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| Attendees: | | | | | | |
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| Mike Norton | Lois Gruetzmacher | Ashlee Rahmlow | | Thomas Ellis | | |
| David Zerbe | Paula McNeil | Doug Gieryn | | Kim Goffard | Belinda DeGoey | |
| Anne Boyce | | Niki Euhardy | Julia Salomon | Alana Erickson | Courtney Van Auken | Heidi Keating |
| Not in attendance: | | | | | | |
| Tom Egan | Shiloh Ramos | Rachel Youngquist | Toby VandenHeuvel | Shelley Brown-Giebel | Ashley Mukasa | |

| Topic and Time | Who | High level overview; Important discussion points; decisions. | Any action needed? By whom? |
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| 1. Call to Order | Secretary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 7:30 am by Mike Norton as Dr. Shiloh Ramos is unable to attend. Please state your name when speaking (when meeting is on zoom) so note taker can accurately attribute notes to that person. Thank you | |
| 2. Roll Call | Secretary | Do we have a quorum? Yes BOH voting members present: Paula, David, Lois, Mike, Tom | |
| 3. Approval of Minutes | Secretary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve previous meetings minutes (2/5/2020) reviewed. Motion by: Tom Ellis Second by: David Zerbe All in favor: Yes. | |
| 4. Public Comment | Public | Any public comment? None at this time | |
| 5. Business | Various | Agenda items A. Chapter 11.11 Code updates-Environmental Health Updates- vote Documents provided via email to all board members for review. DOH codes were transferred to DACTP codes. A restaurant now called "retail food establishment"; Temporary restaurants now called Transient retail food, etc. Some updates in the fees as well, sanitarian inspection fee for example, and others. Mike Motion to approve changes as presented: Paula McNeil; second Tom Ellis All in favor: Yes | |

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| | <p>B. Chapter 11.11 Appendix A-2021-2022 Sanitarian Fee Schedule -vote Adjustment of fees is typical, with COVID no changes have been proposed. Proposed to leave the fees flat for all establishments this year. We continue to support operators with licensing and inspections although it looked different during the pandemic (i.e. some establishments were not open, COVID restrictions were in place, etc.) WCHD is one of the few public health departments with their environmental health staff doing inspections. Question: Tom Ellis: how many new establishments? Four floor plans reviews in progress. Four new establishments have opened. Four Air B and B's licensed. 5 microblading (tattoo establishment); and an additional tattoo establishment.</p> <p>Mike: motion to approve: Lois Gruetzmacher: Second Tom Ellis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to fill vacant Lead Abatement Project Coordinator – vote Have not been able to fill this position because of COVID. Partnership: City of Oshkosh, State of WI and WCHD. Establishment of new lead abatement program, prevention approach to increase base of lead safe homes. Mike motion to approve: David Zerbe; Second by Lois Gruetzmacher <p>D: Director and Staff Update (see below) E: Board of Health Meeting Time Discussion Tom Eagan cannot meet at this date and time due to another board meeting on his plate. Can we change the date of BOH meeting. Mike proposes for BOH to meet not first Friday of the month. Discussion? Third Friday is proposed to leave BOH adequate time to be able to make P and F meetings. Third Friday of the week is agreed upon per discussion. Mike to connect with Rachel Youngquist to make sure it fits in her schedule. BOH can schedule next BOH meeting for May 21st (third Friday) and assess if it works for absent BOH members at today's meeting. F: 2020 Budget Update: all relevant materials sent via email last week. G: COVID-19 update (see Communicable Disease/Kim update)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunny view Expo testing site (collaboration between county and WI National Guard) will be operational until June 1st. Testing is down. About 58,000 tests done at that site to date. Looking for additional testing site after June. Nationally, cases trending down; most recently seeing a bit of a spike, primarily due to the variants. Winnebago has not seen too many cases due to variants but it can change quickly. Number of daily cases in the state have increased, highest numbers of cases reported this week since February of this year. Other counties also seeing a spike. In Europe, most recent cases have been due to the variants. The last time we saw a spike like this we experienced an incredible surge of cases. Please wear a mask even if vaccinated. Many precautionary behaviors | <p>Anne Boyce will get Tom that number.</p> |
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| | | <p>have been relaxed for many reasons which could also be contributing to the spike. We are cautiously looking at reporting cases coming in. People are COVID-19 but we have been in this position before and we are trying to prevent what happened before.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinations in Winnebago County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84.3% age 65 and over have received at least one dose • 30.8% 16-64 have received at least one dose • 33.7% of all Winnebago residents have received at least one dose • 23.3% of all Winnebago residents have completed their vaccine series • 3.5% positivity rate; positivity rate in under 18 years old: 8 • Hospitalizations are up this past week. Hospitalizations are lagging indicator. Average age of hospitalizations is younger than what we have seen before. <p><u>D. Director and Staff Update</u></p> <p>Doug: Continue to hire temporary staff to staff vaccination clinics, etc. for COVID -19 response. Budget Transfer for COVID funding previously approved by BOH. Presented to P and F later it was tabled at first then a second time did not pass with a 2-2 vote. It will go to County board showing that the BOH did vote to approve and the results from P and F: for your awareness.</p> <p>Alana (HLS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Family Child Health</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Five Fox Valley (FFFV) picking back up community momentum (ASQ = Early childhood screening) ○ Very limited services -> ensure referral to WIC or other appropriate resources Childcare Centers COVID Q&A • <u>Promoting Health Aging</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wellness Plus (Evidence Based Classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimally starting this spring at sites that have easy set up following COVID precautions (social distancing, etc.) ▪ Outreach funded through WIHA to find new partners (specifically looking for locations/leaders in Omro & Winneconne) • <u>AARP Aging Healthy Communities</u> -> kick off with a survey for all WC Residents 45+. ADRC lead, partners: Library, City of Oshkosh, Senior Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FB Live Event -> https://fb.watch/4i8Tyak6w2/ ○ FB Post - please share/like ○ Podcast: Making a healthier aging community makes a better community for all. | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If at a visit/or on the phone you can tell folks to find the survey by typing this in their browser: https://fb.watch/4i8Tyak6w2/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal of 1,000 surveys (as of today: N~200) ▪ Paper copies are available but very laborious - try to encourage electronic submissions/ and those that need paper can go to library or senior center. ● <u>Access to Healthcare:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WWWP has good support heading into the state budget process. Optimistic about future changes to services (telehealth, expanded office visit eligibility). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our program- enrollment rebounded to normal levels, still a back logged of mammogram appts ○ Marketplace still in Open Enrollment - new minimal eligibility <p>Anne Boyce (Environmental Health):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff is working on inspection of campgrounds inspection to get them open for the season and water sampling ● When staff is in the office – staff is continuing to answer the hotline and COVID questions and also follow up on business related COVID questions ● Numerous calls/questions about mobile food trucks ● EH hired a new staff – Jacklyn will be graduating from UWO with an Environmental Health Degree and is working for us as a contact tracer currently ● New establishments for Tom Ellis question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taco Rest – Oshkosh ● Mexican Rest – Oshkosh ● Chick Fil A – Oshkosh ● African grocery store – Fox Crossing ● 4 Tourist Rooming Houses V. Winn, T.Winn, T. Omro and Oshkosh ● 5 Tattoo establishments for Microblading (2 Neenah, 3 Oshkosh) ● 1 tattoo establishment – Oshkosh <p>Ashlee (CHP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In March, WCHD announced along with the other health departments in the tri-county (Winnebago, Outagamie, and Calumet) that free transportation and assistance is now available to individuals in the tri-county going to and from vaccine appointments. Free options include public transit (GO Transit and Valley Transit), paratransit, MTM for people on BadgerCare Plus and WI Medicaid, and Uber or other volunteer rides through Make the | |
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| | | <p>Ride Happen. This is available to anyone living in Winnebago, Outagamie, and Calumet counties going to and from any location providing vaccine within the tri-county now through the end of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the CHP division have been working with members of other divisions and the community to identify barriers, like transportation, and build connections with groups led by and serving people of color. We've been prioritizing and holding back about 20% of appointment slots for people with barriers or who are Black, Hmong, or Latinx or have difficulty with technology that prevents them from scheduling online. We have recently hired a temp staff to guide us in outreach to the Latinx community. We have set up Spanish and Hmong-speaking, along with a separate English-speaking phone line, to sign people up directly for our appointments at Sunnyview. We're also in the process of planning mobile clinics to reach people where they're at and in familiar locations, like churches that serve mostly Spanish-speaking or Black communities. We piloted this process recently at Day By Day Warming Shelter and Christine Ann Domestic Abuse. <p>Ashley (Communication)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On maternity leave. Will be back by end of the month. Courtney Van Auken hired as temporary communication specialist working with the media and all WCHD leadership. New COVID -19 vaccine website created: wcvaccine.org <p>Belinda (WIC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work providing services to clientele. 104% contracted caseload. Operation under the waiver to operate virtually. USDA extend the waiver to continue doing telephone visits to family until May. If extended, probably will continue until September. New WIC Public Health Aide, Zong Lee, started on 4/1/2021. Will be working primarily at the Neenah office. The final MOU with Outagamie County was signed for WIC services to operate as a single unit. New name is Outagamie Winnebago County WIC. There are no service changes to participants. We will work this year to align services. The federal COVID relief package passed in March allowed the fruit and vegetable benefit to increase to \$35 per woman and child for the months of June thru September. <p>Heidi (Planner):</p> | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator COVID -19 hotline • Developing a COVID-19 vaccination dashboard <p>Julia (Admin):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to meet some public health grant deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performance Management: putting together a vaccine dashboard with data collected by WCHD ○ Childhood Lead grant ○ Prevention grant • Coordinating staffing COVID -19 contact tracing team; ebb and flow depending on community needs. • School contact tracing team working 7 days a week. • WCHD strategic plan being reviewed to incorporate lessons learned from COVID 19 response, how some of the work we have done fits in our strategic priorities [equity, etc.] • WCHD wrote a letter of support for a community outreach grant that Oshkosh Area School District applied and was awarded to increase community outreach regarding COVID-19 vaccine. Will work closely with WCHD specifically the CHP division. <p>Kim (Communicable Disease): this team is working almost exclusively on the COVID response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically, a division of 5. All hands-on deck during COVID-19 with the additional temporary staff hired. • Staff trusted division by state. working on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Cases:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ managing incoming COVID cases and other CD diseases (food borne outbreaks, new hepatitis cases, STIs, etc.) ensuring public health in our county despite being in the midst of the pandemic. ▪ Cases are getting a little more complicated and have seen a slight increase in cases. ○ <u>Vaccination clinics</u> ~17,000 vaccines administered to date by WCHD only! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Major supporter of getting shots in arms! Coordinating vaccine clinics; supporting other community partners (UW-O vaccination clinic, pharmacies, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI National Guard has been an excellent partner throughout the COVID-19 response (testing, vaccine clinics) • Providing FTE staff to help cover vaccination shifts. Nurse leads are helping with this support. • Also supporting Appleton Expo vaccination site as requested. | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCHD will administer any COVID vaccine that is allocated to them. Planning of vaccine clinics is adapted according to type and quantity of vaccine received by the department. Example: J and J vaccine to jail [one and done]. Pfizer to 16 year and older only. ▪ Sunnyview Expo vaccine clinic [a partnership between the county [Parks and Public Health} the WI National Guard] has done an amazing job, lots of compliments received. ▪ Equity work to increase vaccines to our most vulnerable county populations [language, mobility issues, computer sign ups and 1:1 help with registering people who face computer challenges, etc.) ▪ Mobile clinics: CHP division and CD division working in concert to try to reach more people. Building trust with the community to increase access to vaccinations. ○ Research everything COVID! • Question from David Zerbe: Overall flu cases have been down, although PCR results show we are in the double digits, however nothing like what we saw the year prior to COVID-19. The state tracks respiratory illnesses cases and send reports out every month to local public health departments. We did not see a lot of positive flu cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 36,000 flu cases in 2019-20 winter season [some deaths as well] ○ Less than 300 flu cases in 2020/2021 flu season ○ Please remember that flu overall, is less contagious than COVID. COVID precautions will help lower flu cases. • Thanks Kim for her leadership. <p>Niki (Policy & Equity Coordinator):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting with media • Health Equity Team Year in Review https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/health_equity_team_2020_year_in_review.pdf • Policy Team Year in Review https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/policy_team_2020_year_in_review.pdf <p>Shelley (Emergency Preparedness):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integral team player and lead for standing up vaccination clinics, working with diverse partners and dealing with many moving parts to continue supporting testing, vaccination and isolation site efforts. | |
| <p>6. Next Meeting</p> | <p>Director</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next tentative meeting will be May 21, 2021 at 7:30 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |

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| 7. BOH Members' Report | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| 8. Adjourn | Board Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:24 am • Motion by: Tom Ellis, 2nd by David Zerbe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion? none • Vote: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |

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Vision: Healthy people building thriving communities.