



BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA

September 22, 2021, 5:15 PM
Remote Meeting

Board of Health 2020-2024 Goals:

*Maintain Health Department's fiscal stability
Support and advocate for public health priorities
Review new and changing community/Health Dept priorities
Ongoing Board of Health improvements*

Health Department Mission:

Keeping people in all Eau Claire City/County communities safe and healthy

Health Department Vision:

ECCCHD will be a leader in assuring healthy people in healthy communities

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1. Call to Order. Welcome Guests. Order of the Agenda. Request to pull items from Consent Agenda— 5 minutes
2. Public Comment-*The Board of Health and Eau Claire City-County Health Department welcome you. Statements pertinent to agenda items may be made by attendees during the public comment section. We do ask that statements are limited to three minutes per person. Written comments may also be provided.* -5 minutes
3. Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)-5 minutes
 - a. Approval of minutes from August 25, 2021, meeting -enclosed
 - b. Approve Innovative Diabetes & Heart Disease Prevention Grant (1817)- funding change-enclosed
 - c. Approve Prevention- funding increase-enclosed
 - d. Approve the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Grant- funding increase-enclosed
 - e. Approve United Way Nurse-Family Partnership Grant-enclosed
 - f. Approve State Opioid Response grant funding -enclosed
 - g. Approve DPH Tuberculosis (TB) Contract-enclosed
4. Business Item (Action Required) -15 minutes
 - a. Approve COVID-19 Response funding-enclosed
5. Other information items from staff for the Board-20 minutes
 - a. COVID-19 update-verbal

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[ECCCHD Situation Report](#)

- b. Health Department Report-enclosed
 - Correspondence/Media
 - c. 2022 Budget update – verbal
 - d. Health Disparities Update-enclosed
6. Board member informational items-20 minutes
 - a. Board of Health Advocacy/Policy-
 - ARPA committee-enclosed
 - WALHDAB/WPHA legislative committee-verbal
 - b. Board of Health advocacy training update-verbal
 7. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration—5 minutes
 8. Next business meeting – **October 27, 2021, 5:15 p.m.**
 9. Adjourn

**August 25, 2021, Board of Health Meeting
Remote Meeting**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:16 pm
The meeting was called to order by Mery Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Mery Price
Martha Nieman
Terry Miskulin
Mark Kaeding
Jennifer Eddy
Emily Berge
True Vue

**Board Members
Absent:**

Don Bodeau

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Matt Steinbach
Jeff Rob
Janice Vinopal
Hannah Arntz
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- None made

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2021, meeting
- b. Approval of various stipends

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item

- a. Approval of 2022 Health Department Fees
 - i. Resolutions 21-01, 21-02, 21-03, 21-04, and 21-05 Agent of the State Programs.
 - A reminder that, primarily due to COVID-19, state program fees were discounted after 2021 fees were approved.
 - Food licenses fees have changed. DATCP 75 is having an impact on our work in our food safety programs and it also effects our fee structure.
 - The new required DATCP tool for risk assessment would cause some restaurants to change categories which would also mean for approximately 90 facilities their fees would change drastically. Our team all felt strongly that we needed to mitigate fee increases so we put a ceiling on the fee increase if an establishment were to go up in the risk assessment category. The team brainstormed different options so that we didn't lose any funding in our restaurant programs, as well as to try and mitigate the impact to the license holder. All restaurants received a letter on the new process.
 - The rest of the agent of the state program areas are all showing no fee increases.

- Board of Health Question/Answer:
 - Q: Did the risk assessment changes come from the state? A: Yes, this is a tool that DATCP has made a change to, and this results in recategorizing some facilities.
 - Q: Was there thought as to if this was supporting local business? A: Yes, we have maintained the complexity simple, moderate, and complex categories from the State.
 - Q: When people offer fresh fruits and vegetables it increases risk, is that still considered higher complexity? A: The new risk assessment is looking at a variety of things individually such as seating capacity or if there is a drive through. If things must be kept at a certain temperature, like produce, it can cause an increased risk so serving fresh fruits and vegetables can increase complexity.
 - Q: How do VRBO's and Airbnb's come into play with bed and breakfast fees? A: These types of facilities would fall under rooming house. We aren't currently searching to see what places are listed on websites, it is primarily on a complaint basis. If we have received a complaint we follow up.

Motion to approve Resolution 21--01 Adopting fees for Retail Food Establishments and Mobile Food Processing Facilities, Resolution 21-02 adopting fees for Swimming Pools and Recreational Facilities, Resolution 21-03 adopting fees for Bed & Breakfast Establishments, Motels-Hotels, and Tourist Rooming Houses, Resolution 21-04 adopting fees for Body Art Facilities, and Resolution 21--05 Adopting fees for Manufactured Home Communities as presented by Health Department Staff: True Vue

2nd Motion: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Jennifer Eddy, Mark Kaeding, True Vue, Emily Berge, Martha Nieman, Terry Miskulin,

- ii. Approve remainder of 2022 Health Department Fees
 - Agent and department fees have been directly affected by COVID-19.
 - The reproductive health fees have had a change in the fee process. The State will also be approving fees in the fall, so if there are any challenges to those fees by the State there is a chance that some fees would have to come back to the Board for approval.
 - Environmental health fees are related to the resolutions that have been presented. Many state program fees are staying flat.
 - The fee spreadsheet was summarized and explanation of how the fees are laid out was discussed.
- Board of Health Question/Answer:
 - Q: Regarding bee keeping timing, is there any wiggle room or flexibility around when the fee is so that the beekeepers know if they have viable hives? A: This question was brought to the City around three years ago and it moved to a calendar year. The only way to change the timing would be to revise the City Ordinance.
 - Q: Chicken fees, has there been any concern regarding inspections? A: There have been a few barriers identified, such as zoning district. We have also heard the fee can be a challenge for some people. The pre-inspection fee is when a new licensee wants to get a poultry license and there is a significant amount of work that is done. Our involvement is really the health side, and it does take time and effort to make sure that things are done in a way to decrease communicable disease risk. It is a small percent of cost coverage with fees in these areas. (Bee keeping and Poultry fees)

- Q: Is there a limit to the number of chickens/ or hives they can have? A: Yes, for bees it is based on the size of the lot. For poultry it is 5 per parcel (hens)
- Q: What happens if a neighbor objects? A: There is criteria where if a certain number of neighbors object the license is denied. For bees it is the same unless a neighbor has a bee allergy objects.

Motion to approve 2022 Health Department fees as presented by Health Department

Staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Ayes: Jennifer Eddy, Mark Kaeding, True Vue, Emily Berge, Martha Nieman, Terry Miskulin

b. Review and approve 2020 Year End Financial Report

- The full document is available via the link in the factsheet.

Motion to approve 2020 Year End Financial Report: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: Martha Nieman

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

a. COVID-19 Update

- The situation reports as well as the link to the website is where the most up to date COVID-19 information can be found.
- Our case count is now at 12,475, we have had a large increase in cases. The last couple of days has seen a significant uptick in cases. We had been averaging about 30 cases a day. For perspective on this day a year ago, we had 9 cases a day on average.
- We have also seen an increase in hospitalizations. Some area hospitals are having challenges with beds due to COVID-19 as well as staffing issues.
- We are at 52% vaccination rate. Our lowest age range for vaccination is 18-24 years old.
- The approval of the third dose for immunocompromised was recently recommended.
- FDA moved forward with fully approving Pfizer. Full FDA approval has been beneficial for messaging and planning.
- An 8-month booster is anticipated to be recommended for m-RNA vaccines.
- The State is offering a \$100 gift card for those who receive their first dose prior to Labor Day.
- Some of the recent policy changes do effect capacity for our disease investigation team. We need more team members to make sure that we are doing what is required for case follow up. We are using two staffing agencies to help with disease investigation hires.
- We are currently following up with COVID-19 cases, but do not have capacity to follow up with close contacts.
- We are also prepping for increase vaccination clinic capacity for now and for boosters.
- We continue to meet regularly with schools K-12 and higher education.
- There is also a lot of time spent working with businesses, especially during outbreaks.
- It has been a very difficult last few months for the Health Department team, we were hoping not to be in this stage.
- Board of Health Question/Answer

- Q: Is there a plan on booster roll out? A: Yes, we are working with pharmacies and clinics, to begin the planning process. We are waiting to receive feedback from the State. It is a very rapidly moving conversation. Our current focus is primarily on HD vaccination clinic, pop up vaccination sites, as well as working with those who have barriers.
 - Q: When do they get the gift card offered by the State? A: They can apply for the gift card online after the 1st dose. We understand it takes several weeks to receive the card.
- b. 2022 Budget Update
- We received confirmation on administrator recommended tax levy funding. The total tax levy amount according to our understanding will be \$3, 323,996.00 which is an increase of around \$29,000 thousand dollars from what we anticipated at the July meeting.
 - Last week we were notified that we will be receiving some additional funding contracts from the State. These will be brought to the Board as they become finalized.
- c. Director/Health Officer Report
- Health Department Updates – June and July 2021
 - Correspondence/Media June and July 2021
 - Service Recognition: Staff members are recognized for their incredible service to the Health Department
 - Tammy Raeder, Public Health Nurse-30-year Joan Klimek, Program Specialist-35 years, Lexi Tuma, Public Health Nutritionist-15 years Peggy O’Halloran, Public Health Specialist-5 years, Brenda Scheurer, Public Health Specialist-5 years, Jennifer Hanson, Environmental Health Specialist-5years
 - Correspondence/Media
- d. Performance Management Update
- We have developed and measure outputs and outcomes for services that the department provides. This report has a lot of gaps, and the management team is working through that. We will continue to look at measures and reevaluate. There are some things that the department was not able to do because of COVID-19.
- e. Eau Claire Healthy Communities Quarterly Update
- The Community Health Improvement Plan is being worked on with the continued support of the action team.
- f. Strategic Plan Update
- We have gained a lot of data experience with CLOVID-19.
 - We have several staff members now who have epidemiology expertise. This has been incredibly helpful. Other staff members have been tremendously effective in data collection skills and experience.

Board member informational items

- a. Quarterly review of BOH priorities tracking -Board of health president reviewed.
- Under priority number 2: our next step should be focusing on how we tie what is in the Health Department in the strategic plan around some of this kind of work to help move it along.
 - Under priority number 3: Meroy will talk to Lieske to see if it would be possible to do a review in September or October. If there is something that we can do, we will look at putting that on an agenda.
 - Information regarding Board of Health and community contacts is also a subject that could be looked at. A future discussion on what type of documentation would be helpful may be a good idea.

- b. BOH Advocacy Training
 - o Continue to look at what baseline information coverage that we could get in the form webinars for things like advocacy vs lobbying and what to be careful of. Effective communication in advocating and how to best go about doing so.
- c. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
 - WPHA/WALHDAB legislative grid
 - NAACHO statement regarding war on drugs-with both the City and County passing marijuana ordinances we should give thought and time to devote on who and how is going to be measuring if those ordinances are effective or not.
(Follow up item from the July BOH meeting)

Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration

- a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is September 22, 2021, at 5:15 p.m.
Merey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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Fact Sheet –9/22/21 Board of Health Meeting**Agenda Item 3.b****Innovative Diabetes & Heart Disease Prevention Grant
(1817)- UPDATED**

ECCCHD has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services on a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Diabetes and Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Programs. ECCCHD has been working with Wisconsin Department of Health Services and regional partners on diabetes strategies focused on scaling the National Diabetes Prevention Program in the Chippewa Valley Region. This is the third year of the grant which runs from September 30, 2020 – September 29, 2021.

This grant was a priority as in Eau Claire 1 in 13 adults have been diagnosed with diabetes and the top cause of death in Eau Claire County in 2016 was disease of the heart. Grant outcomes are to improve care and management of people with diabetes and hypertension. One of the key components of this grant is a focus on health equity and populations that are at greater risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in Eau Claire County. This aligns with our strategic plan and the Eau Claire Healthy Communities Chronic Disease Action Team work and they will play a large role in community discussions and moving this work forward.

Previously the Board of Health approved this grant as part of the 2020 budget. The original year three funding for this grant was \$230,200. Due to both our limited staff capacity and capacity of the grant's partners, area health departments and health care systems partners, activities and staff time for this grant were significantly reduced for the third year of this grant. The total budget decreased to \$78,200. We continue to see diabetes and system level work as important work for our community, we look forward to when we are able to shift our focus/capacity back to this work.

Budget Implication: Decrease in funding of \$152,000. Staff originally working on this grant have been reassigned for COVID-19 response. Activities and associated costs are less due to decreased staff time.

Staff recommendation: Approve the decrease in funding from \$230,200 to \$78,200 for year 3.

Submitted by Cortney Draxler, Policy and Systems Division

Fact Sheet –9/22/2021 Board of Health Meeting**Agenda Item 3.c****Additional Prevention Funding**

Eau Claire City-County Health Department contracts with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health to provide public health services in a broad range of program areas that have been prioritized by the State and where State and Federal funding has been allocated for local use. These contracts are funded by a variety of funding sources but come to our department through a consolidated state process. Prevention Funding is one of the consolidated contracts that was approved at the January BOH 2021 meeting as part of the 2021 budget. The Health Department uses Prevention Funds to implement one evidence-based intervention to change community policies and norms related to substance abuse (alcohol compliance checks) and to conduct at least one activity to meet or sustain National Public Health Performance Standards (i.e. improve agency operations or pursue accreditation readiness) by implementing an agency strategic plan. The board approved the funds in January for \$10,200 to complete these activities and now the State has awarded the Health Department an additional \$5,000 to put towards these efforts.

Additionally, Health Department has been selected as a mentor agency for the Accreditation Mentoring Program through the Preventive Grant. Eau Claire will serve as a mentor to the Outagamie Health Department. As a mentor agency the Health Department has been awarded \$5,000. The mentoring grant runs through September 2021. As a mentor the Health Department will:

- Share tips on working toward successful completion of accreditation processes including application and site visit preparations.
- Share program lessons learned, which may be more widely disseminated to support future accreditation efforts among other Wisconsin local and tribal health departments.
- Have regular phone calls, email communication and/or web-based meetings.
- Assist with accreditation activities, as mutually agreed upon with mentee request.

While working towards accreditation the Health Department participated in this program as a mentee and found it very valuable to gain insights from other departments who had been through the accreditation process before.

Budget Implications: Grant funds will support staff time and supplies.

Staff Recommendation: Accept the additional \$10,000 Prevention Block Grant funding

Prepared by Cortney Draxler, Policy and Systems Division

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Agenda Item 3.d

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program

The Division of Public Health has amended the Health Department’s WIC program contract to add additional funding in 2021 for the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program. The WIC Program continues to promote breastfeeding as best for baby, best for mom. The Certified Breastfeeding Peer Counselor continues to reach women with relevant breastfeeding information and support. In 2020, 294 women had contact with the Peer Counselor. Data related to breastfeeding in Eau Claire is below (ROSIE CMPQ2001-6, 7/1/21). This continues to be a data-driven priority for the department.

	ECCCHD	State	Goal
<i>Incidence</i>	80%	70%	>82%
1 month	82%	74%	>77%
3 months	64%	56%	>65%
6 months	47%	35%	>60%
12 months	23%	17%	>34%
<i>Exclusivity</i>			
1 month	34%	35%	>57%
3 months	31%	26%	>44%
6 months	13%	11%	>24%

These additional funds are meant to increase the direct service that our Peer Counselor provides. During a time when families are feeling isolated and need additional support more than ever, these funds will allow us to maintain our current Peer Counselor’s FTE thus maintaining her ability to better serve her current clients as well as adding any new enrollees.

Budget Implication:

This grant will allow us to maintain our our Breastfeeding Peer Counselor time at a .7 FTE and will fully support her time.

Staff recommendation:

Approve the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling grant addition from the Division of Public Health in the amount of \$5,985 for a total grant award of \$23,125 in 2021.

Prepared by Beth Draeger, Healthy Beginnings Division Manager

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Agenda Item 3.e

United Way Nurse-Family Partnership Grant

Due to the pandemic, the United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley has amended the Health Department's Western Wisconsin Nurse-Family Partnership Consortium contract to add an additional year of funding in 2021-2022. This is in addition to the three year (2018-2021) grant that had been previously awarded. This grant opportunity will allow us to continue bringing this national evidence-based home visitation program to low-income pregnant women and their children in the Chippewa Valley.

The Health Department will continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and the administrative agent for the program, be responsible to administer the funds, submit program data and assure fidelity to the evidence-based program model. United Way grant funds will be used to cover a portion of program costs, including staff training/development, travel, office/program supplies, program administration, and program/nurse consultation fees. It is anticipated that at least 127 families will be served annually.

The NFP program is funded from a variety of funding sources including grants (Wisconsin's Maternal, Infant and Child Early Home Visiting and United Way), Medicaid and tax levy.

Budget Implication:

Grant revenue is expected to offset NFP program expenses in the grant period.

Staff recommendation:

Accept United Way grant funding in the amount of \$104,976 from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to continue providing the Nurse-Family Partnership for the Chippewa Valley in partnership with the Chippewa County Department of Public Health.

Prepared by Beth Draeger, Healthy Beginnings Division Manager

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Agenda Item 3.f

State Opioid Response Funding

In October 2020, the Board of Health approved a no cost extension of \$15,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Strategic Prevention Framework (PFS15) funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for prevention of prescription drug misuse. This funding was awarded to the Eau Claire City-County Health Department as the fiscal agent for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention. DHS later determined they did not have this funding available and rescinded this no cost extension. However, the State recently made the decision to replace a portion of these originally designated funds using the State Opioid Response grant. They have awarded ECCCHD, as fiscal agent for the Alliance, \$9,540 for the purchase of prescription drug lock boxes and drug deactivation units. The purpose of prescription drug lock boxes is to provide people a tool to safely secure medications in their homes to prevent diversion of medications for nonmedical purposes.

For these funding mechanisms, Eau Claire County was identified as a community of high need through an extensive analysis of available data, by the state of Wisconsin. Based on the analysis, substance abuse prevention coalitions in 14 counties were eligible to apply for funding to support strategies for reducing prescription drug abuse.

Eau Claire County youth and adult data indicate:

- Prescription drug misuse is seen as a problem by more than half of all Eau Claire County adults (Community Perceptions Survey)
- Prescription drug misuse is significantly more acceptable by peers as youth move through high school (Pride)

The State Opioid Response funding allows the Alliance to support the work around prescription medication safety originally proposed in the PFS15 project. The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention will collaborate with Extension Eau Claire County and the Neighbor to Neighbor: Together in Ministry program to provide outreach, and distribution of prescription drug lockboxes and deactivation units throughout the county. Educational objectives of the PFS15 project are being met through the Opioid Data to Action grant now in its third year, also funded through DHS.

Budget Implication: SOR funding will support the purchase of lock boxes and drug deactivation units for distribution in Eau Claire County.

Staff Recommendation: Approve acceptance of the SOR funding of \$9,540 for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention to purchase medication lock boxes and deactivation units.

Prepared by Peggy O'Halloran, Community Health Promotion Division Manager



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Agenda Item 3.g

Renewal of the TB Dispensary Agreement

The TB Dispensary Agreement with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Program is up for renewal. The primary purpose of the ongoing agreement is to ensure that all persons in Wisconsin with suspect or confirmed tuberculosis infection or disease have access to appropriate evaluation, treatment and monitoring, regardless of insurance availability and therefore decrease the potential spread to others. The Division of Public Health (DPH) provides through this Agreement, reimbursement to healthcare clinics and the health department for tuberculosis-related clinical services provided or arranged for by the health department in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Administrative Code and Tuberculosis Program Guidelines.

PHNs assist many individuals with follow-up care after they are found to have a positive skin test or blood test by their private provider or the health department. Any TB case, active or suspect, can involve complicated work done on investigation, screening, and treatment which would be supported under this funding if the patient qualified. The most commonly billed health department services are TB case management and public health nurse visits for directly observed therapy. These services help coordinate healthcare and related services along with ensuring treatment adherence and completion for persons with tuberculosis disease or latent tuberculosis infection. The department submits a monthly invoice to DPH itemizing expenditure for services rendered.

Eau Claire County often has 1 or more active TB patients a year. So far in 2021, there have been no active TB cases reported. There was one case in 2020.

Budget Implication:

Project revenue fluctuates based on TB cases and need for dispensary services in the county. In the 2019-2020 grant period, the health department billed the TB Dispensary for less than \$300 for services we provided. In the 2020-2021 grant period the health department did not provide any billable services to the TB Dispensary.

Staff recommendation:

Approve renewal of the agreement with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Program to provide tuberculosis related services from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Submitted by Jackie Krumenauer, Interim Communicable Disease Division Manager

Fact Sheet – 09/22/2021 Board of Health Meeting**Agenda Item 4.a****COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funding**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) designated \$58.4 million in funding for local and tribal health departments to continue their work responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and build a strong recovery.

The funding was allocated based on a population formula, along with a base amount, to “provide resources to meet the public health needs that continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, or to address those needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic and the associated economic downturn”. Per the State, potential uses for the funding include: measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 such as testing, contact tracing, and vaccination programs; staffing for public health and safety; enhancing public health programs; addressing disparities in health outcomes, and assuring services that support healthy living environments and healthy childhood environments.

The ECCCHD is in process of considering strategic options for these funding sources. Our goal, with the timeline provided with this funding through the end of 2024, is to make sure we are planning for a broad range of 2022-2024 response and recovery needs in order to address population health needs, strengthen the health department, and address exacerbated challenges that have presented in the pandemic. We believe we currently have sufficient funding sources for our current 2021 response with existing federal, state, and local dollars. It is our intent to carry-over all of these funds in to 2022-2024 for this reason. Regular updates to the BOH will occur on the plans for these funds.

Funding allocated to the ECCCHD by the State:

- Immunization COVID-19 Supplemental funding \$155,500 thru 6/30/2024
- ARPA COVID Recovery funding \$851,500 thru 12/31/2024
- Public Health Workforce funding \$149,500 thru 6/30/2023

Each of these funding sources has a unique and specific scope of work from the State that was just released. WALHDAB is in conversation with the State about opportunities to continue to frame the use of this funding for building the public health system. We are currently reviewing the scope of work, considering our strategic plan priorities, considering the specific recovery needs that exist, and looking at the role that the pandemic After Action Report will play in the next steps.

Budget Implications: Funding in the amount of \$1,156,500.00 to cover future COVID response and recovery costs in 2022-2024.

Staff Recommendation: Accept funding.

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Agenda Item 5.b

Eau Claire City-County Health Department Report to the Board of Health

Staff Updates

Peter Speckman, Environmental Health Specialist in our housing program, received military orders for deployment. His last day in the office was Friday September 10, 2021 and his anticipated return is in February 2022. Jeff Robb, Tate Zurbuchen and Elizabeth Paulson will be covering for Peter while he is out of the office.

Alyssa Streveler, Environmental Health Specialist in our food program, returned from maternity leave and is working full time as of September 7, 2021

Alicia Carlson has left the health department after 9 years to complete her master's degree and focus on her family's business. We are excited for her new opportunities but will miss her here! Alicia provided services both in the Family Planning Clinic and within our financial operations. She has agreed to work some very limited hours remotely to help us transition her position.

Operations

We are participating in [PH WINS \(Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey\)](#) 2021. PH WINS 2021 is the third national survey of governmental health agency workers at the state and local level. The survey is being conducted by the [de Beaumont Foundation](#) in partnership with the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\)](#). While PH WINS will be inclusive of the challenges and trauma we have faced with COVID, it will not be exclusively about it. PH WINS 2021 will assess our workforce's knowledge, skills, and attitudes. The survey will collect worker perspectives on key issues affecting our department related to workforce morale, training needs, worker empowerment, and emerging trends in public health, as well as demographic characteristics of the workforce. These findings will support future workforce development investments in our department and nationally. Additional information may also be found in this [promotional video for PH WINS](#).

Equity Challenge

The Health Department is participating in the United Way's 21 Week Equity Challenge, which started on Monday, August 30, 2021 and runs through January 17, 2021. The 21 Week Equity Challenge is an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of how inequity and racism affect our lives and communities. Weekly topics take participants through a journey to deepen understanding of inequity and racism, suggest ways to take action, and help launch what we hope will be a lifelong commitment to improving equity and inclusion in our communities. Health equity is one of our guiding principles identified in our health department strategic plan. It is an area that we have started to work on – especially now with COVID-19 - and we continue to consider ways to build equity into policies, programs, and work with partners. But - we have more work to do.

Our internal Health Equity Team will be assisting with a few different opportunities for group discussion and reflection. This will include monthly discussion at division meetings and monthly 20 min discussions built in to our all-staff meetings. Learn more about the challenge at- <https://www.unitedwaywi.org/page/equity-challenge>

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

The top health priorities identified in 2021 Community Health Assessment were mental health, drug use, alcohol misuse, obesity, and healthy nutrition. We are currently working on our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which is a 3 year community plan for how we want to improve on these top health areas. The first step in this process is to learn more from our community about why these health issues rose to

the top. To do this we hosting 2 virtual Community Conversations. The goal of the Community Conversations is to dive deeper into the County's health priorities and discuss how the community addresses them in the 2021-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This virtual conversations are scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 28th from 8:30am-10:00am

RSVP here: bit.ly/CCSeptember28

Thursday, September 30th from 6:00pm-7:30pm

RSVP here: bit.ly/CCSeptember30

State Opioid Response (SOR) Prevention Services Grant

Extension Eau Claire County partnered with Neighbor to Neighbor to distribute medication lockboxes and deactivation bags at the first annual River Prairie Cultural Festival. This festival celebrates the diversity in the Chippewa Valley, and sharing resources at this event allows communities that have been historically underrepresented and underserved to receive important information around medication safety, which will support family stability and resiliency.

Community Health Promotion – Narcan Direct

Narcan is an opioid antagonist, meaning it can restore breathing in a person experiencing an opioid overdose. The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is able to distribute the nasal-spray formulation of Narcan as a participant in the WI DHS Narcan Direct Program.

One Narcan training was completed during the month of August with 2 boxes of Narcan distributed. Each box contains two (2) 4-mg doses of naloxone HCl in 0.1 mL of nasal spray. 14 individuals were trained or retrained as a result of the training.

Overdose Data to Action Community Prevention Grant

Three billboards were installed in Eau Claire County to promote medication safety by encouraging residents to lock up or safely get rid of any unused meds to keep their family and pets safe. The billboards will be available from 8/23 - 9/19 on London Road, East Clairemont Avenue, and East Madison Street.



Six videos were posted on the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Instagram account which highlighted how to safely dispose of medication at the dropboxes located in Eau Claire County. The videos had a reach over 6,100 during the month of August. To view all the videos and locations visit, www.GetInvolvedASAP.org. Videos are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong.

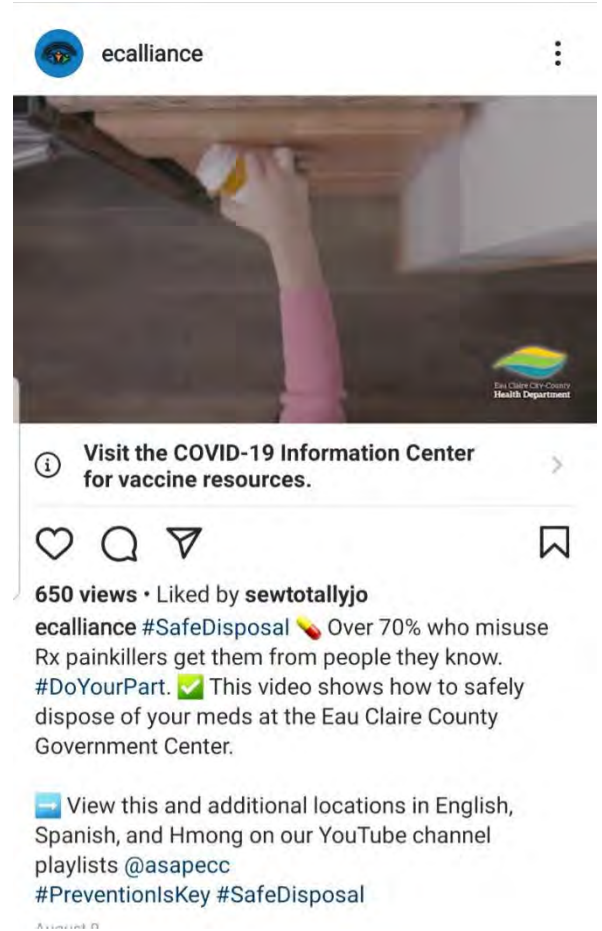
Environmental Sciences – Annual Beach Summary

ECCCHD recently completing its seasonal monitoring of the county’s beaches. Collectively, the beaches in Eau Claire County were closed for a total of 82 days in 2021 due to elevated bacteria. Riverview Beach led the way with 3 closures totaling 40 days. Harmful algae blooms were also prevalent in 2021, as 5 advisories were issued. These blooms occurred at Lake Altoona and Lake Eau Claire. The longest bloom occurred at Lake Altoona lasting for 29 days from mid-July to mid-August.

Housing Survey-Housing Program Update

The Health Department completed the annual housing survey that included parts of Randall Park, North River Fronts, Upper Westside or Westridge neighborhoods this summer. This is a survey that is conducted every summer and rotates through each of the neighborhoods every five years. A student intern completed the survey of 4,393 residential properties. The survey is a tool that helps inspectors identify where the greatest need is for inspections to assure safe and healthy housing.

Each home (rental and owner occupied) in the survey area was surveyed on the exterior condition of the home. Things observed during the survey are peeling paint, windows cracked/broken, foundation with cracks/holes, garage/shed condition, roof condition, etc. While the exterior survey is the greatest component for being identified for an inspection, there are other criteria. Other criteria include age of home (over 40 years old), contains rental units, number of complaints and any documented cases of retaliatory eviction. Based on the survey results and other criteria, a home may be identified for a required Health Department inspection. We have a block map of the area surveyed with the average defects per block on our website: [City of Eau Claire Neighborhood Survey | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://City of Eau Claire Neighborhood Survey | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (eauclairewi.gov)). To view this information follow the link and click on the 2021 survey.



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August 2021 Media Contacts

INTERVIEW

8/4/2021	Title: As school looms, Chippewa Valley faces uptick in COVID cases	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://www.leadertelegram.com/covid-19/as-school-looms-chippewa-valley-faces-uptick-in-covid-cases/article_193edb82-f8bd-5625-aa60-a530de8acafe.html	
8/5/2021	Title: Health dept says full pfizer vaccine approval would add reassurance	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://wqow.com/2021/08/05/health-department-says-full-pfizer-vaccine-approval-would-add-reassurance-plus-a-look-at-water-street-drive-thru-clinic-numbers/	
8/6/2021	Title: Vaccination rates lowest among young people	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://www.weau.com/2021/08/07/vaccination-rates-lowest-among-young-people/	
8/7/2021	Title: dozens get vaccinated at menards vaccine pop up	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Aria Kampfer
	Link: https://wqow.com/2021/08/07/dozens-get-vaccinated-at-menards-vaccine-pop-up/	
8/16/2021	Title: NW WI sees August spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://wqow.com/2021/08/16/northwestern-wisconsin-sees-august-spike-in-covid-19-hospitalizations/	
8/23/2021	Title: With one COVID-19 vaccine fully approved, health officials hope they'll see more vaccinations	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://www.weau.com/2021/08/23/with-one-covid-19-vaccine-fully-approved-health-officials-hope-theyll-see-more-vaccinations/	
8/24/2021	Title: Avoiding mosquito-related illnesses	Topic: Healthy Homes and Places Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://wxow.com/2021/08/24/avoiding-mosquito-related-illnesses/	
8/25/2021	Title: Do local health officials expect booster shot hesitancy?	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://wqow.com/2021/08/25/do-local-health-officials-expect-booster-shot-hesitancy/	

8/26/2021	Title: Vaccination rates in the Chippewa Valley's nursing homes vary widely	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://www.leadertelegram.com/covid-19/vaccination-rates-in-the-chippewa-valleys-nursing-homes-vary-widely/article_9434f29e-b7e2-5b4d-ac13-e6880c84bbe9.html	
8/27/2021	Title: Health officials fear COVID-19 spike as students return to campus	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://www.weau.com/2021/08/28/health-officials-fear-covid-19-spike-students-return-campus/	
8/30/2021	Title: 100 vaccine offer didn't make big difference in Eau Claire	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://wqow.com/2021/08/30/100-vaccine-offer-didnt-make-big-difference-in-eau-claire-county-health-director-says/	
PRESS RELEASE		
8/2/2021	Title: Research shows that moms who get support are more likely to breastfeed	Topic: Healthy Growth and Development Staff: Lexie Tuma
	Link: https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/health-department/there-s-more/news-releases	
PRINT ARTICLE		
8/2/2021	Title: Chippewa Valley Summer Activity Passport	Topic: Healthy Living and Prevention Staff:
	Link: Not Available	
8/2/2021	Title: Fit Families Newsletter	Topic: Chronic Disease Prevention Staff: Sarah Nix
	Link: Not Available	
8/2/2021	Title: Fit Families Newsletter	Topic: Chronic Disease Prevention Staff: Sarah Nix
	Link: Not Available	
8/5/2021	Title: EC County recommends masks in public places throughout county	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: Not Available	

8/12/2021

Title: Eat Well, Move More, Be Well: 7 Tips To Improve Your Health

Topic: Chronic Disease
Prevention

Staff: Janessa VandenBerge

Link: <https://volumeone.org/sites/eatingright/articles/2021/08/12/281345-eat-well-move-more-be-well>



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September 13, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Public Health Organizations Thank Governor Evers for Much Needed Assistance

(Kimberly, WI) – September 13, 2021 – The Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) and the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) are very grateful for the announcement today from Governor Evers that Wisconsin’s local health departments are receiving \$58.4 million in financial assistance.

The pandemic exposed longstanding financial inadequacies in Wisconsin’s public health infrastructure. A lack of sufficient public health funding leaves communities across the state vulnerable to public health threats. Today’s announcement is a significant step in the right direction towards correcting those chronic inadequacies.

The new funding will enable local health departments to:

- Increase community health services
- Invest in programs to protect against water and air quality contamination and other environmental health hazards
- Develop preparedness response strategies to guarantee the capacity to respond quickly to public health emergencies
- Communicate important, accurate data and information to the public in a timely manner
- Improve quality and performance through utilization of best practices to develop public health workforce and achieve outcome goals
- Advance health equity

While this new funding is a major investment in public health, it is not permanent. We urge the State Legislature to significantly increase public health spending in future state budgets. Studies show an investment of \$10 per person per year in evidence-based public health programs in local communities could save more than \$16 billion nationally each year within five years. This is a potential savings of \$5.60 for every \$1 invested. However, Wisconsin is not taking advantage of these savings in its state budgets.

Together, WPHA and WALHDAB represent over 1,200 public health professionals in communities across Wisconsin, striving to prevent, promote, and protect the citizens of the state. WPHA and WALHDAB actively engage in legislative advocacy and we are committed to promoting a healthy population and workforce.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 13, 2021

Contact: GovPress@wisconsin.gov

Gov. Evers Announces \$58.4 Million Investment in Local COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Recovery

Local and tribal health departments receive funding from American Rescue Plan Act

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) today announced \$58.4 million in funding for local and tribal health departments to continue their work responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and build a strong recovery. The funding comes from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funding and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and adds to the \$106.5 million the Evers Administration has already allocated to local and tribal health departments for COVID-19 response activities in 2021.

“Our local and tribal health departments have been on the frontlines of this pandemic since the very beginning, and their good work has been essential in stopping the spread and keeping Wisconsinites as safe and as informed as possible,” said Gov. Evers. “We’ve worked hard this past year to put our state in the best position to recover from this pandemic, and this funding will help support our local partners in this effort to help build a robust and equitable state and ensure our continued economic recovery.”

The funding will provide resources to meet the public health needs that continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, or to address those needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic and the associated economic downturn. Potential uses for the funding include: measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 such as testing, contact tracing, and vaccination programs; staffing for public health and safety; enhancing public health programs through improvements like technology infrastructure or data analysis; addressing disparities in health outcomes, including services that connect residents with resources, such as health care and housing navigators, and services that support healthy living environments and healthy childhood environments.

“As vital partners in our COVID-19 response, local and tribal health departments have gone above and beyond, and this funding from ARPA will help them continue to respond to the pandemic while also improving systems and building capacity in their communities,” said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. “Activities and resources like the ones funded by this investment are the building blocks of Wisconsin’s recovery, and we look forward to continuing to partner with our local and tribal health departments in this effort.”

The \$58.4 million in ARPA funding is applicable to expenses that local and tribal health departments incurred from March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024, and has been allocated to departments based on a formula that includes a base amount of funding with additional funding based on population size.

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Information Sheet –9/22/21 Board of Health

Meeting Agenda Item 5.d

Health Disparities/Health Equity Update

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department and Board of Health have prioritized health equity. This update is continuing the conversation about current efforts and continued plans. As a reminder – working definitions are below:

- **Health Disparities**- A disproportionate difference in health between groups of people. For example, women have more breast cancer than men.
- **Health Inequities** –Differences in health outcomes of a population or group that are systemic, patterned, and unnecessary, avoidable, unfair or unjust. Therefore, because they are socially determined circumstances, they are also actionable. For example, women living within 1 mile of an industrial park have more cases of lung cancer than those that live 5 miles away.
- **Health Equity** - The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation definition is “Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthier. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.”

The ECCCHD recognizes the urgency for action and opportunities for continuing to learn when working on health equity within our organization and with our community. Health equity is a guiding principle of the ECCCHD and is incorporated into strategic plan strategies/activities. Some of our work so far is highlighted below.

In 2018, staff completed an internal HE assessment, part of the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) toolkit. This assessment identified areas of improvement related to awareness and understanding of health equity within the department and in their coalition work. In 2019 the Eau Claire Health Department partnered with eight other organizations in the Western Region of Wisconsin to participate in a learning community with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE). This capacity building opportunity for Wisconsin city and county governments, and nonprofit and community partner organizations interested in advancing racial equity by addressing institutional and structural racism.

ECCCHD has recently created a cross-divisional internal HE team comprising of representation from all division. This team provides internal capacity to build the foundation of health equity as a more normalized component of health policy, programming, and decision-making in our department as the next step from our internal assessment and the GARE learning. Members are also positioned to

connect and support community coalitions such as Eau Claire Healthy Communities (EHC) to further the conversation of proactive health equity culture change. Additionally, a member of the internal health equity team will sit on the city and county Justice, Equity and Diversion (JEDI) team and bring learnings back to the health department.

COVID-19 has provided a tremendous opportunity and challenge related to considering health equity. Early in COVID-19 response the health department created the Community Health Equity Workgroup (previously the Vulnerable Populations Group) as part of the Incident Command Structure (ICS) within the Community Services Branch. The purpose of this group is to collaboratively identify and address barriers to healthy living and access to care that may have increased due to COVID-19 among vulnerable populations with a focus on low-income/poverty, food insecure, persons experiencing homelessness, and non-English speaking populations. Members reflect broad grassroots organizations throughout the county. Through this collaboration the health department was able to fund partners to support their work on vaccine outreach. Vaccine outreach efforts focused on education via trusted sources to address vaccine hesitancy and accessibility and partnering with mobile vaccine team to host clinics in trusted locations specific to the populations that are experiencing access barriers. Despite the work we have done, we do see differences in racial and ethnic groups with COVID-19. We have learned a lot and continue to learn.

The Health Department also recently committed to engage in the United Way Equity Challenge. This 21 week challenge was shared with all staff and is being done by individuals but we are also bringing content to our division meetings and All Staff meetings monthly to strategically bring department-wide learning. More information is at:

[21 Week Equity Challenge \(unitedwaywi.org\)](https://unitedwaywi.org)

Submitted by Cortney Draxler, Policy and Systems Division

Information Sheet –9/22/2021 Board of Health Meeting**Agenda Item 6.a****American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Taskforce**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides federal recovery aid for state and local governments. For Eau Claire County \$20,295,447 is being provided in direct aid. Municipalities like City of Eau Claire, Augusta, Altoona, Fall Creek, receive their own direct aid. The county board created the ARPA committee to develop criteria for an objective regranting process to respond to the requests for ARPA funds and hire a third-party administrator to distribute funds identified for the purpose of assistance to small businesses and nonprofits. Cortney Draxler has been appointed to the taskforce as the public health representative. The Eau Claire County ARPA Taskforce has held its first two meetings. Meetings focused on the scope of the taskforce, timeline, and planning for opportunities to gain feedback from community members. For more information on Taskforce members go to the [Eau Claire County ARPA Taskforce website](#). Additionally, the meeting minutes from the first meeting have been included in the packet.

Prepared by Cortney Draxler, Policy and Systems Division



AGENDA

Eau Claire County
ARPA Committee

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Webex

Dial In: 415-655-0001 **Access Code:** 2597 963 1522
**please remain muted when not speaking*

Meeting Link:

<https://eauclairecounty.webex.com/eauclairecounty/j.php?MTID=mef65f48d5624925397cb5e74b47b94ec>

Password: uRZUfmmR684

For those wishing to make public comment, please fill out and submit this form at least 60 minutes prior to the meeting. <https://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Home/Components/FormBuilder/FormBuilder/809983158d2f4a7dbb0d7b9032cf95ef/12242#!/>

1. Call Meeting to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review and approval of meeting minutes – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. August 31, 2021
5. Debrief from public listening session – **Discussion**
6. Additional avenues for communication and feedback – **Discussion/Action**
7. Map Committee Process – **Discussion/Action**
8. Adjourn

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County
ARPA Committee

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Webex

Present: Dane Zook, Connie Russell, Kathryn Schauf, TJ Atkins, Jeneise Briggs, Nick Smiar, Mike Golat, Nick Smiar (ex-officio), Norb Kirk, Zoe Roberts, Jennifer Meyer, Tim Sullivan, Scott Rogers, Cortney Draxler, Pa Thao

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink

Public: Ryan Patterson – Leader Telegram, Kerry Kincaid, Tami Schraufnagel (2:38 p.m.)

Pro-Tem Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Verbal roll call was taken along with introductions by Committee members.

No members of the public wished to make public comment, however Kerry Kincaid introduced herself.

Pro-Tem Chair Russell asked for nominations for Chair of the taskforce. Dane Zook nominated Connie Russell for the Chair and Pa Thao nominated Jeneise Briggs for Chair. Connie Russell declined the nomination of chair. All in favor of Jeneise Briggs for the ARPA Committee.

Chair Briggs called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Kathryn Schauf nominates Mike Golat, TJ Atkins nominates Cortney Draxler, Jeneise Briggs nominates Zoe Roberts, Mike Golat and Supervisor Roberts decline the nomination. Cortney Draxler nominates TJ Atkins. By roll call vote, TJ Atkins is Vice-Chair.

Kathryn Schauf nominates Samantha Kraegenbrink for Committee Clerk. No objections.

Kathryn Schauf provided some welcoming introductions of the work the Committee would be undertaking.

Tim Sullivan provided a description of the purview of the Committee.

Kathryn Schauf overviewed ARP restrictions and funding parameters. Kathryn also shared the webpage on the County website dedicated to ARPA funding information and the County's work.

Kathryn Schauf briefly overviewed marketing and distributing and application process and the goal for the Committee in these areas.

Pa Thao suggested that focus groups be arranged for those impacted or without access to survey.

Kathryn suggested that after attending and receiving input from the first listening session, to reconvene and discuss next steps in scheduling focus groups and timelines.



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Eau Claire County

ARPA Committee

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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The Committee discussed the frequency of meetings. It is suggested to meet biweekly, the next meeting will be determined with a doodle poll.

Chair Briggs adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink

Assistant to the County Administrator