquist mentioned that her tenure on the BOH has allowed her to know that this dept can be trusted and receptive to questions. It takes time for new BOH members and new supervisors as a whole to get to that point. Anne Boyce (Environmental Health): SANITARIAN PROGRAM New establishments since last meeting: Tourist rooming house (Air BNB): 2 in Omro, 1 in Neenah, 2 in Oshkosh 	BOH members so BOH members can be advocates for the work the dept. does based on evidence not hearsay. * Reiterate that if BOH members have questions about something, come to us to get clarification. If they are hearing something from their constituents check with the dept for clarification. *Inform Tom Eagan that this vote should be reconsidered at the next meeting.



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		 1 Food truck in Oshkosh Special Event Season Largest events: EAA: 49 food stands (5 reinspections) and 11 Campgrounds inspected Lifest: 25 food stands inspected Winnebago County Fair: 19 food stands inspected Oshkosh Farmers Market: 15 food stands inspected Hmong Labor Day Weekend soccer tourney is the next large event ENVIRONMENTAL 5 Bats already sent to SLH to test for Rabies in August. (Young bats begin to catch insects for themselves and often end up in houses with dogs and cats catching them or people waking up to them in their bedrooms) Staff is working with the DNR on 2 chronically unsafe wells - repeated sampling is required by WCHD staff Lead Abatement program Scott Fischer - Lead Abatement Program Coordinator attended 5 day Lead training and is now a Certified Lead Risk Assessor and 3 day Healthy Homes Training. Scott is working on getting the program forms and paperwork ready so houses can be enrolled in the program WCHD was approved by the State to store one of the State's XRF (instrument used to test for lead based paint on surfaces in houses). Staff had to complete online and hands-on training to be approved to use the XRF - 6 staff are approved to use. 	
		 Current areas of Focus: Housing, Connection and Belonging, Substance Use, Transportation Welcomed Maddie Breager as a Community Health Strategist in June Housing: Working with ESTHER to offer a quarterly series in the Oshkosh Herald highlighting stories of people experiencing housing insecurity and recommended policy and systems changes to strengthen the community Strengthening Through Housing: Making it Affordable 	



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		 Connection & Belonging: Applied for final year of Overdose Data 2 Action funding to explore the needs of parents (with children under 18 years old) in recovery, to support local partner organizations in providing support and resources to their community, and to identify additional ways to prevent overdose and overdose deaths Substance Use: OFR Annual Report released in early August Lunch & Learn for Annual Report 8/26/22 at 12pm via zoom International Overdose Awareness Day: 8/31/22. WCHD will host a Narcan training virtually at 12pm. PHAST grant approved by County board. Solutions Peer Response Team launches 9/6 with initial focus on serving clients releasing from Winnebago Co Jail and Nova. Will also respond to needs arising in HD. 	
		 Jamie (Women, Infant and Children [WIC]): Go-to-WIC: USDA should partner w/Medicaid and private health plans to provide nutrition counseling and breastfeeding services to all. o USDA should bolster WIC's healthy food benefit to strengthen access to nutritious food for low-income families, including Cash Value Benefit. US should adopt WHO International Code on Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes. Julia (Admin): The administration division supports staff and builds division capacity to serve the community. 	
		 Heidi (Planner): Working with CHP staff and Epidemiologist, held the first Community Health Assessment (CHA) Advisory Team with community partners to begin a new assessment. Will continue meeting monthly. The CHA process identifies the community health priorities, issues the community works on together to improve health. 	

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		 Staff are completing a workforce development assessment, Core Competencies for Public Health professionals. Results will be used to identify department wide training priorities and complete the workforce development plan. Updating progress on WCHD's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. Implementation efforts were delayed due to COVID. 	
		 Ashley (Communications): Continue to work with COVID-19 response team. Working with the monkeypox team to develop materials, cover media requests and assist other communication needs Building capacity to cover all other public health communications (press releases, social media, etc.) Working to revamp WCHD's website 	
		 Sarahjean (Epidemiologist): Have assisted other divisions with recent data reports (OFR Annual Report, CD Quarterly Report). Currently working to utilize Microsoft Access databases to increase work efficiencies related to data collection and reporting of services provided. Rachel (Epidemiologist): covers COVID-19 data requests, develops data reports for school districts and maintains dashboard. 	
		 Shelley (Emergency Preparedness): Staff completed Incident Command System (ICS) training. This is a requirement for our preparedness grant funding. As well as a management structure our response and partner agencies utilize. Providing various community easy access points, for free to the community antigen test kits. There are between 13-15 locations throughout the county. We are seeing a significant increase in community kits requests. 	
		 Continue to support free testing at Sunnyview Expo Center for our communities. Currently working on COVID-19 vaccine efforts within the county. The percentage of individuals coming in for a first dose has been increasing. 	

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	 Planning for the new bi-valent vaccine release in mid-fall. School and daycare based clinics are scheduled throughout the county. Completed 2022-2023 Preparedness Grant submission. \$139.052. This grant funds efforts for the community, staff and partners to be prepared for all hazards. Assisted in Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) for WCHD. In the event our staff would not have access to normal work locations and what would best practices be for our department and staff. Melissa: (Communicable Disease): Monkeypox Developing Policies and Procedures for Case Management Received small quantity of JYNNEOS Vaccine- Administered first 2 doses yesterday Working with surrounding HD for vaccine management Working with surrounding HD for vaccine management Working on 1 active case, we were monitoring exposure of 17 people in a LTCF (Case Closed), and have had 4 suspect cases (All tested negative) We are SPOKE certified to administer vaccine Working with LGBTQ groups to assist in education and increasing efforts to reach the most current at risk populations Salmonella Outbreak Related to a vendor at local Farmers Markets selling shelled peas Farm has had 3 previous violations- 2017, 2020, 2021 Most likely from improperly cleaned shelling equipment Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Protection visited the farm to discuss violation history School Systems Working with OASD K-12 on new COVID 19 mitigation measures from CDC/DHS/DPI Working with UWO on COVID and Monkeypox management and isolation TBD/currently vacant (Policy & Equity Coordinator):<	



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		Family Child Health: • Child Care Solutions	
		Family Resource Hours	
		ASQ Screenings / State of the Child	
		MCH Grant	
		WWWP: Wisconsin Well Woman Program	
		QI - slides	
		Charity Fun	
		Promoting Healthy Aging:	
		ADRC Open House	
		Senior Housing Workshop - AARP	
		Housing Authority Transition in	
		B. Budget Transfer – DHS Qualitative Data Collection Grant - \$10,575 – vote	
		● July 2022 to May 2023: ~\$25,000 grant awarded; \$10,575 will be used in 2022. This grant focuses on	
		exploring from OASD students and parents how providing public transportation to students to get to	
		school impacts them.	
		 Mike Norton, can we explore transportation needs west of 41. 	
		 D. Gieryn: good perspective however that may be beyond the scope of this grant. 	
		This grant really looks at the impacts of the OASD's efforts to provide free public transportation to	
		OASD students, which was a pilot study.	
		BOH members have received information about this. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.	
		Mike Norton motioned to approve this budget transfer.	
		Karen Powers seconded the notion. Karen Powers seconded the notion.	
		Vote: all in favor (Jeff Beem, Ralph Harrison, Rachel Younquist, Mike Norton, Karen Powers, Erik Coeff Beem, Ralph Harrison, Rachel Younquist, Mike Norton, Karen Powers, Erik	
		Smiltneek, by zoom, Toby Vanden Huevel)	
		C. Request to Waive 2-Year Limit on Project Employees for Communicable Disease Response - vote	



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		 These positions are grant funded through COVID funding that runs (for now) until June 2024. Grants have very specific scope of work guidelines. These are employees that have been trained in our processes and are our most seasoned project employees. This would help us use our resources more efficiently. Project employees receive full benefits but no seniority status. Allows our staff to focus on pre pandemic and post recovery work. Motion to approve waiver: Mike Norton, 2nd Ralph Harrison Discussion: are we waiving the requirement forever? Motion to reconsider to waive the 2 year requirement but put a limit until June 2024 for project employees working on CD response Vote: all in favor (Mike Norton, Jeff Beem, Ralph Harrison, Rachel Youngquist) 	
		 D. Income Statement Review: 2022 Income Statement. Summary through July to give you a sense of where we are at as a department. Director provided an in depth explanation of the budget and income statement. E. Budget Planning Update We were given a levy target and asked to maintain our budget flat; anticipated a 4% wage increase. Executive has also requested for any budget add ons. WCHD will meet with the County Executive to review the dept's budget, after that it becomes the Cty. Executive's budget and that will be presented to county supervisors. A request for an additional position (Harm Reduction Program Coordinator). Add ons are things that have an impact on levy. F. COVID-19 and Monkeypox (MPV) Response Update Maintaining a workforce to respond to pandemic. Vaccination clinics, Testing efforts (in terms of planning and contracted staff administer vaccines). We are probably the most stable site in NEW. We provide vaccine clinics at various sites to make it more accessible. 357 vaccine clinics have been hosted by WCHD since the pandemic started. Plan to continue the anchor sites (like SV). Bivalent 	



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		our community have either been vaccinated or been infected. Nation-wide looking at 100,000 new infections a day, with approximately 10% of people testing. • Monkeypox-1 confirmed cases in Winnebago County, some exposures, some suspect cases. Testing is completed with a swab of a lesion and sent to state lab. Spread by direct contact with lesions. Not very transmissible unless very close contact through sexual contact or contact with lesions, shared bedding. • Over 10,000 cases in the US. Rapid growth in certain places. • Lower risk for many people • Working to prevent an explosion of cases • In DHS press release, discussed events where MPV could be spread. CD team is monitoring closely, contact tracing and working on identifying who may need the vaccine. G. Healthy Life Span Division Overview-Alana • Family Child Health focus-help families with their needs, Direct Services: car seats, developmental screens, safe sleep, lead exposure, breastfeeding support. Community efforts: Birth to 3 coalitions-regional effort working on making resources available to families with young children • Promoting Healthy Aging-Direct services-fall prevention, fall risk assessment Community efforts: Reduce falls in the community, working with police & fire dept. Alignment with state and regional efforts • WI Well Woman Program (WWWP)-access to health care. Direct services: basic screening program to prevent cancer for women. 9 county service area. • Staff work on many local, state, national coalitions: i.e. suicide prevention, partnerships with Human Services ADRC. • Handout: Parent Resource Hours. Grant submitted 8/15/22 for about \$400,000. Grant funding is from the WI Department of Health Services. Alana has an interview regarding the grant. Grant not awarded yet.	
6. Next Meeting	Board Chair	Next tentative meeting will be: October21, 2023	



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7. BOH Members' Report		Mike Norton; NACO's Health Advisory meetings, anyone can apply	
8. Adjourn	Board Chair	 Motion to adjourn at 10:25 Mike Norton Second by: Karen Powers Vote: All in favor (Mike Norton, Rachel Youngquist, Jeff Beem, Ralph Harrison, Toby Vanden Heuvel, Erik Smiltneek, Karen Powers) 	

^{*}This meeting is also being posted as a Committee meeting for: · Facilities & Property Management

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