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

Topic and Time	Who	High level overview; Important discussion points; decisions.	Any action needed? By whom?
1. Call to Order	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 7:30 am by Shiloh Ramos 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: Nike Norton, Lois Gruetzmacher, Rachel Youngquist, Tom Ellis, Tom Egan, Shiloh Ramos	
3. Approval of Minutes	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve previous meetings minutes (4/9/2021) reviewed. Motion by: Mike Norton Second by: Tom Ellis All in favor: YES 	
4. Public Comment	Public	Any public comment? NONE	
5. Business	Various	Agenda items A. Director and Staff Update B. 2020 Budget Update C. COVID-19 Update D. Aging Friendly Community Updates Doug:	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two postings out: Lead abatement and Epidemiologist positions. These were budgeted last year, delayed secondary to COVID. Posted this week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During COVID Sarahjean has been invaluable for assisting with data analysis, interpretation and support. Kudos to her for her fabulous assistance. Lead Abatement program will help keep homes become lead safe. Will increase number of home inspections that we do, increase lead safe homes creating a healthier community overall. Position will be housed in the EH division. Jacklyn Morales, started in the EH division on May 24th. She had been working as a contact tracer during COVID. Temporary staff ebb and flow during COVID <p>Alana (HLS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted car seat clinic at WCSO on June 2 – did not apply for DOT grant in 2021. Need to assess ROI and desired outcome of program to plan future strategy. Joining with First Five Fox Valley to have a regional approach to educating and advising on ARPA funds. Promoting new social services geared to support young families (major increase in Badgercare, new Broadband Emergency Act, Child Tax Credit, etc.) – preparing for a "drop-off" post COVID emergency declarations (evictions, bill deferral, etc.). As staff's COVID need lessens we are slowly rejoining our community coalitions with intention of realigning services now that there are new skills, resources and partnerships. New Housing Authority Director (Stuart Kuzik) excited to collaborate and learn about our resources. Significant support on messaging as COVID-19 prevention measures change (mask policy / vaccination). <p>Anne Boyce (Environmental Health): on vacation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June is licensing renewal month. <p>Ashlee (CHP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHP is working to create access and equity to COVID 19 Vaccine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listened to community and community leaders on needs/ issues Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed tri- county plan for free transportation to any vaccination site Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hired a Spanish Speaking person to outreach to the Latinx community Partnered with OASD to have our wcvaccine.org website translated into 6 languages 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Began offering nearly all forms at clinics in multiple languages and attempted to arrange for onsite translation as much as possible ○ Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focusing on building relationships with community members and trusted messengers and, while this process was slow moving, WCHD has more recently been able to partner with business owners and faith leaders that have allowed us into their trusted spaces to provide vaccine to their community • Eviction Prevention Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CDC's eviction moratorium ends 6/30 which may mean an increase in eviction filings throughout the summer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Winnebago/ Oshkosh Housing authority received funding for an eviction prevention specialist to work with scattered site residents ▪ Task force is running ads in the Oshkosh Herald letting people know about the ending moratorium and that rent and utility assistance is still available through ADVOCAP. • Social Connectedness through Overdose Data to Action Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The health department, supported by the Overdose Data to Action Grant through DHS, has collaborated with local recovery organizations with an aim to learn how to better support people in recovery, what we can do to become a more recovery- friendly community and to understand and celebrate what is already working. ○ The listening sessions are occurring right now and all are invited to the Supporting Recovery Strategy Session at 9 am to 11:30 am on July 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting Recovery Community Strategy Session.pdf • Working to bring vaccination efforts to homebound individuals. They were not prioritized at the start of the pandemic because they were protected by the nature of them staying at home. We are now exploring other community partners who work with this specific population to find ways to bring vaccines to them. Curbside vaccinations are provided at Sunnyview if someone cannot get out of the car. <p>Ashley (Communications):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome back Ashley. We are glad to keep Courtney on staff to continue to help with communications. • Continue to work on COVID-19 communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actively promoting our mobile vaccine clinics 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Press releases to local media have resulted in broad coverage of upcoming clinics through news stories, on-camera interviews and radio interviews ▪ We share all of our clinics on social media and through our Situation Update ○ Created a promotional campaign for Walk-in Wednesdays at Sunnyview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social media posts and events ▪ Press releases that have resulted in significant coverage on local radio, tv and newspaper outlets ▪ Digital marketing ▪ Ads on our local radio stations ▪ Ads in the Oshkosh Herald and Winneconne Newspaper ▪ Yard signs throughout our communities ▪ Worked with our temporary staff to distribute posters and signs to businesses throughout Winnebago County ▪ Sent a toolkit to area businesses with vaccine material for them to download and print ▪ Worked with ADRC to distribute flyers to grocery stores to stuff in their grocery store bags or place at checkout counters ○ Continue to update www.wcvaccine.org website. The vaccination locations page has been updated to include a user-friendly calendar that shows all locations within the county where someone can get vaccinated by date, including each location's hours, type of vaccine offered and address. We are working with our vaccination partners to keep this calendar up to date. ○ Continue to send our COVID-19 Situation Updates which, as of this week, have transitioned to a weekly publication sent on Thursdays. <p>Belinda (WIC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers market season has started at WIC. Each individual on the program receives \$30 this year • Increased fruit and veggie benefit started for June - September \$35 per person. • We continue to run at caseload of over 1900 per month. <p>Heidi (Planner):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the COVID-19 Hotline. Calls have decreased in the last weeks. 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on various areas such as: performance management, workforce development and the community health assessment; the latter in collaboration with other LHDs and hospital systems. <p>Julia (Admin):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working compiling goals and accomplishments for the budget book due to Finance July 9th. Evaluating needs and capacity of temporary staff and making staffing changes accordingly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In total we have hired 64 temporary staff. We currently have 40 with 15 working strictly as vaccinators. Temps have been cross trained to function in different roles and have been a great asset to the COVID-19 response. COVID-19 school team continue to work supporting organizations/schools that host summer school, summer camps, etc. Continue to work on performance management pilot project with state and Heidi <p>Kim (Communicable Disease):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working almost exclusively on the COVID response with an active focus on vaccination clinics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a team referring ideas for pop up vaccine clinics with a focus on Diversity and Equity Still hosting "Walk-in Weds" at the Expo Center and this weekend will be the second clinic at the Oshkosh Farmers market Working on a clinic similar to walk-in Weds but in Neenah Working with some local employers to encourage/explore the opportunity to do on-site clinics Working closely with other vaccinators in the area such as pharmacies (shout-out to Hometown Pharmacies in Oshkosh) and the Wisconsin National Guard teams (shout-out to WING for being amazing partners) Working with Outagamie and Calumet county to offer a mobile "vaccine tour" in rural areas of the counties Active TB case being handled by CD nurses <p>Niki (Policy & Equity Coordinator): on FMLA until end of June.</p> <p>Shelley (Emergency Preparedness):</p>	
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		<p>Back-up generator at Sunnyview Expo Center was included in Facilities' Capital Improvements Plan in 2020. Facilities and Parks will be presenting this project to the County Board at some time in the future and are looking for our support of the project. Proposed plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Assessment and engineering – currently working with Thunderbird Engineering for the assessment • 2022 purchase/installed • Potential reasons/needs for a backup generator for Sunnyview Expo: • Reunification Shelter for schools • Could serve as a severe weather shelter (heat and cold) • Vaccination Clinics • Testing Operations • Mass triage location • Disaster shelter (EAA/festivals/general community) • Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) <p>This infrastructure is a critical location within Winnebago County for many public health community needs. With generator back up available it becomes more reliable and dependable. WCHD is in full support of the generator project and look forward to the completion of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing Tuesday through Fridays through the month of July partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard Team. <p>Doug: additional notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Executive expanding the county executive office staff which has been absent in the past. This may establish some general resources for the county. This may offer some positive benefits for the work the county is trying to achieve. Communications and policy capacity in the county executive office would be welcome. <p>B. 2020 Budget Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Income Statement. Revenues are delayed as billing is a month behind as usual. We are at 25% total revenue which is not uncommon this time of the year. Some office supplies are over budget due to COVID related expenses. 31% on expenses distorted a little due to COVID, but all and all looking good. • Budget for PH \$800,000 of reserve for our budget. Not necessarily a decrease but a reimbursement to the taxpayers as the county had a surplus in reserve. We will still have an opportunity to negotiate. 	
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		<p>C. COVID response update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caseload continues to drop, testing rate has decreased as well. • Effort is not focused on bringing the vaccine to the community. • Working with school districts as they make their plans for the Fall. • Encouraging staff to take time off. They have been working very hard and non-stop. • A little concerned about what Fall will bring to our county. Delta variant has been identified. It is more communicable than the UK variant which is more contagious than the wild type COVID we saw at the start of the pandemic. Keeping our eyes and ears open. • We still have about 50% of the county population unvaccinated heading into our regular cold/flu *respiratory, season in the FALL. This is all compounded by people traveling too. <p>D. Aging Friendly Community Update: Alana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADRC received funding for which they have deliverables such as updating their aging plan which includes involvement of Public Health. WI: in about 5 years, a third of state's population will be 65+. • Oshkosh and the surrounding areas being recognized as an Aging Friendly community. AARP program: Aging Friendly Initiative • Program Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supportive Services ○ Nutrition Program ○ Health Programs ○ Caregiver Support • Value Goals of Aging Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ enhance ongoing community engagement ○ Person centered services; maximizing consumer control and choice ○ Addressing barriers to racial equity ○ Knowledge and skills related to advocacy <p>Mike Norton: Kudos to Heidi Keating for assisting with the Diversity Committee as they develop their Mission Statement. Kudos to Erin Roberts as well for the wheelchair wash event.</p>	
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6. Next Meeting	Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Next tentative meeting will be July 16, 2021 at 7:30 am or Third Friday of August. In person format Tentatively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
7. BOH Members' Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none">	
8. Adjourn	Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to adjourn by: Mike Norton 2nd by Tom Ellis<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion No.Vote: ALL.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Upon request and 24 hours prior notice to the Office of the County Clerk, provisions will be made for people with disabilities. Phone Number: 232-3430

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Vision: Healthy people building thriving communities.