

Winnebago County Health Department Board of Health Minutes OCT 20, 2023



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Date: 10/20/2023 **Time:** 7:30-9:30 am **Location:** TEAMS and in person
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In Person: Room 120 at the County Administration Building, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI
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Attendees: PLEASE INDICATE WHO IS ATTENDING IN PERSON (P) AND WHO IS PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY (V)			
ONLY VOTES FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON CAN BE COUNTED			
Ralph Harrison	Jeffrey J Beem	Lois Gruetzmacher	Kay Horan
Bev Slusarski (v)	Julia Salomón	Anne Boyce	Shelley Brown-Giebel (v)
Heidi Keating (v)	Ashley Mukasa (v)	Ashlee Rahmlow	Belinda DeGoe
Invited Guests/In attendance virtually			
Conley Hansen	Jacob Floam	Mike Collard	Brian Defferding
Bryan Stafford (v) district 10	Karen Schneider	Kailey Moser	Rachael Dowling (v)
Not in attendance (excused)			
Toby Vanden Heuvel	Eric Smiltneek	Joshua Belville	Karen Powers
			Mary Ann Mueller
			Davie Stertz (v)
			Melanie Bolter
			Ashley Beattie (v)
			Brett B. (IT)
			others virtually
			Jaci Grignon

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1. Call to Order	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Teams Recording: 7:39 am Meeting called to order at by: Ralph Harrison Roll call: Ralph Harrison, Jeff Beem, Lois Gruetzmacher, Rachel Youngquist, Kay Horan <p>Please state your name if you are joining this meeting virtually and when making a motion or seconding, so notetaker can accurately attribute notes to that person.</p> <p>Note taker: If any voting items are on the agenda, please note who voted and how.</p> <p>ONLY VOTES FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON WILL BE COUNTED.</p>	
2. Roll Call	Secretary	<p>Do we have a quorum? 5 supervisors/ BOH members are present; 4 are not in attendance.</p> <p>BOH voting members present: Ralph Harrison, Jeff Beem, Kay Horan, Rachel Youngquist, Lois Gruetzmacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve August 18 BOH meeting minutes . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve minutes by: Kay Horan Second by: Jeff Beem 	
3. Approval of Minutes	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voting: All in favor. Ralph Harrison, Jeff Beem, Lois Gruetzmacher, Rachel Youngquist, Kay Horan 	

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4. Public Comment	Public	<p>Any public comment?</p> <p>Conley Hanson, district 26 and co-sponsor of the two amendments commented regarding the two amendments (orders) 11.08(4) and 11.08(6)(d)(2) brought forward. Seeking clarification about executive orders and rule making powers and sharing legal summaries of various lawsuits related to these orders.</p>	
5. Business	Various	<p>Agenda items</p> <p>A. Welcome County Board Supervisor Kay Horan to the Board of Health</p> <p>B. Elect a new Board of Health Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rachel nominated Ralph Harrison b. Kay Horan seconded c. All in favor: Jeff Beem, Ralph Harrison, Rachel Youngquist, Kay Horan, Lois Gruetzmacher <p>Since Ralph was the Vice Chairperson and he was voted at this meeting to be the Chairperson, a new Vice Chairperson needed to be voted in. Joshua Belville had communicated to Ralph Harrison previously he would be interested in the position. The BOH proceeded to ask for a vote to elect Joshua Belville as Vice Chairperson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff nominated Josh Belville • Rachel Youngquist seconded • All in favor: Jeff Beem, Ralph Harrison, Rachel Youngquist, Kay Horan, Lois Gruetzmacher <p>C. Ordinance Amendment -11.08(4) Definitions: Individual and General Orders-vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brian Defferding spoke about the ordinance proposal 11.08(4) specifically regarding public gathering language in the current order. He spoke about the language in the current order may impinge on people's right to free assembly. b. Examples of scenarios in which an order would be used were given c. Mary Ann Mueller, Winnebago County Corp Counsel clarified the law and the difference between individual orders and general orders and that the change in language follows legal process. d. The potential this could negatively affect that ability to control the spread of communicable diseases was discussed, highlighting that time is of the essence as it relates to the spread of illnesses. e. Brian Defferding clarified that several individual orders could be issued if more than one person is involved in a scenario. Conley Hanson reiterated that the change in language seeks to clarify the definitions of individual vs general order. Jacob Floam highlighted that this is not about taking away powers of the Health Officer but clarifying the language. 	

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		<p>f. The legality of the change in language was discussed. Corp Counsel reviewed legal language.</p> <p>g. Health Officer Gieryn clarified that a location itself can be a source of disease. This order is about controlling the spread of disease, not controlling people's rights to gather. PH relies on voluntary compliance and this order is a public protection issue. Added that the department uses a lot less restrictive ways to work with an establishment before an order is even considered. PH always considers how to minimally impact a person's rights. He added that there has not been blatant abuse of power and changing this language may result in limiting PH's power to keep the public safe.</p> <p>Jeff Beem moved to amend the language to 11.08(4) Kay Horan seconded.</p> <p>VOTE: 3 BOH members voted Yes in favor of amending with Ralph Harrison, Jeffrey Beem and Kay Horan voting in favor; 2 Nays: Lois Gruetzmacher and Rachel Youngquist. 4 BOH members were not present to vote: Bellville, Smiltneek, Powers and Vanden Heuvel.</p> <p>D. Ordinance Amendment- 11.08(6)(d)(2) General Orders issued by County Health Officer-vote</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Defferding presented 11.08(60(d)(2) Health Officer has stated that the state has changed the language to change from 60 to 30 days. The current language is already in conflict with the state. This amendment does not trigger the county board to meet if a general order is issued. The order could never be affirmed if a meeting is not called or the order affirmed. Transferring PH powers to legislative power is not necessarily a good idea as it relates to the protection of the community. Discussion ensued regarding the duration of the order from 60 to 7 days and the ability of the county board of supervisors to meet in time to address the issue in the first place. There could be a scenario in which the county board of supervisors is unable to meet in such short notice. <p>Jeffrey Beem moved to accept the amendment and Kay Horan seconded</p> <p>VOTE 3 Yes: 2 No.: YES: Ralph Harrison, Jeffrey Beem and Kay Horan voted; NO: Youngquist and Gruetzmacher. 4 BOH members were not present to vote: Bellville, Smiltneek, Powers and Vanden Heuvel</p> <p>E. Review of 2024 Executive Budget</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> presentation from Mike Collard, Director of Winnebago County Administration Department about the Winnebago County budget. <p>F. Income Statement Review for 2023 YTD</p> <p>G. Director and Staff Update – introductions and brief reports- as time allows.</p>	

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		<p>a. Director and Admin. Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Respiratory Illness Season Planning and Response ii. Public Health Vending Machine Grant Status- to be addressed at the November board meeting. <p>b. Community Health and Prevention Division- Ashlee Rahlmlow</p> <p>c. Environmental Health Division- Anne Boyce</p> <p>d. Communicable Disease Division-Jaci Grignon</p> <p>e. Healthy Lifespan Division-Alana Erickson</p> <p>f. WIC Division-Belinda DeGoey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC caseload: 2300 participants per month. • WIC continues to provide services by a hybrid model with phone and in person services. Flexibilities allowed to provide anthropometric data thru referral data from primary providers or collected at the WIC office. • Passing of Congressional continuing resolution in September provided additional funds for fruit and vegetable dollars. Benefits increased \$1 for children and \$3 for pregnant and breast feeding women. <p>g. Wellness Plus Program Overview- as time allows-Alana Erickson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wellness Plus Class Descriptions ii. Older Adult Services in Winnebago Cty 	
6. Next Meeting	Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next tentative meeting: December 15th, 2023 • The Board of Health typically meets the 3rd Friday of every other month unless an additional meeting is needed 	
7. BOH Members' Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
8. Adjourn	Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn at: Ralph Harrison • Second by: Lois Gruetzmacher • Vote: Gruetzmacher, Harrison, Horan, Beem 	

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