



BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA
March 30, 2022, 5:15 PM
County Courthouse, Room 302 (Ground Floor)

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:

Promoting health and safety for all Eau Claire communities

Health Department Vision:

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

1. Call to Order. Welcome Guests. Order of the Agenda. Request to pull items from the 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.* minutes

For those wishing to make written public comment regarding an agenda item, you must e-mail Gina Holt at gina.holt@co.eau-claire.wi.us at least 90 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Your email will be shared with the Board of Health. If you wish to make a verbal comment, please attend the meeting in person and you will be called on during the public comment session.
3. Covid-19 After Action and Response Evaluation-30 minutes Audrey
4. Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)-5 minutes
 - a. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2022, meeting-enclosed
5. Business Item (Action Required)- 15minutes
 - a. Sign Public Health Week Proclamation -enclosed
6. Other information items from staff for the Board-20 minutes
 - a. COVID-19 Update-verbal
 - b. Health Department Report – enclosed
 - Correspondence/Media
 - Service Recognition -Gina Schemenauer, Public Health Specialist, 10 years
 - c. Health Department review of BOH action from 2021-enclosed
 - d. Wisconsin Public Health Forward Initiative
7. Board member informational items-20 minutes

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- a. Board of Health Meeting location, date, and time discussion-enclosed
- b. Advocacy Training Update-verbal
- c. Public Health Policy/Advocacy update-
 - WI Legislative update
 - Federal update
- d. Standing Committee Updates: verbal
 - City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://eauclairewi.gov)
 - County Board: [2022 Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
 - Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
 - ARPA County Funding: [ARPA Committee | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](http://eau-claire.wi.us)
 - Other
8. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-*5 minutes*
9. Next business meeting – April 27, 2022
10. Adjourn

Fact Sheet – 3/30/2022 Board of Health Meeting

Agenda Item

BOH feedback on COVID-19

As described last month, staff are now undertaking a process to evaluate public health COVID19 response activities to inform future departmental public health emergency planning.

Our evaluation process will record the following: General timeline of significant events, response objectives throughout the pandemic, public health preparedness capabilities that were exercised during the response, and objective narrative of overall performance throughout the pandemic (broken down into discrete time periods such as case surge, vaccine initial availability, Delta wave, etc.) We hope to learn what can be improved for future public health emergency responses and how to be better prepared for public health threats. We also hope to learn more about how public health can help the community recover from COVID.

As we discussed, a major component of the evaluation includes interviewing and surveying different groups that we worked closely with and/or developed new partnerships with as part of pandemic response activities. Such groups will include but are not limited to schools, healthcare, Chippewa Valley Economic Recovery Task Force, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee, shelters, area elected officials and municipal leaders, Community Health Equity Workgroup, emergency management and preparedness staff, and others. Questions will be tailored to the role and relationship with each of these groups.

The Board of Health is one of the groups that we are prioritizing to get feedback from. As part of this process, the Board of Health will be discussing the questions below. We will also be providing an opportunity to respond to a survey. As our governing body, the BOH has a specific responsibility for oversight. State Statute additionally names that there is a reporting requirement for the health officer to the governing body in a communicable disease situation (s. 252.03(1)).

Discussion questions:

- Thinking about the communication about COVID between the Health Dept and BOH, what went well? What didn't go well?
- Did you feel that feedback or questions by the BOH regarding Health Dept COVID response were considered or addressed?
- What recommendations related to communication do you have for future public health emergencies (not necessarily communicable disease emergencies)
- Any specific feedback you would like to share with the Health Department COVID response team about how response went over last two years?

A survey will be provided following the meeting to provide opportunity for any additional written response.

Prepared by Audrey Boerner, COVID-19 Response Team

**February 23, 2022, Board of Health Meeting
Remote Meeting via WebEx Events**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:17 pm
The meeting was called to order by Mery Price

**Board Members Present
Quorum is reached**

Mery Price
Mark Kaeding
Martha Nieman
True Vue
Terry Miskulin
Don Bodeau
Emile Berge
Jennifer Eddy

Staff Members Present:

Lieske Giese
Marisa Stanley
Hannah Artz
Caitlin Suginaki
Gina Holt (recorder)

Order of Agenda Request to pull items from Consent Agenda

- None made

Public Comment:

- None made

Consent Agenda

- Approve minutes from January 26, 2022, meeting
- Approve Grant/Contract related budget adjustments

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Terry Miskulin

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Business Item

- Approve funding for PHAB Accreditation renewal
 - Health Departments are accredited for five years by PHAB. Next year will mark the department's 5-year anniversary.
 - PHAB has continued to update and change their processes over time as they have gained experience with Accreditation
 - An initial reaccreditation fee of \$12,000 and \$8,400 service fee annually is the current cost, although this is likely to change.
 - The preparation for reaccreditation will take significant time and likely some outside resources in 2022 and early 2023.
 - This is the beginning of the process, and the ask is to let us know if you want to start the process of renewal.

Board member Question/Answer:

- Q: What have you learned? Have you heard any feedback about being an accredited Health Department?
A: We are continuing to learn best practices. It has also given us additional opportunities.
- Q: The Health Department management team has been through the process. Have they acknowledged that they are prepared to move forward?

A: It is a lot of work involved and the management understand the value of being accredited. There would be additional funding needed to secure help in the process. Every part of the agency is involved in the process.

Q: Is this one of the primary goals of Health Departments? Are there similar agencies that you can become “certified” through?

A: PHAB is the only national accrediting body and sets the standards for best practice.

Q: Do we have the bandwidth energy wise? Is there hope for better times? Would you be able to find support and have additional help? A: We believe that we would be able to put together a team to help along with outside resources.

Q: Is it an irreversible decision?

A: We are at the very beginning stages. The final decision would be brought back to the board by February, 2023.

Motion to support the Health Department moving forward PHAB Accreditation renewal as presented by Health Department staff: Don Bodeau

Second: Jennifer Eddy

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

b. Approval of 2020 Single Audit Report

- This is the same format that we present annually.
- The process was delayed due to COVID.
- Reviewed areas on the report that showed any findings.

Motion to approve and accept the 2020 Single Audit Report as presented by Health Department staff: Mark Kaeding

2nd Motion: True Vue

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

c. Approve FEMA COVID vaccination site

- We had not previously brought a fact sheet asking to accept FEMA funding.
- We received \$285,000 as an advanced we are now going to return funding that wasn't spent.
- This is to approve funding for the FEMA site.

Motion to approve FEMA COVID vaccination site funding as presented by Health Department staff: Martha Nieman

2nd Motion: Don Bodeau

Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)

Other policy and informational items from staff for the Board

a. COVID-19 update

- The situation report has been updated. Moving forward we will continue to have that document to use and share.
- We moved from an Incident Command Center with several entities involved to moving the work back to the Health Department on an operational basis. It isn't the same emergency response “crisis” mode. We are at a place where we have tools that we didn't have and more knowledge.

Part of the next step is moving forward we will have a “COVID” unit as part of the Health Department team. More information will be shared with the board as that process rolls out.

- We will continue to have focus on testing, vaccination, disease follow up and communication.
- There will be a focus on health equity and trying to fill those gaps.
- The website and other resources for information will continue.
- We are still seeing cases, but they are in such a different place than a month ago.

Board member Question/Answer:

- Q: How much input did the department have in the school districts decision to not require masks? A: We were in conversation with the school district as they were making the decision. We shared best practices and provided input based on CDC recommendations.

b. Director/Health Officer Report

- Correspondence/Media
- HIV information was discussed

c. Performance Management Update

- In 2022, performance measures will be a focus as we recover.
- We have a lot of new staff at the department, and we want to engage them and hear feedback about potential updates.

d. COVID-19 after action and response evaluation

- This was something that we were hoping to start last year but COVID kept growing.
- There will be future opportunities to engage.
- When looking at the list of people to get feedback from is there anyone that is missing, that you would want added?
- Board member feedback:
 - Getting feedback from those that had objection to the purposed mandate and ordinances. If we could somehow get a handle on those individual rights issues that created tension and challenges.
 - Reaching out to mental health providers.
 - Gathering input from the aging population.
 - It is important to go to the people that you are trying to gather feedback from.
- General questions that we are thinking to ask to receive feedback. (Questions were shared)
 - Perhaps a question about isolation rooms for people who didn't have a space. What things worked and didn't work.
 - Gathering questions from different partners may be helpful.
- When we come back for feedback from the Board of Health on the COVID response, how would the board like that information provided.
 - Feedback: Round table discussion, discussion at a board of health meeting.

Board member informational items

a. Quarterly review of tracking BOH Priorities

- There is free advocacy training for board member through “Public Health Region 5 Training Center”, this information will be forwarded to members
- If board members watch the training videos, please reach out to Merey and let her know.

b. Virtual meeting discussion

- As we move through transition times, we want to get a sense of where the board is with what the needs are for meetings.

Board member Discussion:

- I am sure there is a City, County, and State level perception on this that may be pre-scripted.
- It seems that we have a degree of autonomy on how to move forward.
- Board members expressed their gratefulness for the ability to meet virtually during the pandemic. The virus has an amazing capacity to mutate so I don't know if we are guaranteed that we are truly in a transition as much we hope. Being able to be face to face would be ideal, but the pandemic is not yet over. A hybrid status or continuing to remain virtually would be ideal. It allows everyone to attend safely and still be able to voice concerns or participate in the meeting.
- It is nice to have options. Especially if traveling or out of town. It greatly increases the flexibility to be able to participate.
- Hybrid would be a great compromise if it would be an option. If that isn't an option, then continuing to be virtual would be the safest route.
- There are some challenges to work through if we move forward with a hybrid model.
- The size of the conference room is not large enough to hold a lot of people. We are exploring those options.
- If meeting in person, it would have to present a safe and large enough meeting space.
- It was suggested to wait a bit longer and see what happens with COVID numbers.

a. Public Health Policy/Advocacy

- WPHA/WALHDAB Legislative Priorities-there are a lot of moving pieces right now. There is a lot of legislation that does not support health that are on this list.
- County Advisory Referendum on clean water -The health department was not part of the planning process and are waiting to see if the health department will be engaged in being part of education etc. regarding to the referendum.

b. Standing Committee Updates: Board members discuss if this section of the agenda has been helpful since being added to the agenda.

- City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](#)
 - On the City website there are community panels for the two finalists for the City Manager position. Feedback will be shared directly with City Council.
 - The City Manager oversees department heads, staff, and the operational aspects of the city. It is a big role and getting the Board of Health perspective would be helpful.
- County Board: [2022 Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](#)
 - Preparation has begun for the shift to new County Board members.
 - Strategic planning conversations are underway. Links are on the County Board website to participate in planning sessions.
- Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](#)
 - Have not met since last update.
- ARPA County Funding: [ARPA Committee | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](#)
 - The committee that was formed has not met since the Fall of 2021. There have been updates by the County Administrator about general funding.

- c. Conference attendance: NALBOH and WPHA/WALHDAB annual 2022 conference
 - Board members are encouraged to attend.
 - [NALBOH 2022 Conference August 1-3](#)
 - [2022 Annual Public Health Virtual Conference - WPHA May 24-26](#)

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

- a. None made

Next scheduled BOH meeting is March 23,2022, at 5:15 p.m.
Merrey Price adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

National Public Health Week Proclamation

Whereas the week of April 4-10, 2022, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Public Health is Where You Are”; and

Whereas since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

Whereas U.S. life expectancy is declining; U.S life expectancy dropped in 2020 by a full year, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943.

Whereas a person’s health status can differ drastically by zip code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care.

Whereas public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, measles, natural disasters, and disasters caused by human activity; and

Whereas public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today’s disease surveillance and control systems; and

Whereas preventable risk factors such as such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, tobacco use and excessive alcohol use are leading causes of chronic disease (and continue to be top priorities in our 2021-2024 Eau Claire County Community Health Assessment); and 6 in 10 U.S adults have a chronic disease and 4 in 10 have two or more; and chronic diseases cause 7 of every 10 deaths annually in the United States.

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated racial inequities

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Merrey Price, on behalf of the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2022, as **National Public Health Week 2022** and call upon the people of Eau Claire County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year’s theme, **“Public Health is Where You Are.”**

Merrey Price, President
Eau Claire City-County Board of Health

Date

Board of Health Meeting 03/23/2022

Agenda Item 6.b

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

Staffing

We are very excited to have Nicole Kragness join our department as the Regulation and Licensing Division Manager. She has a broad range of experience including most recently working at the La Crosse County Health Department.

Our Policy and Systems Division Manager has a new name! Cortney Draxler is now Cortney Sperber. We had an opportunity to do a online wedding shower celebration with her this month.

State of the City and County Address

The City of Eau Claire presented their State of the City address. As part of this address there was an opportunity to provide direct information to the community about health in all policy/health impact assessment through a guest piece done by Audrey Boerner, health department staff. More information and a video of this is available at: [State of the City | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](https://eauclairewi.gov) The Health Department was also included in the State of the County address done in January.

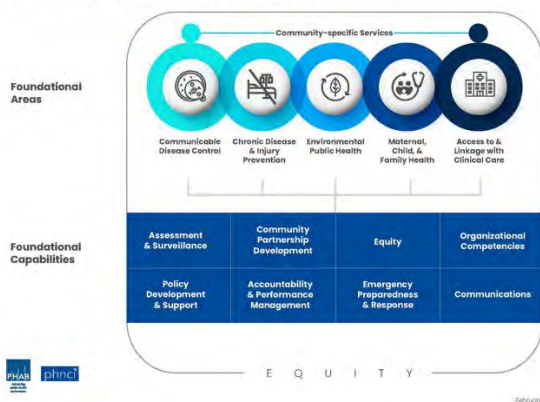
Interview processes for City Leadership

The health department director was able to be part of the interview processes for both the City Manager and the Library Director. The new City Manager, Stephanie Hirsch, begins on April 4th. More information on Ms. Hirsch can be found at: [City Manager Appointment | News | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](https://eauclairewi.gov) The library director position has not yet been announced. The opportunity to participate in these processes helps to continue our relationships with these key organizational partners.

Public Health Foundational Service Model:

There was an update to the National Foundational Public Health Service model. This model has been used to frame core services needed in every governmental local health department. The State of WI used these, for example, as they revised the State Administrative Rule 140 (required services of a local health department) a number of years ago. Our department utilized this framework as part of our previous reorganization discussion and our most recent strategic planning. The model was recently updated.

Foundational Public Health Services



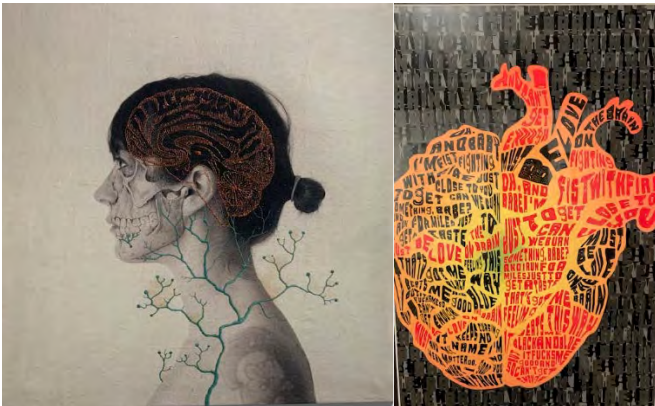
[FPHS | PHNCI](https://eauclairewi.gov) [FPHS Factsheet FINAL \(phnci.org\)](https://phnci.org)

UWEC Art and Health exhibit

Health department had the opportunity to connect with UWEC public health faculty when invited to participate in a reception for a creative art/health exhibit. More information on the exhibit is below. There was also a chance to rekindle the ongoing conversation about creative connections between UWEC and Health Department moving forward.

Body Parts was the UWEC Foster Gallery's first exhibition of the spring semester. The exhibition is a collaboration of the Institute for Health Sciences and the Foster Gallery with contributions from art & design, biology, and a community radiologist. **Body Parts** explores the human body from the microscopic to the metaphysical realm through photomicrographs, medical images, and realistic and interpretive anatomic works by a select group of international professional artists and by UWEC art & design students:

<https://www.uwec.edu/news/news/exploring-the-body-through-the-lens-of-art-4985/>.



Narcan Direct Program

Narcan is an opioid antagonist, meaning it can restore breathing in a person experiencing an opioid overdose. The Eau Claire City-County Health Department can distribute the nasal-spray formulation of Narcan as a participant in the WI DHS Narcan Direct Program. Three Narcan trainings were completed to agencies during the month of February with 10 boxes of Narcan distributed. Each box contains two (2) 4-mg doses of naloxone HCl in 0.1 mL of nasal spray. 43 individuals were trained or retrained as a result of this program during the month of February.

Overdose Data to Action Community Prevention Grant (OD2A)

A new resource is available for Eau Claire County residents, "What Do You Know About Opioids?" The newly developed materials are currently available in English and Spanish on the Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention website (www.GetInvolvedASAP.org) by clicking on the Opioid Drug Overdose, Prescription Drug Misuse and Safe Medication Disposal, or Opioids, Prescription Drug tabs. We are currently working to develop the resource in Hmong and will be available in March. Printed copies of the materials are also available, and we are working with our partners to distribute the materials throughout the county. Also, we developed a workshop and plan to facilitate the first session in April. The workshop will be available in-person or virtual option. On Tuesday, June 7th, the workshop will be presented at the 34th Annual Academy for Lifelong Learners at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The fact sheets include:

What are Opioids? [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Recognizing and Responding to an Opioid Overdose [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Storing Opioid Medicine Safely [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Get Rid of Unused Opioid Medicine [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Complete packet [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



National Prescription Drug-Take Back Day

Twice a year, the National Prescription Drug Take-Back events are hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and are coordinated locally by the Eau Claire County Sheriff’s Office, Altoona Police Department, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, and the Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention coalition. The next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th from 10am – 2pm at the Altoona Police Department and Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire. The last event in October, over 1,000 pounds of medication was collected. The events provide an opportunity for community members to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medication.

Community Health Promotion

Elizabeth Hagen and Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil both completed 6 hours of ethics trainings to maintain their license through the State of Wisconsin’s Department of Safety and Professional Services as a Prevention Specialist. The training covered the Prevention Code of Ethics (non-discrimination, competence, integrity, nature of services, confidentiality, ethical obligations for community and society and the code). To obtain a Prevention Specialist credential, 120 hours of approved education (including alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use) in the following: planning and evaluation, prevention education and service delivery, communication, community organization, and public policy and environmental change are needed. In the odd years, a Prevention Specialist must renew their credentials with 60 hours of continuing education.



2022 Farm Show

The Health Department (Environmental Health team) had a booth at the 2022 Farm Show held at the Eau Claire Expo Center on March 1st and 2nd. We were able to interact with many people in the Chippewa Valley about radon testing, rabies prevention, well water testing, tick and mosquito bite prevention, and various other topics the public had questions about. We gave away free items including water bottles, reusable grocery bags, radon test kits & coupons, chip clips, food safety magnets and coloring books, bug repellent, compasses with a “tick check” message, and more. Kids were able to identify ticks on the demo



“Everything Bagels” while we educated them on what they could do to prevent tick and mosquito bites. We were also able to interact with many upper-class high school class students and educate them about the rewarding field of public health! COVID-19 vaccination was also offered at the event.

SMBP Program Protocol

In the Family Planning clinic setting it is important to closely monitor elevated blood pressure due to the risks related to combined hormonal contraceptives (CHC). CHCs containing estrogens and progestins can impact the cardiovascular system, including effects on blood pressure. Combined effects of underlying hypertension and CHCs can increase risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes such as blood clot, heart attack, and stroke. In the ECCCHD FPC we have recognized that providing better follow-up for patients with elevated blood pressure is important. Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) refers to the regular measurement of blood pressure (BP) by a patient in their home or elsewhere outside of the clinical setting. SMBP enables health care providers to better assess and manage hypertension as well as giving the patient an active role in the process. Compared to routine office BPs, SMBP more accurately represents a patient’s BP. In conjunction with other SMBP programs at the health department, the family planning clinic developed a protocol and purchased blood pressure kits that will allow participants in this program to take and record their blood pressure regularly without additional visits to the clinic. This program will allow the FPC staff to support patients with elevated blood pressure in finding appropriate birth control methods and getting referrals to primary providers as appropriate. With the ultimate goal of lowering and managing hypertension as well as reducing further cardiovascular risk.

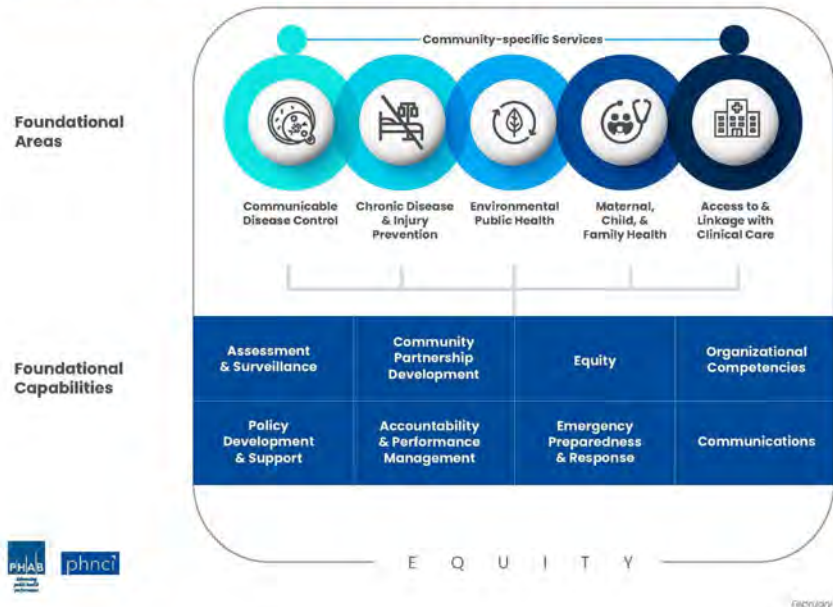
Foundational Public Health Services

Health departments have a fundamental responsibility to provide public health protections and services in a number of areas, including: preventing the spread of communicable disease; ensuring food, air, and water quality are safe; supporting maternal and child health; improving access to clinical care services; and preventing chronic disease and injury. In addition, public health departments provide local protections and services specific to their community's needs.

The infrastructure needed to fulfill these responsibilities works to provide fair and just opportunities for all to be healthy and includes eight capabilities: 1) Assessment & Surveillance, 2) Community Partnership Development, 3) Equity, 4) Organizational Competencies, 5) Policy Development & Support, 6) Accountability & Performance Management, 7) Emergency Preparedness & Response, and 8) Communications. Health departments serve their communities 24/7 and require access to a wide range of critical data sources, robust laboratory capacity, preparedness and policy planning capacity, partnerships with community, and expert staff to leverage them in support of public health protections.

The Foundational Public Health Services framework outlines the unique responsibilities of governmental public health and defines a minimum set of foundational capabilities and foundational areas that must be available in every community.

Foundational Public Health Services



Community-specific Services are local protections and services that are unique to the needs of a community. These services are essential to that community's health and vary by jurisdiction.

Foundational Areas

Public health programs, or Foundational Areas, are basic public health, topic-specific programs and services aimed at improving the health of the community.. The Foundational Areas reflect the minimum level of service that should be available in all communities.

Foundational Capabilities

Public health infrastructure consists of Foundational Capabilities that are the cross-cutting skills and capacities needed to support basic public health protections, programs, and activities key to ensuring community health, well-being and achieving equitable outcomes.

Foundational Capabilities

There are eight Foundational Capabilities that are needed in Public Health Infrastructure.

Assessment & Surveillance

- Ability to collect timely and sufficient foundational data to guide public health planning and decision making at the state and local level, including the personnel and technology that enable collection.
- Ability to collect, access, analyze, interpret, and use data from a variety of sources including granular data and data disaggregated by geography (e.g., census tract, zip code), sub-populations, race, ethnicity, and other variables that fully describe the health and well-being of a community and the factors that influence health.
- Ability to assess and analyze disparities and inequities in the distribution of disease and social determinants of health, that contribute to higher health risks and poorer health outcomes
- Ability to prioritize and respond to data requests and translate data into information and reports that are valid, complete, statistically accurate, and accessible to the intended audiences.
- Ability to conduct a collaborative community or statewide health assessment and identify health priorities arising from that assessment, including analysis of root causes of health disparities and inequities.
- Ability to access 24/7 laboratory resources capable of providing rapid detection.
- Ability to participate in or support surveillance systems to rapidly detect emerging health issues and threats.
- Ability to work with community partners to collect, report and use public health data that is relevant to communities experiencing health inequities or ability to support community-led data processes

Community Partnership Development

- Ability to create, convene, support, and sustain strategic, non-program specific relationships with key community groups or organizations representing populations experiencing health disparities or inequities; private businesses and health care organizations; relevant federal, Tribal, state, and local government agencies; elected and non-elected officials.
- Ability to leverage and engage partnerships and community in equity solutions.
- Ability to establish and maintain trust with and authentically engage community members and populations most impacted by inequities in key public health decision-making and use community-driven approaches
- Ability to convene across governmental agencies, such as departments of transportation, aging, substance abuse/mental health, education, planning and development, or others, to promote health, prevent disease, and protect community members of the health department's jurisdiction.
- Ability to engage members of the community and multi-sector partners in a community health improvement process that draws from community health assessment data and establishes a plan for addressing priorities. The community health improvement plan can serve as the basis for coordination of effort and resources across partners.

Equity

- Ability to strategically address social and structural determinants of health through policy, programs, and services as a necessary pathway to achieve equity.
- Ability to systematically integrate equity into each aspect of the FPHS, strategic priorities, and include equity-related accountability metrics into all programs and services.
- Ability to work collaboratively across the department and the community to build support for and foster a shared understanding of the critical importance of equity to achieve community health and well-being.
- Ability to develop and support staff to address equity
- Ability to create a shared understanding of what creates health including structural and systemic factors that produce and reproduce inequities

Organizational Competencies

- **Leadership & Governance:** Ability to lead internal and external stakeholders to consensus, with movement to action, and to serve as the face of governmental public health in the department's jurisdiction. Ability to directly engage in health policy development, discussion, and adoption with local, state, and national policymakers, and to define a strategic direction for public health initiatives, including the advancement of equity. Ability to prioritize and implement diversity, equity, inclusion within the organization. Ability to engage with appropriate governing entities about the department's public health legal authorities and what new laws and policies might be needed. Ability to ensure diverse representation on public health boards and councils.
- **Information Technology Services, including Privacy & Security:** Ability to maintain and procure the hardware and software needed to access electronic health information to support the department's operations and analysis of health data. Ability to support, use, and maintain communication technologies and systems needed to interact with community members. Ability to have the proper systems and controls in place to keep health and human resources data confidential and maintain security of IT systems.
- **Workforce Development & Human Resources:** Ability to develop and maintain a diverse and inclusive workforce with the cross-cutting skills and competencies needed to implement the FPHS effectively and equitably. Ability to manage human resource functions including recruitment, retention, and succession planning; training; and performance review and accountability.
- **Financial Management, Contract, & Procurement Services, including Facilities and Operations:** Ability to establish a budgeting, auditing, billing, and financial system and chart of expense and revenue accounts in compliance with federal, state, and local standards and policies. Ability to secure grants or other funding (governmental and not) and demonstrate compliance with an audit required for the sources of funding utilized. Ability to procure, maintain, and manage safe facilities and efficient operations. Ability to leverage funding and ensure resources are allocated to address equity and social determinants of health.
- **Legal Services & Analysis:** Ability to access and appropriately use legal services in planning, implementing, and enforcing, public health initiatives, including relevant administrative rules and due process.

Policy Development & Support

- Ability to serve as a primary and expert resource for establishing, maintaining, and developing basic public health policy recommendations that are evidence-based and grounded in law. This includes researching, analyzing, costing out, and articulating the impact of such policies and rules where appropriate, as well as the ability to organize support for these policies and rules and place them before an entity with the legal authority to adopt them.
- Ability to effectively inform and influence policies being considered by other governmental and non-governmental agencies that can improve the physical, environmental, social, and economic conditions affecting health but are beyond the immediate scope or authority of the governmental public health department.
- Ability to effectively advocate for policies that address social determinants of health, health disparities and equity.
- Ability to issue, promote compliance with or, as mandated, enforce compliance with public health regulations.

Accountability & Performance Management

- Ability to perform according to accepted business standards in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and policies and assure compliance with national and Public Health Accreditation Board Standards.
- Ability to maintain a performance management system to monitor achievement of organizational objectives.
- Ability to identify and use evidence-based or promising practices when implementing new or revised processes, programs and/or interventions.
- Ability to maintain an organization-wide culture of quality and to use quality improvement tools and methods.
- Ability to create accountability structures and internal and external equity-related metrics to measure the equity impact of a department's efforts and performance.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Ability to develop, exercise, and maintain preparedness and response strategies and plans, in accordance with established guidelines, and to address a range of events including natural or other disasters, communicable disease outbreaks, environmental emergencies, or other events, which may be acute or occur over time.
- Ability to integrate social determinants of health, and actions to address inequities, including ensuring the protection of high-risk populations, into all plans, programs, and services.
- Ability to lead the Emergency Support Function 8 – Public Health & Medical for the county, region, jurisdiction, and state.

- Ability to activate the emergency response personnel and communications systems in the event of a public health crisis; coordinate with federal, state, and local emergency managers and other first responders, and private sector and non-profit partners; and operate within, and as necessary lead, the incident management system.
- Ability to maintain and execute a continuity of operations plan that includes a plan to access financial resources to execute an emergency and recovery response.
- Ability to establish and promote basic, ongoing community readiness, resilience, and preparedness by enabling the public to take necessary action before, during, or after a disaster, emergency, or public health event.
- Ability to issue and enforce emergency health orders.
- Ability to be notified of and respond to events on a 24/7 basis.
- Ability to access and utilize a Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Reference laboratory for biological agents and an LRN chemical laboratory at a level designated by CDC.

Communications

- Ability to maintain ongoing relations with local and statewide media including the ability to write a press release, conduct a press conference, and use electronic communication tools to interact with the media.
- Ability to effectively use social media to communicate directly with community members.
- Ability to appropriately tailor communications and communications mechanisms for various audiences
- Ability to write and implement a routine communications plan and develop routine public health communications including to reach communities not traditionally reached through public health channels
- Ability to develop and implement a risk communication strategy for communicating with the public during a public health crisis or emergency. This includes the ability to provide accurate and timely information and to address misconceptions and misinformation, and to assure information is accessible to and appropriate for all audiences.
- Ability to transmit and receive routine communications to and from the public in an appropriate, timely, and accurate manner, on a 24/7 basis.
- Ability to develop and implement a proactive health education/health communication strategy (distinct from risk communication) that disseminates timely and accurate information to the public designed to encourage actions to promote health in culturally and linguistically appropriate formats for the various communities served, including using electronic communication tools.

Foundational Areas

There are five Foundational Areas, also known as Public Health Programs. **Social determinants of health and actions to address health inequities should be integrated throughout all activities.**

Communicable Disease Control

- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant and accurate information to the health care system and community on communicable diseases and their control.
- Identify statewide and local communicable disease control community partners and their capacities, develop, and implement a prioritized communicable disease control plan, and ability to seek and secure funding for high priority initiatives.
- Receive laboratory reports and other relevant data; conduct disease investigations, including contact tracing and notification; and recognize, identify, and respond to communicable disease outbreaks for notifiable conditions in accordance with local, national, and state mandates and guidelines.
- Assure the availability of partner notification services for newly diagnosed cases of communicable diseases according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.
- Assure the appropriate treatment of individuals who have reportable communicable diseases, such as TB, STIs, and HIV in accordance with local and state laws and CDC guidelines.
- Support the recognition of outbreaks and other events of public health significance by assuring capacity for the identification and characterization of the causative agents of disease and their origin, including those that are rare and unusual.
- Coordinate and integrate categorically-funded communicable disease programs and services.

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant, complete, and accurate information to the health care system and community on chronic disease and injury prevention and control.
- Identify statewide and local chronic disease and injury prevention community partners and their capacities, develop, and implement a prioritized prevention plan, and ability to seek and secure funding for high priority initiatives.
- Reduce statewide and community rates of tobacco use through a program that conforms to standards set by state or local laws and CDC's Office on Smoking and Health, including activities to reduce youth initiation, increase cessation, and reduce secondhand exposure to harmful substances.
- Work actively with statewide and community partners to increase statewide and community rates of healthy eating and active living through a prioritized approach focusing on best and promising practices aligned with national, state, and local guidelines for healthy eating and active living.
- Coordinate and integrate categorically-funded chronic disease and injury prevention programs and services.

Environmental Public Health

- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant, complete, and accurate information to the state, health care system, and community on environmental public health threats and health impacts from common environmental or toxic exposures.
- Identify statewide and local community environmental public health partners and their capacities, develop, and implement a prioritized plan, and ability to seek and secure action funding for high priority initiatives.
- Conduct mandated environmental public health laboratory testing, inspections, and oversight to protect food, recreation sites, and drinking water; manage liquid and solid waste streams safely; and identify other public health hazards related to environmental factors in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Protect workers and the public from chemical and radiation hazards in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Participate in broad land use planning and sustainable development to encourage decisions that promote positive public health outcomes and resilient communities (e.g., housing and urban development, recreational facilities, transportation systems and climate change).
- Coordinate and integrate categorically-funded environmental public health programs and services.

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant, complete, and accurate information to the health care system and community on emerging and on-going maternal child health trends.
- Identify local maternal and child health community partners and their capacities; using life course expertise and an understanding of health disparities, develop a prioritized prevention plan; and ability to seek and secure funding for high priority initiatives.
- Identify, disseminate, and promote emerging and evidence-based early interventions in the prenatal and early childhood period that promote lifelong health and positive social-emotional development.
- Assure newborn screening as mandated by a state or local governing body including wraparound services, reporting back, following up, and service engagement activities.
- Coordinate and integrate categorically funded maternal, child, and family health programs and services.

Access to & Linkage with Care

- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant, complete, and accurate information to the health care system and community on access and linkage to clinical care (including behavioral health), healthcare system access, quality, and cost.
- Inspect and license healthcare facilities, and license, monitor, and discipline healthcare providers, where applicable.
- In concert with national and statewide groups and local providers of healthcare, identify healthcare partners and competencies, develop prioritized plans for increasing access to health homes and quality health care, and seek funding for high priority policy initiatives.

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February 2022 Media Contacts

INTERVIEW

2/8/2022	Title: COVID cases fall in Eau Claire County, but still at "critically high" levels	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://www.leadertelegram.com/covid-19/covid-cases-fall-in-eau-claire-county-but-still-at-critically-high-levels/article_fdfec05f-d353-56c2-8b52-07e60daec57a.html	
2/10/2022	Title: Do you Need to report your at home covid 19 test	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://www.wqow.com/news/you-ask-we-answer/you-ask-we-answer-do-you-need-to-report-your-at-home-covid-19-test/article_6ce375cc-89ff-11ec-a9cc-dbe56b0f7d77.html	
2/17/2022	Title: Eau Claire City-County Health Department: At-home testing unrelated to COVID case decline	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://www.wqow.com/coronavirus/eau-claire-city-county-health-department-at-home-testing-unrelated-to-covid-case-decline/article_9ccda04-904d-11ec-a8bb-af67dcfb3e04.html	
2/23/2022	Title: Area hospitals using covid pills officials say vaccination best option	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Audrey Boerner
	Link: https://www.weau.com/2022/02/24/area-hospitals-using-covid-pills-officials-say-vaccination-best-option/	
2/23/2022	Title: Health Director says Jacobs well testing and vaccination site closing due to lowering demand	Topic: Communicable Disease Staff: Lieske Giese
	Link: https://www.wqow.com/coronavirus/health-director-says-jacobs-well-testing-and-vaccination-site-closing-due-to-lowering-demand/article_1d20a9da-94f7-11ec-a47c-4340db068187.html	

PRINT ARTICLE

2/7/2022	Title: Fit Families Newsletter	Topic: Chronic Disease Prevention Staff: Sarah Nix
	Link: Not Available	
2/7/2022	Title: Fit Families Newsletter	Topic: Chronic Disease Prevention Staff: Sarah Nix
	Link: Not Available	

2/11/2022 Title: Collaboration leads to successful UW-Eau Claire testing, vaccination clinics Topic: Communicable Disease
Staff: Lieske Giese
Link: <https://www.uwec.edu/news/news/collaboration-made-uw-eau-claire-testing-vaccination-clinics-successful-5060/>

2/21/2022 Title: Jail additions may not qualify for COVID-19 aid Topic: communicable disease
Staff: Lieske Giese
Link: [Not Available](#)



Eau Claire City-County
Health Department

Service Recognition Certificate

*In recognition of 10 years
of faithful and dedicated service
to the health department
and community.*

This certificate is presented to

Gina Schemenauer

Public Health Specialist

Signature Director/Health Officer

Date 03/30/2022

Signature President, Board of Health

Date 03/30/2022

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Health Department Review of Board of Health Action in 2021

The Eau Claire City County Health Department Management Team, along with Gina Holt, staff support to the Board of Health (BOH), annually reviews the BOH activities to identify patterns of issues discussed, opinions of the board members, and positions that the BOH has taken in the previous year (see attached Year in Review document). This is done in order to continue to build a strong relationship with the BOH and to improve the effectiveness of meetings and interactions between the department and the Board. Of note during the discussion this year were the strengths seen in the BOH interest and connection to COVID-19, the engagement they have around a broad range of public health topics, and their consistent and engaged participation during BOH meetings, despite them being streamed. The main things identified to work on in this review and discussion were: assuring that meetings were as accessible as possible for public and board; identification of potential informational presentations by key public health staff; increasing the assistant director, finance director and management team participation in providing overview on agenda items; and orientation and recruitment of newer board members.

The Eau Claire City County Health Department takes seriously the importance of engaging with and understanding the Board of Health as its governing body. The annual review of the BOH activities, opinions, and positions that is done by the Management Team provides an opportunity to do a check in that highlight's areas and issues where communication and connections can be strengthened. Additionally, it helps show we are meeting part of accreditation requirements, specifically measure 12.3.2, listed below.

- **Purpose:** The purpose of this measure is to assess the health department's familiarity and awareness of the governing entity's actions in order for the health department to identify patterns of issues discussed and topics or areas that call for increased communication and information.
- **Significance:** It is important that the health department understand the priorities, policy positions, opinions, and actions of the governing entity in order to continually improve communication and effectiveness leading to a quality governing entity-health department relationship

This year the board faced many COVID-19 challenges. Meetings were held online throughout the year. Board members were engaged and updated throughout the ever-changing pandemic.

The Health Department continues to be appreciative to have such an incredibly supportive Board of Health.

Measure 12.3.2.A-Actions taken by the governing entity tracked and reviewed

Purpose: The purpose of this measure is to assess the health department’s familiarity and awareness of the governing entity’s actions in order for the health department to identify patterns of issues discussed and topics or areas that call for increased communication and information.

Significance: It is important that the health department understand the priorities, policy positions, opinions, and actions of the governing entity in order to continually improve communication and effectiveness leading to a quality governing entity-health department relationship

Due to COVID-19 all meetings in 2021 were held virtually.

2021 Resolutions/ Policies/Committees

Date:	Resolution/Policy	Notes
1/12/2021	Recommend moving forward with Mask Mandate	Joint meeting held with the Committee on Administration (County Board) and BOH members
02/24/2021	Receive and Review COVID-19 Public Health Expectations	
02/24/2021	Quarterly Review of BOH Priorities	
02/24/2021	Communicable Disease Taskforce update	
3/24/2021	Public Health Week Proclamation	
03/24/2021	Receive and Review COVID-19 Public Health Expectations	
03/24/2021	Communicable Disease Taskforce update	
03/24/2021	Receive and Review COVID-19 Public Health Expectations	
03/24/2021	Communicable Disease Taskforce update	
4/24/2021	Receive and Review COVID-19 Public Health Expectations	
4/24/2021	Communicable Disease Taskforce update	
5/17/2021	Emergency meeting to discuss Mask Mandate	Board members provided input to City and County regarding ending the County Mask Ordinance
5/26/2021	COVID-19 Public Health Expectations	New guidelines
5/26/2021	Communicable Disease Taskforce update	
6/23/2021	Communicable Disease Taskforce update	
7/28/2021	Support Eau Claire County proposed ordinance change for possession of marijuana	
7/28/2021	Recommend a representative to serve on the ARPA committee	Board members provided input and vote to recommend a health department staff member to the County ARPA Committee.
8/25/21	Resolution 21-1 Adopting fees for Retail Food Establishments and Mobile Food Processing Facilities	
8/25/21	Resolution 21-2 Adopting fees for Swimming Pools and Recreational Facilities	
8/25/21	Resolution 21-3 Adopting fees for Bed & Breakfast Establishments, Motels-Hotels, and	

	Tourist Rooming Houses	
8/25/21	Resolution 21-4 Adopting fees for Body Art Facilities	
8/25/2021	Quarterly Review of BOH priorities	Discussion on priorities and next steps
9/22/2021	ARPA Committee Update	Update on the American Rescue Plan Acts funding taskforce. Cortney Draxler was appointment to the taskforce as the public health representative.
10/27/2021	ARPA Update	City of Eau Claire ARPA Budget Presentation was shared. Update on the Eau Claire County ARPA committee was provided.
10/27/2021	Standing Agenda Item added for Committee Updates	This includes City Council, County Board, Ground Water and ARPA committee updates.
10/27/2021	Fiscal Policy on Contract Updates	Updated policy for streamlining financial approvals.
12/8/2021	Recommend approval of proposed Eau Claire County Ordinance Revisions Title 8 (health and safety)	Board members reviewed and recommended approval.
12/8/2021	Standing Committee Update	City Council, County Board, Ground Water Advisory, and ARPA Funding

Advocacy, Education, Misc., etc.

Date:	Topic or example	Notes
1/6/21	AB-1 Local HD Context	Email on behalf of HD and BOH regarding assembly bill 1 to Emerson, James, Petryk, Bernier and Smith
1/20/21	SB 4,5,6,7,8	Email on behalf of HD and BOH regarding Senate Bill 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Bernier, Smith
1/25/21	Joint Resolution	Email on behalf of HD and BOH regarding Joint Resolution- Public Health Emergency to Bernier, Smith, Emerson, James, Petryk
2/24/2021	Legal Presentation on Robert's Rules and Open Record Laws	Janessa Stromberg and Richard Eaton presented to Board members
3/14/21	LRB 0792	Email on behalf of HD and BOH regarding LRB0792 regarding to local health officer authority to Bernier, Smith, Emerson, James, and Petryk
4/29/2021	Board of Health of the Year Award	Received the honor of being chosen to receive the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards 2021 Board of Health of the Year award.
5/3/21	State Budget Input	Email on behalf of HD and BOH regarding State Budget input to Smith, Bernier, Petryk, Emerson, and James
6/10/21	Budget Priorities for a Healthier Wisconsin	Email on behalf of HD and BOH regarding budget priorities to Bernier, Born, Marklein, Malkasian
7/28/2021	Update on local PFAS	This updated included two separate local announcements made concerning detected PFAAS contamination in ground water.
9/22/2021	Health Disparities	Health Equity and Health Disparities update provided by Health Department Staff. This

		included challenges and opportunities presented during COVID-19, the United Way Equity challenge, a cross-divisional internal Health Equity team, and other opportunities for our organization to continue to learn and work on health equity.
9/22/2021	BOH Advocacy Training discussion	
10/27/2021	Running List of important issues in the community	Frame of some of the issues that the health department continues to focus on was shared and discussed.
10/27/2021	Legislative Tracker	Updated Legislative Tracker was shared
11/10/2021	Advocacy Work Session	Board members brainstormed the how/what of advocacy in preparation for future training.
12/10/2021	Alice Report "The Pandemic Divide"	Report was shared with board members
12/10/2021	NACCHO national advocacy resources	Take Action NACCHO as well as NaCCHO advocacy resources were shared with board members.

- Participated as BOH members in WI Public Health Association/WALHDAB Public Affairs Committee, and the Communicable Disease Taskforce. Participation in Eau Claire County Ground Water Advisory Committee, and attendance and participation in Legislative events.

2021 Updates from Agenda (not including Director Report updates)

- Annual Report -April
- Board members evaluation-March, April, May, June, July
- Board of Health Action Review-February
- Budget-April, May, June, July, August, September, October, December
- Community Health Assessment-
- Community Health Improvement Plan-August
- County health rankings- April
- Director Performance objectives and Planning-December review
- Employee Handbook- June, July, October
- Fiscal Year End Report – April, August
- Fund Balance Allocation- July
- Health Department Review of Board of Health Action- February
- Healthy Communities Update-February, April, July, August, October
- Pay Plan -June, July, October
- Performance Management/Measures Update-February, August
- PHAB Accreditation Update-
- Program Presentation-February
- Quality Improvement Plan-April, October,
- Strategic Plan- February, April, July, August, October
- Workforce Development-October



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Wisconsin Public Health Forward Initiative

Wisconsin Public Health Forward

The Wisconsin Public Health Forward initiative is a joint effort between the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB), and partners, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UW PHI), and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services/Division of Public Health (DHS/DPH).

The aim of the Wisconsin Public Health Forward initiative is to further the transformation and modernization of Wisconsin's local and tribal health departments by applying lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to increase public health's capacity to respond to current and future public health emergencies. The primary focus of the initiative is to address three system-wide infrastructure issues facing local and tribal health departments: funding, workforce, and legal authority.

[View the Wisconsin Public Health Forward illustration here.](#) Also see attached.

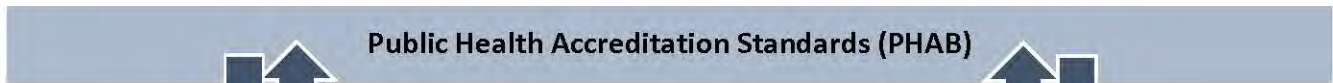
The Bipartisan Policy Center report "[Public Health Forward: Modernizing the U.S. Public Health System](#)" (December 2021) along with the Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) [Foundational Public Health Services](#) framework are guiding documents for this project.

Statewide workgroups were launched in March made up of Health Officers, representatives from funding partners, consultants with expertise in funding, workforce, and legal authority; supported by WALHDAB Badger Bay Management staff.

Wisconsin Public Health Forward

2025 Overarching Outcome

All Wisconsin local and tribal health departments use foundational capabilities to support the health of their communities with the goal to improve health outcomes and close the gap in disparities between all populations in Wisconsin.



Addressing social, economic, and educational factors that influence health to achieve health equity, whereby "everyone living their best life". [Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 Focus Area Profile](#)

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Board of Health Meeting Options

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Health had to quickly pivot to support remote meetings in April 2020. Since then, meetings have continued to be held in a remote format for Board of Health members, staff, and for the public to participate. Beginning in March 2022, meetings will revert to their pre-pandemic, in-person format. When meetings shifted to the remote format, members of the public were able to view meetings in real time, even if not participating in public comment, by logging into the virtual platform. The health department also began recording meetings and posting them on the website so that the public could watch/listen to the meetings at a time that was convenient for them. Moving forward, the BOH needs to determine how future meetings will be best shared with the public.

In order to clearly understand the options proposed, below are definitions of some terms to ensure everyone is understanding all options the same:

In-person meeting: All board members are present in person at a specified location during the board meeting.

Hybrid meeting: This is either a circumstance where there is a mixture of in-person and remote members of the board during the board meeting or when all board members are in person, but members of the public are able to participate with public comment remotely. Remote participants attend the meeting via a virtual platform, while in-person participants are present at a specified location. Please note – unless a member has an approved ADA request, Board of Health members are unable to participate in meetings remotely under the current interpretation of open meetings laws.

Virtual meeting: All board members are remote and attend the meeting via a virtual platform. Please note – this was only possible for past meetings due to the pandemic.

Virtual platform: Virtual meeting platforms are video applications and software that bring people together over the internet. Usually, this software includes a form of video conferencing, as well as tools like chat, reactions and screen sharing.

Live stream: Transmitting or receiving live video and audio coverage of an event over the internet.

Recorded: The action or process of recording video and sound for subsequent broadcast.

Under the current interpretation of open meetings laws, all board meetings will need to be held in-person. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the public wishing to view or provide public comment also needed to attend in person. While members must attend in-person, there are options for keeping meetings more accessible to members of the public.

- Members of the public may continue to attend meetings in person in a designated location. The public is able to join to listen/view the meeting and are also able to give public comment during the allocated time. If we are not able to accommodate the number of in-person people safely in the current meeting room (G302), we have the ability to move people into an alternate space, like room G052 or G034, and allow them to view/listen to the meeting via a virtual platform.
- We can choose to allow members of the public to provide public comment both in person or by sending it electronically prior to the meeting to be shared with the board either before or during the scheduled meeting.

- We can choose for members of the public to participate in public comment remotely in a hybrid meeting. This is the most challenging option for our current technology and is not recommended at this time.
- We currently cannot livestream a meeting in the same way the City/County do by linking it directly to the web. However, we can provide the public a way to view/listen to meetings in real time utilizing Webex. Similar to when meetings were held remotely, we can set up a Webex meeting and provide the link to that meeting on the agenda and posted on the website for users to login. They will be able to log in and view/listen to the meeting. There is also a dial-in number if someone just wants to listen via phone. We would then set up a laptop linked to the meeting and connected to a camera and speaker that would pick up the video and audio from the in-person meeting. Our current technology will be able to do this reasonably in a space like Room 302. A larger room would be more challenging with the equipment that we have. We are looking into better ways to live stream utilizing our web service, Granicus, and could update the process when that became available to us.
- Recording the meeting also continues to possible utilizing Webex. The recording would then be posted online when available so that members of the public could view/listen to the meeting at their convenience.

We are currently exploring better technologies to improve the quality of the video and audio options for remote meetings, hybrid meetings and for streaming. The County boardroom and the courtrooms utilize a system that also fully integrates with Cisco Webex and has options based on room size. We recently received quotes for Room 302, G034 and 121.

Based on the technology we have in place at this time, we would recommend holding the in-person BOH meetings in Room 302 with the meetings set up to transmit and record through Webex for remote viewing real time or at a later date. We can hold room G052 for overflow participants. We would recommend that we continue to allow public comment to be sent in by email or presented in person, not through a hybrid meeting model.

Prepared by Tegan Ruland, Operations

Legislative TRACKER		WPHA/WALHDAB 2021-2022 Legislative Grid Updated: February 23, 2022 How-to-Guide Reading Legislative Tracker			
Bill #	Bill Description	Position	Initially reviewed	Resources/Status	Notes
SB 915 (Companion to AB 977)	Anti-trans legislation; bans health care professionals from providing gender affirming care to trans youth and prohibits any entity that provides said care from receiving public funds	Oppose	2/23/2022		
SB 598 (Companion to AB 562)	A "Dont Say Gay" bill; requires public and charter schools to notify parents before providing any curriculum/activity/program/etc that includes content covering sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or gender. Also allows parents to "opt out" a child from this content	Oppose	2/23/2022		
SB 927 (Companion to AB 976)	Peer recovery specialists	Support	2/23/2022		
SB 1066 (Companion to AB 1098)	Relating to: the establishment of a family and medical leave insurance program; family leave to care for a grandparent, grandchild, or sibling and for the active duty of a family member; the employers that are required to allow an employee to take family or medical leave; creating an individual income tax deduction for certain family or medical leave insurance benefits; allowing a local government to adopt ordinances requiring employers to provide leave benefits;	Support	2/23/2022	https://www.wpha.org/resource/resmgr/2022/pa_committee/WI_FMLI_Joint_Sign_On_Letter.pdf	More details: https://www.paidleaveforwi.org/ . Added as organizational introduction memo
SB 1039 (Companion to AB 1131)	local health officer orders to control the 2019 novel coronavirus	Oppose	2/18/2022		Sent a "do not sponsor" memo to all legislators on 2/22/22.
SB 1011 (Companion to AB995)	parental opt-out from face covering requirements in school buildings and on school grounds and requiring school boards to offer pupils a full-time, in-person option	Oppose	2/17/2022	AB 995 passed the Assembly on 2/22/22. AB 995 passed Senate on 3/8/22.	
SB788 (Companion to AB810)	Restricting a person's operating privilege to vehicles equipped with an ignition interlock device	Neutral/Monitor	2/17/2022		
SB902 (Companion to AB935)	FoodShare work and FoodShare Employment and training requirements and drug testing	Oppose	2/17/2022	Passed the Assembly on 2/17/22 and passed the Senate on 2/22/22.	
SB886 (Companion to AB912)	No business may be declared essential or nonessential during an emergency	Neutral/Monitor	2/17/2022		
SB 791 (Companion to AB815)	Expanding the treatment alternatives and diversion programs	Support	2/17/2022	Passed Senate on 2/15/22.	
AB 1066 (No Senate companion bill yet)	terms of office for certain appointed local officers	Oppose	2/17/2022		
AB409 (Companion to SB403)	Battery or threat to a public officer and providing a penalty	Neutral/Monitor	2/17/2022	Confirmation by legislature's in-house non-partisan legal counsel that it includes health officials. SB403 passed Senate on 1/25/22.	For health equity purposes, decided to not register for this bill. Supportive of health officers being included but primary focus on safety of police officers.
SB1000 (Companion to AB1075)	Limits local health orders related to infectious diseases to 60 days	Oppose	2/8/2022	Memo sent to legislature not to sponsor; action alert listed here: https://www.wpha.org/news/news.asp?id=595580	Request members to testify. Sent a "do not sponsor" memo to all legislators on 2/10/22.
SB 394 (Companion to AB 396)	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures and granting rule-making authority	Support	1/24/2022	Passed Senate on 1/25/22. Passed Assembly on 2/17/22 with an amendment. Senate passed the Assembly-amended version of this bill on 3/8/22.	Judy Aubey and PHN Section contacted Jamie Michael to request WPHA/WALHDAB support; Amendment support.

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SB 912 (Companion to AB 936)	Failure to accept employment to remain eligible for Medical Assistance.	Oppose	2/4/2022	AB 936 passed the Assembly on 2/17/22 and passed the Senate on 2/22/22.	Geof brought this to the PA Committee's attention.
SB 905 (Companion to AB 934)	Disenrollment of ineligible individuals from and redeterminations of eligibility for the Medical Assistance program and database confirmation for public assistance program eligibility.	Oppose	2/4/2022	AB 934 passed the Assembly on 2/17/22 and the Senate on 2/22/22.	Geof brought this to the PA Committee's attention.
SB 894 (Companion to AB 987)	Peer review of administrative rules, comments to proposed statements of scope, and review of proposed groundwater enforcement standards	Oppose	2/4/2022		Geof brought this to the PA Committee's attention.
AB 955 (Companion to SB 918)	Hazard pay, paid medical leave, and health coverage for frontline health care workers, eligibility expansion under the Medical Assistance program	TBD	1/20/2022		Will contact bill sponsor to see if she intended to include front line public health workers.
SJR 84 (Companion to AJR 112)	Modifies the state constitution to require legislative oversight on state executive branch federal funding spending decisions	Oppose	1/20/2022	Passed Senate on 1/25/22. Passed Assembly with an amendment on 2/23/22. Assembly amended version passed Senate on 3/8/22. Will need to pass again during the 2023-2024 legislature before it is added to a general election ballot. The Governor neither signs nor vetoes Joint Resolutions.	Concern about potential impact of federal public health funding sent to the state.
AB 348 (Companion to SB 355)	Raising the legal age for sale, purchase, and possession of cigarettes and nicotine and tobacco products, providing a legal age for sale, purchase, and possession of vapor products, and providing a penalty	Support		Passed Assembly on 2/23/22. Senate was scheduled to vote on bill on 3/8/22 but referred bill to the Senate Committee on Senate Organization instead.	Potential discussion at February meeting.
SB 355 (Companion to AB 348)	Raising the legal age for sale, purchase, and possession of cigarettes and nicotine and tobacco products, providing a legal age for sale, purchase, and possession of vapor products, and providing a penalty	Support with Comment	2/17/2022 & Reviewed previously		Potential discussion at February meeting.
AB 855	Leaving a firearm in an unlocked vehicle and providing a penalty.	TBD	12/16/2021		Review with other partners - Children's, MCW, Office of VP, Will bring back in February pending time sensitivity
AB 862 (Companion to SB 809)	Containers or trigger locks provided at a firearm sale and providing a penalty.	TBD	12/16/2021		Review with other partners - Children's, MCW, Office of VP, Will bring back in February pending time sensitivity.
AB 861	Storage of a firearm in residence if child is present and providing a penalty	TBD	12/16/2021		Review with other partners - Children's, MCW, Office of VP, Will bring back in February pending time sensitivity.
AB 498 (Companion to SB 502)	Reducing age from 21 to 18 for a concealed firearm license	Oppose	1/20/2022	Passed Assembly on 1/20/22.	
AB 495 (Companion to SB 484)	Allows concealed gun licensees to possess a firearm in a vehicle on school grounds	Oppose	1/20/2022	Passed Assembly on 1/20/22. Passed Senate on 2/15/22.	
AB 805	Providing state aid to reimburse public and private schools that provide free meals to all pupils for the costs of those meals and making an appropriation.	Support	11/18/2021		Introduced on January 4, 2022.

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AB 752 (Companion to SB 735)	Training to Address Student Mental Health	TBD	11/18/2021		Hoven follow up with bill sponsor (Rep. Vining) and DPI
AB 749 (Companion to SB 732)	School Based Mental Health Services Grants	TBD	11/18/2021		Hoven follow up with bill sponsor (Rep. Vining) and DPI
SB-677 (Companion to AB 727)	Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program	Support	11/18/2021	AB727 passed the Assembly on 2/23/22. AB727 passed Senate on 3/8/22.	Environmental Health Section support
SB-678 (Companion to AB 728)	Expands Eligibility for Nitrate-Contaminated Wells under Well Compensation Grant Program	Support	11/18/2021	Passed Senate on 1/25/22.	Environmental Health Section support
AB-619 (Companion to SB-600)	Decriminalizing fentanyl testing strips	Support	10/21/2021	Passed Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee on November 10, 2021. See SB600 for further action.	
SB-600 (Companion to AB-619)	Decriminalizing fentanyl testing strips	Support	10/21/2021	Passed both the Assembly and Senate on 1/25/22. Governor signed SB 600 into law on 3/16/22.	
Assembly Bill 292 (Companion to SB 312)	Relating To: Composition of local boards of health	Support	5/4/2021	Passed Assembly on 1/20/22.	
Senate Bill 312 (Companion to AB 292)	Relating To: Composition of local boards of health	Support	4/23/2021	Passed Senate on 2/22/22. Passed Assembly on 2/24/22.	
SB-670 (Companion to AB-696)	Mandate MA coverage for certain dental services	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-666 (Companion to AB-700)	Remove the sales tax on breastfeeding equipment and supplies	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-669 (Companion to AB-699)	Establish pregnancy as a qualifying event for employer-sponsored health plans	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-665 (Companion to AB-701)	Repeal Wisconsin's birth cost recovery law	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-668 (Companion to AB-697)	Mandate insurance coverage of maternal mental health risk screenings	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-667 (Companion to AB-698)	Provide an at-home wellness visit within the first two weeks of delivery	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-649 (Companion to AB-663)	Farm to School & Farm to Fork Grants	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-648 (Companion to AB-662)	Food Security	Support	10/21/2021		
SB-646 (Companion to AB-665)	Regional Farm Support	Support	10/21/2021		
AB-592 (Companion to SB-562)	Postpartum Legislation	Support	10/21/2021	Hearing held on SB 562 on 10-27-21	
AB-36 (Companion to SB-30)	Permitting pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures	Support	10/21/2021	AB36 passed Assembly on 10/27, sent to Senate; SB30 approved by Senate Health Cmte. on 2/11/21.	
AB-675 (Companion to SB-662)	ensures that natural immunity is protected in the State of Wisconsin	Oppose	10/21/2021	Passed Assembly on 1/25/22. Passed Senate (with a Senate amendment) on 2/15/22. Amended bill goes back to Assembly for consideration. Assembly passed Amended bill on 2/23/22.	
SB-662 (Companion to AB-675)	ensures that natural immunity is protected in the State of Wisconsin	Oppose	10/21/2021		
Assembly Bill 604 (No companion bill introduced)	Related To: Pay for performance grant requirements, housing navigator grants, use of public lands to provide temporary residence for homeless, making an appropriate, and providing a penalty	Oppose with Comment	10/21/2021	Passed, 55-39 after hearing 10/27; bill sent to Senate	Affordable housing is a public health issue.

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Assembly Bill 606 (Companion to SB-631)	Related To: Creating a sales tax exemption for materials used to construct workforce housing developments or to conduct workforce housing rehabilitation projects	Neutral/Monitor	10/21/2021	Passed Assembly on October 26, 2021	
Assembly Bill 607 (No companion bill introduced)	Related To: A workforce housing rehabilitation loan program	Support	10/21/2021	Passed Assembly on October 26, 2021	
Assembly Bill 493 (Companion to SB-503)	Relating to: certification of abortion providers under the Medical Assistance program.	Oppose	10/8/2021	SB 503 passed Senate on 10/20/21 and the Assembly on 10/27/21; bill will be sent to Governor.	
Assembly Bill 528 (Companion to SB-504)	Relating to: certification of abortion providers under the Medical Assistance program.	Oppose	10/8/2021	Assembly Health Committee approved AB 528 on 10/19/21.	
AB 584 (No companion bill introduced)	Relating to: make WI a “universal vaccine purchasing state”	Support	9/16/2021		
AB-585 (No companion bill introduced)	Relating to: allow dentists to administer all childhood vaccines	Neutral/Monitor	9/16/2021		
AB-583 (No companion bill introduced)	Relating to: allow 16 and 17 year olds to consent to getting vaccines without their parents’ consent	Support	9/16/2021		
Assembly Bill 419 (Companion is SB-361)	Relating to: Regulating and addressing PFAS	Support	9/10/2021	In Assembly Government and Accountability & Oversight Committee	
Senate Bill 493 (Companion is AB-476)	Relating to: Requiring an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for an employee who is breast-feeding	Support	9/9/2021	In Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform	
Senate Bill 355 (Companion is AB-348)	Relating to: Raising legal age for sale, purchase, and possession of cigarettes and nicotine and tobacco products	Support	9/7/2021		
Assembly Bill 476 (Companion is SB-493)	Relating to: Requiring an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for an employee who is breast-feeding	Support	7/27/2021	In Assembly Labor and Integrated Employment Committee	
Assembly Bill 477 (Companion is SB-452)	Relating to: A state minimum wage	Support	7/27/2021	In Assembly Labor and Integrated Employment Committee	
Senate Bill 452 (Companion is AB-477)	Related To: A state minimum wage	Support	7/27/2021	In Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform	
Assembly Bill 196 (Companion to SB 322)	Relating To: Prohibiting transgendered females from participating in girls’ sports	Oppose	6/15/2021	Passed Assembly on June 16, 2021; Passed Senate Committee on Human Services with a negative recommendation on October 19, 2021.	
Senate Bill 322 (Companion to AB 196)	Relating To: Prohibiting transgendered females from participating in girls’ sports	Oppose	6/15/2021	Passed Senate Human Services Committee with a negative recommendation on October 19, 2021	
Assembly Bill 299 (Companion to SB 383)	Relating To: Prohibiting proof of vaccination for COVID-19 as a condition of receiving business and government services	Oppose	6/7/2021	Passed Assembly on June 16, 2021. Passed Senate on 2/15/22.	Sent letter to Governor on 2/25/22 requesting that he veto bill.
Assembly Bill 309 (Companion to SB 336)	Relating To: Prohibiting discrimination based on vaccination status	Oppose	6/7/2021	Passed Assembly Committee on Ethics on June 9, 2021	
Assembly Bill 316 (Companion to SB 342)	Relating To: Prohibiting discrimination based on whether a person has received a COVID-19 vaccine	Oppose	6/7/2021	Passed Assembly on 1/25/22. Passed Senate on 3/8/22.	
Assembly Bill 347 (Companion to SB375)	Relating To: Prohibiting University of Wisconsin System institutions and technical colleges from requiring testing for, or vaccination against, the 2019 novel coronavirus.	Oppose	6/7/2021	Passed Assembly Committee on Ethics on June 9, 2021	

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Senate Bill 383 (Companion to AB 299)	Relating To: Prohibiting proof of vaccination for COVID-19 as a condition of receiving business and government services	Oppose	6/7/2021	In Senate Health Committee	
Senate Bill 337 (Companion to AB 303)	Relating To: Prohibiting businesses from discriminating against customers due to vaccination record	Oppose	6/7/2021	In Senate Health Committee	
Senate Bill 336 (Companion to AB 309)	Relating To: Prohibiting discrimination based on vaccination status	Oppose	6/7/2021	In Senate Health Committee	
Senate Bill 342 (Companion to AB 316)	Relating To: Prohibiting discrimination based on whether a person has received a COVID-19 vaccine	Oppose	6/7/2021	In Senate Health Committee	
Senate Bill 375 (Companion to AB 347)	Relating To: prohibiting University of Wisconsin System institutions and technical colleges from requiring testing for, or vaccination against, the 2019 novel coronavirus.	Oppose	6/7/2021	In Senate Committee on Universities and Tech Colleges	
Assembly Bill 303 (Companion to SB 337)	Relating To: Prohibiting businesses from discriminating against customers due to vaccination record	Oppose	6/1/2021	Passed Assembly Committee on Ethics on June 9, 2021	
Senate Bill 361 (Companion to AB-419)	Relating To: Regulating and addressing PFAS	Support	5/27/2021	In Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform	
Assembly Bill 169 (Companion to SB 181)	Relating To: licensing of dental therapists	Support	3/24/2021	In Assembly Committee on Organization	
Assembly Bill 174 (Companion to Senate Bill 188)	Relating To: Revoking supervision, parole, or probation if a person is charged with a crime	Oppose	3/24/2021	In Assembly Criminal Justice Committee	
Senate Bill 188 (Companion to AB 174)	Relating To: Revoking supervision, parole, or probation if a person is charged with a crime	Oppose	3/24/2021	Passed Senate Committee on June 17, 2021	
Assembly Bill 131 (Companion to SB 152)	Relating To: Sealant products	Support	3/15/2021	Hearing on 3/25/21	
Assembly Bill 140 (Companion to SB 156)	Relating To: PFAS mitigation	Support	3/15/2021	Passed Assembly Committee on Environment on May 6, 2021	
Senate Bill 152 (Companion to AB 131)	Relating To: Sealant products	Support	3/15/2021	In Senate Committee on Natural Resources	
Senate Bill 156 (Companion to AB 140)	Relating To: PFAS mitigation	Support	3/15/2021	Passed Senate Committee on April 8, 2021	
Senate Bill 181 (Companion to AB 169)	Relating To: Licensing of dental therapists	Support	3/10/2021	Passed Senate on April 14	
Senate Bill 8	Relating To: COVID-19 Vaccination distribution	Oppose	3/2/2021	Passed Senate on Feb. 16, 2021	
Assembly Bill 66 (Companion to SB 59)	Relating To: Community Health Center Grants	Support	2/23/2021	In Assembly Health Committee	
Assembly Bill 88 (Companion to SB 87)	Relating To: Requiring face coverings in certain situations	Support	2/23/2021	In Assembly Health Committee	
Assembly Bill 92 (Companion to SB 86)	Relating To: Grants to hospitals for expanding psychiatric bed capacity	Support	2/23/2021	In Assembly Health Committee	
Senate Bill 87 (Companion to AB 88)	Relating To: Requiring face coverings in certain situations	Support	2/23/2021	In Senate Committee	
Assembly Joint Resolution 6 (Companion to SJR 9)	Relating To: Proclaiming February 2021 as American Heart Month	Support	2/23/2021	Passed Legislature on Feb 16, 2021	
Assembly Joint Resolution 8	Relating To: Proclaiming racism a public health crisis	Support	2/23/2021	In Assembly Rules Committee	

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Senate Joint Resolution 9 (Companion to AJR 6)	Relating To: Proclaiming February 2021 as American Heart Month	Support	2/23/2021	Passed Senate on Feb 15, 2021	
Senate Bill 86 (Companion to AB 92)	Relating To: Grants to hospitals for expanding psychiatric bed capacity	Support	2/18/2021	Passed Senate Committee on March 19, 2021	
Assembly Bill 23 (Companion to SB 4)	Relating To: Prohibiting Government officials from mandating a COVID-19 vaccine	Oppose	2/11/2021	Vetoed by Governor	
Assembly Bill 24 (Companion to SB 7)	Relating To: Closure of places of worship	Neutral	2/11/2021	Vetoed by Governor	
Assembly Bill 25 (Companion to SB 5)	Relating To: Prohibiting mandatory vaccination as condition of employment	Oppose	2/11/2021	Passed Assembly on March 23, 2021	
Assembly Bill 32 (Companion to SB 22)	Relating To: Drinks to Go	Oppose	2/10/2021	Signed into law	
Senate Bill 59 (Companion to AB 66)	Relating To: Community Health Center Grants	Support	2/8/2021	Passed Senate Committee on Feb 11, 2021	
Senate Bill 56 (Companion to AB 70)	Relating To: Remote orders and pick up of alcohol	Oppose	2/3/2021	Passed Senate by voice vote on March 23, 2021	
Senate Bill 57	Relating To: Alcohol Delivery	Oppose	2/3/2021	Public hearing held in Senate Committee on Feb 4, 2021	
Senate Bill 22 (Companion to AB 32)	Relating To: Drinks to Go	Oppose	2/1/2021	Irrelevant with final passage of AB 32	
Senate Joint Resolution 3	Relating To: Terminating COVID-19 public health emergency	Oppose	1/25/2021	Passed Legislature on Jan 28, 2021	
Assembly Bill 5	Relating To: Facilitating COVID-19 vaccine distribution	Neutral	1/20/2021	Passed Assembly on Jan 28, 2021	
Senate Bill 4 (Companion to AB 23)	Relating To: Prohibiting government officials from mandating COVID-19 vaccination	Oppose	1/18/2021	Dead with veto of AB 23	
Senate Bill 5 (Companion to AB 25)	Relating To: Prohibiting mandatory vaccination as condition of employment	Oppose	1/18/2021	Passed Senate Committee on Jan 21, 2021	
Senate Bill 7 (Companion to AB 24)	Relating To: Closure of places of worship	Neutral	1/18/2021	Dead with veto of AB 24	
Assembly Bill 1	Relating To: Pandemic Relief	Oppose	1/5/2021	Vetoed by the Gov. on Feb 5, 2021	
Assembly Bill 385	Related To: Refundable income tax credit for bicycle purchases and making an appropriation.	TBD			
Assembly Bill 70 (Companion to SB 56)	Relating To: Remote orders for the sale of alcohol beveraged to picked up on retail license	Oppose		Senate companion bill (SB56) passed Senate on 3/23/21. No movement on Assembly bill.	
Assembly Bill 71	Related To: Alcohol beverages delivery	Oppose			
Assembly Joint Resolution 4	Related To: Terminating the COVID-19 public health emergency	Oppose			

COMPONENT #1

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Assistance Grant Program

Grant funds for businesses and nonprofits to assist with pandemic relief.

Program Description

The Eau Claire County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Assistance Grant Program is designed to assist **businesses and nonprofits** impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with grant relief.

Grant Size

\$5,000

Funds Available

A total of \$1,000,000 is available within Component #1.

Eligibility

* To be eligible, **a business or nonprofit** must satisfy all criteria listed below:

- Be located within Eau Claire County;
- Have been in operation in Eau Claire County on or before March 25, 2020, and still in operation; and,
- Have suffered an economic loss because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide documentation of COVID-19 pandemic impact.

* **Businesses** must employ less than twenty (20) employees, including the owner(s); and the business cannot operate within one of the categories listed under *Ineligible Entities*

* **Nonprofit organizations** must have a 501 (c)(3) charitable status and operate within one of the following categories:

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- Animal / Environmental
- Arts, Culture, and Humanities
- Early Childhood Education / Education
- Health
- Family, Children, and Human Services
- Low Income
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Underrepresented Populations / Minority Persons

Ineligible Entities

The following businesses or nonprofits are ineligible:

- Lessors of real estate (landlords) and property management companies
- Political organizations

Eligible Activity

Grant funds can be used for any business or nonprofit operating cost, including but not limited to wages and salaries, rent, mortgage payments, utilities, inventory/supplies, and/or for health and safety improvements.

Eligible entities will need to clearly define how the funds will assist with pandemic recovery.

Application Procedure

Advertising and application acceptance will occur over a six-week period through April 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Applicants who have not received any previous pandemic relief assistance will receive priority. Secondary priority will be given to businesses or nonprofits with the largest loss in sales or revenue compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Questions regarding the application and eligibility can be directed to the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC).

Interested applicants should submit applications, and required attachments, to the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission prior to or by 5:00 p.m. on the application due date.

COMPONENT #2 EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Assistance Grant Program

Grant funds for businesses and nonprofits for new or continued projects, programs, or efforts that will assist the greater community with recovery from the pandemic.

Program Description

Component 2 of the Eau Claire County ARPA Recovery Assistance Grant Program provides funds for forward-thinking and innovative projects, programs, or efforts provided by a business or nonprofit organization that will assist the greater community in recovering from the pandemic. The funds can be used for continuation of an existing project or a new project, program, or effort. Applicants can apply for both Components 1 and 2 if applicable.

Grant Size

\$10,000 to \$100,000

As part of the application, applicants will provide their requested funding amount as well as justification for the request.

Funds Available

Up to \$1,000,000 is available within Component #2.

Eligibility

To be eligible, **a business or nonprofit** must be located within Eau Claire County.

* **Businesses** must employ less than twenty (20) employees, including the owner(s); and the business cannot operate within one of the categories listed under *Ineligible Entities*

* **Nonprofit organizations** must have a 501 (c)(3) charitable status and operate within one of the following categories:

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- Animal / Environmental
- Arts, Culture, and Humanities
- Early Childhood Education / Education
- Health
- Family, Children, and Human Services
- Low Income
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Small Business Assistance
- Underrepresented Populations / Minority Persons

Ineligible Entities

The following businesses or nonprofits are ineligible:

- Lessors of real estate (landlords) and property management companies
- Political organizations

Eligible Activity

Grant funds can be used to fund an innovative project, program, or effort that will assist with pandemic relief to the greater community.

Application Procedure

Advertising and application acceptance will occur over a two-month period through May 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Questions regarding the application and eligibility can be directed to the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWPRC).

Interested applicants will submit applications to the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission prior to or by 5:00 p.m. on the application due date.

Additional information may be requested.

Applications will be scored by a committee based on pre-determined scoring criteria.

Applicants may be required to participate in interviews to support and clarify their applications, if requested.

Implementation Timeline

Funded activities must be complete by December 31, 2024.

Evaluation Criteria – Maximum score is 125 points.

- 1) **Need for the project** – Describe the issue or need the project will address and why the grant funding is necessary. Provide documentation that clearly identifies the need for the project. The need must be related in whole or in part to one or more negative economic or health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. (25 points possible)
- 2) **Meeting the need** – Projects must meet an identifiable, quantifiable, community or county need. Describe how this project will meet the need/issue described in Question #1. State the estimated number of people expected to be served by the project. (25 points possible)
- 3) **Timing** – Proposed projects will begin in 2022 and be completed by December 31, 2024. Provide a narrative and timetable that describes the current status of the project, and future steps to implement the project. (15 points possible)
- 4) **Staffing and Partnerships** – Staff capacity to deliver and complete the project within the identified timeline is important. Identify what entity or organizations will be responsible to oversee implementation of the project, provide required reporting, and oversee all aspects of the project to completion. Identify staff, consultants, or contractors who will be key team members in the successful completion of the project. Partnerships with other

organizations are encouraged. (10 points possible)

- 5) **Budget & Matching Funds** – Provide a detailed budget with all funding sources identified. Match is not required but is encouraged. Matching funds can include cash, in-kind donations, or other funding sources. Outline the status of all matching funds. (20 points possible)
- 6) **Disproportionality Impacted Communities or Populations** – Projects that serve a community or population disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will receive additional points. Describe the geographic or demographic community the project will serve and how it has been impacted by the COVID 19- pandemic. (30 points possible)

Awards

Awards will be made based upon the highest scoring applications. Eau Claire County reserves the right to negotiate, limit, or amend awards in accordance with objectives of the program and funding availability.

Grant Agreement Term

The Grant Agreement shall be effective on the execution date and shall be in force until all eligible activities are completed and all required documents are submitted to Eau Claire County. Expenses must be incurred between the date of the executed agreement with Eau Claire County and December 31, 2024, and all projects completed by December 31, 2024.

Reports Required

Grantees will submit quarterly reports summarizing the use of funds and describing recovery impacts from the pandemic. Eau Claire County will supply a reporting document for completion by grantees and prescribe the dates upon which the quarterly reports are due. Subsequent reports will be required beyond the grant agreement term.

Eau Claire County small business or nonprofit grant program



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Assistance Grant Program

Eau Claire County is utilizing a portion of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide grants to small businesses and nonprofits to assist with pandemic relief and recovery efforts through two components.

Component #1

\$5,000 grants available for small businesses and nonprofits that have suffered an economic loss in Eau Claire County

Application **due date is**
April 26th, 2022

Component #2

\$10,000-\$100,000 grants are available for forward-thinking and innovative projects, programs, or efforts provided by a small business or non-profit organization that will assist the greater community in recovery from the pandemic

Application **due date is**
May 16th, 2022

For more information and the application please visit the Eau Claire County ARPA website at <https://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/our-government/about-the-county/american-rescue-plan>