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BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA -WORKSESSION November 8, 2023, 5:15 PM Eau Claire County Courthouse Ground Level Room 302

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:

Building a healthier community for all through prevention-focused programs and partnerships.

Health Department Vision:

A community where everyone can live a healthier life.

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Your written comment will be shared with the Board of Health.

- 1. Call to Order. Welcome Guests
- 2. Public Comment-The Board of Health and Eau Claire City-County Health Department welcome you. Statements pertinent to agenda items may be made by attendees during the public comment section. We do ask that statements are limited to three minutes per person. Written comments may also be provided. (5 minutes)
- 3. Intro and overview of Work Session (5 minutes)
- 4. Facilitated discussion (90 minutes)
- 5. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-(5 minutes)
- 6. Next business meeting December 13, 2023, 5:15 p.m.
- 7. Adjourn

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Information Sheet -11//2023 Board of Health Meeting

Work session

November Work Session Focus areas:

- 1. <u>Eau Claire City-County Health Department Structure and Funding</u> Focus:
 - Overview of structure as a joint City-County Health Department
 - Overview of State and local mandates
 - Overview of funding sources
 - Update on current efforts

BOH discussion:

- Questions about structure/funding?
- Recommendations related to structure/funding?

2. <u>BOH roles/responsibilities</u>

Focus:

- Overview of BOH roles/responsibilities
- Overview of State and local mandates related to BOH
- Update on current efforts

BOH discussion:

- Questions about BOH role/responsibilities?
- Recommendations related to continuation of BOH strategic plan?
- Recommendations related to BOH role in review, awareness, approval of core ECCCHD documents?
- Recommendations related to 2024 education/planning for BOH?

3. <u>Health Department Programs/Services – If time</u>

Focus:

- Overview of current programs
- Overview of national Public Health Foundational Services and Capabilities
- Update on current efforts State/National, local

BOH discussion:

- Questions about current programs?
- Recommendations related to Foundational Services/Capabilities?
- Recommendations related to prioritization metrics?

<u>Eau Claire City-County Health Department – Structure</u>

In May, 1941, the Eau Claire City Council and Eau Claire County Board passed a joint resolution creating the City-County Health Department. The City and County have identical ordinances that describe the structure and function of this joint department. Additionally, the State of Wisconsin has had state statute and administrative rule since the early 1900's that has defined and mandated basic structure and function of local health departments in Wisconsin. Local Health Departments in WI are structured in a variety of ways including City, County, City-County, and multiple County.

- Historical overview: See attached
- Local Ordinance (current): see attached and links below
 - o City Ordinance Chapter 2.52 638243293641170000 (eauclairewi.gov)
 - o County Ordinance: Chapter 2.52 <u>638180276960630000 (eauclairecounty.gov)</u>
- State Statute and Administrative Rule: see attached and links below
 - o <u>Public Health Statutes and Administrative Rules</u> | <u>Wisconsin Department of Health</u> Services
 - Wisconsin Legislature: Chapter 251
 - o Wisconsin Legislature: Chapter DHS 140
- Health Department Programs related to requirements: see attached Program Cost Summary

Eau Claire City-County Health Department – Funding

The BOH has responsibility for the Health Department Budget. Annually the proposed budget for the health department is brought to BOH for consideration. Quarterly, financial updates are provided to the BOH for review.

- Summary of revenue and expense categories: see attached documnent
- Overview of current financials: see October BOH packet
- Health Department Programs related to funding sources: see previously attached Program
 Cost Summary

THE NEW EAU CLAIRE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Urban and Rural Health Activities Combined

By DR. C. K. KINCAID

Director, City-County Health Department, Eau Claire

YEAR has elapsed since the birth of an experiment in economical government—a union of city and county health departments in the interest of financial economy through coordinated effort.

Organization

• In May, 1941, the city council and the county board of supervisors of Eau Claire passed a joint resolution abolishing the county health unit and the city board of health and setting up a joint city—county health department governed by a nonpolitical seven-man board with membership as follows:

One councilman, 5-year term, appointed by mayor

One county board member, 5-year term, appointed by board chairman

One physician, 5-year term, appointed by mayor

One dentist, 4-year term, appointed by county board chairman

One layman (clergy), 3-year term, appointed by mayor

One layman (teaching profession), 2year term, appointed by county board chairman

One woman (women's organization), 1-year term, appointed by mayor.

This board acts without pay or compensation and has full authority of local boards of health.

Objectives

• Predicated on the theory that public health problems disregard city limit signs and affect a community as a whole, the joint city-county organization of public health workers is a progressive example of a city and a county joining hands in an effort to render better service to the public. The Eau Claire department is unique in Wisconsin, as this is the only area in which school, city, and county health workers are combined in one department.

Objectives of the health department as set out in the original resolution will improve the:

- 1. Administration of vital statistics.
- Communicable disease control, including tuberculosis and venereal disease.
- 3. Public health nursing services.
- 4. Maternal and infant health.
- 5. Sanitation of community, including sanitation of water, food, milk, and waste disposal.
- 6. Health educational activities.

Here and there throughout the United States there can be found a few other communities in which this combination of urban and rural health work has been established. Some of these are of small population, though one, the city of Louisville, Kentucky, is quite large.

When in operation, such plans utilize the health staff in part or as a group in the city or in the county, wherever the need occurs. Milk sanitarians already follow this principle, seeking to improve sanitation on the farm and in the city pasteurization plant. Milk, our one most important food, is thus safeguarded all the way from the grass-roots to the consumer's dinner table.

Disposal of a city's wastes, especially garbage, frequently becomes a source of irritation between urban and rural dwellers. The joint health department can function as a clearing house for this type of vexatious problem.

Of even more concern is the health problem created by the seasonal movements of groups of urban population to rural areas during the summer recreation season. Sanitation of the recreation areas, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases among the people themselves, all these conspire to mingle and interweave the health problems of urban and rural residents. The needs created by these interwoven problems can best be met by a department which functions in the rural as well as in the urban area.

Costly duplication of administrative and staff workers, as seen in separate city and county organizations, is saved the taxpayer who supports the joint department. Cooperation of urban health worker and rural worker is automatically guaranteed.

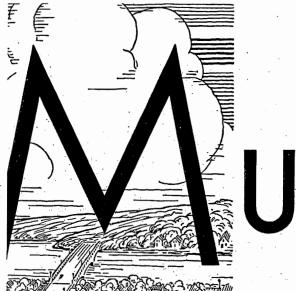
A perspective of a community's health problems and needs is here available to the administrator and will result in more value in disease prevention and lives saved per dollar of the tax funds invested.

Operation

• Joint space is provided for the new department in the recently erected city safety building, which also houses the police department, the fire department, the Visiting Nurse association, and the Family Service association. One department has moved into the new building, and the others will soon follow.

Up to the present, the health department has continued to function in its four separate offices as in past years, with the difference that in the past nine months the administration of the various units has been centralized. Thus the advantages of joint functioning are already being observed, but the full advantage of combined forces working from one central office are yet to be seen.

The supporting agencies, the city council and the county board of supervisors, have steadfastly and confidently supported the new organization even though the financial benefits of increased efficiency still await in part the actual combination in one office space. The seven-man board is growing more and more keenly interested in the function and development of the infant organization. Associated agencies, community organizations, service clubs, and the like, are all observing the growth of the infant with friendly concern. They give us who work here in the department a feeling that they are quite certain that some day Eau Claire will have a health department of which they can be proud; a health department operating efficiently and economically in the protection of the health of every citizen in our city and county.



Unicipality

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The Job of Civilian Defense

Defending Personal Injury Claims

City-County Health Department

JULY



Chapter 2.52

BOARD OF HEALTH

Sections:

2.52.010	Definitions
2.52.020	Health department established
2.52.030	Board of health
2.52.040	Powers and duties
2.52.050	Regulations
2.52.060	Director
2.52.070	Budget; Appropriation; Fund

<u>2.52.010 Definitions</u>. In this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- A. "Board of health" means the board of health established under 2.52.030.
- B. "City" means the city of Eau Claire.
- C. "City council" means the city council of the city of Eau Claire.
- D. "County" means Eau Claire County.
- E. "County board" means the Eau Claire County Board.
- F. "DHS" means the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- G. "Health department" means the Eau Claire city-county health department established under 2.52.020. (Ord. 161-48, Sec. 1, 2018; Ord. 137-104, 1994).
- 2.52.020 Health department established. A city-county health department is hereby established as required under Wis. Stat. § 251.02 (1m), to have jurisdiction within the city and county. (Ord. 161-48, Sec. 2, 2018; Ord. 147-103, Sec. 14, 2004; Ord. 137-104, 1994).

2.52.030 Board of health.

- A. The health department shall be managed by a board of health. The board of health shall have complete and exclusive control over the management and operations of the health department. The board of health shall consist of 8 members. The members shall reflect the diversity of the community. At least 3 of the members who are not elected officials or employees of the city or county shall have a demonstrated interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. The members shall be qualified and appointed as follows:
 - 1. One member of the city council, appointed by the city council.
- 2. One member of the county board, appointed by the chair of the county board with the approval of the county board.

- 3. Two physicians practicing in the county. Such physicians shall be selected from a list provided by the Eau Claire County Medical Society, where practical and desirable. One physician shall be appointed by the chair of the county board with the approval of the board. The other physician shall be appointed by the city council.
- 4. One dentist practicing in the county. Such dentist shall be selected from a list provided by the Eau Claire County Dental Society, where practical and desirable. Such dentist shall be appointed by the chair of the county board with the approval of the board.
- 5. One registered nurse with experience in community health practice. Such nurse shall be jointly appointed by the city and the county.
- 6. Two members of ability and known to have a board social viewpoint and a serious interest in the protection of health of the community. One member shall be appointed by the chair of the county board with the approval of the board. The other member shall be appointed by the city council.
 - B. The term of office of the members shall be 5 years.
- C. Public notice shall be given of the annual vacancies occurring on the board of health.
 - D. Members of the board of health shall be residents of the city or county.
- E. If any member of the board of health no longer meets the qualifications for appointment as set forth in 2.52.030, the position held by such member shall be vacated.
- F. Any vacancy occurring on the board of health shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- G. The board of health shall elect one member as president and one member as vice-president. An accurate record shall be kept of all board of health meetings. (Ord. 137-104, 1994).

2.52.040 Powers and duties. The board of health shall:

- A. Govern the health department and assure the enforcement of state public health statutes and public health rules of the state.
- B. Assure that the health department is a Level I, Level II or Level III local health department as specified in Wis. Stat. § 251.05(1).
 - C. Report to the DHS as required by rule.
 - D. Meet at least quarterly.
- E. Assess public health needs and advocate for the provision of reasonable and necessary public health services.
- F. Develop policy and provide leadership that fosters local involvement and commitment, that emphasizes public health needs, and that advocates for equitable distribution of public health resources and complementary private activities commensurate with public health needs.
- G. Assure that measures are taken to provide an environment in which individuals can be healthy.
- H. Employ qualified public health professionals, such other staff as are necessary to carry out the mission of the health department, and a public health nurse to conduct general public health nursing programs under the direction of the board of health and in cooperation with the DHS. The board of health may employ environmental health specialists, known as sanitarians, to conduct environmental programs and other public health programs not specifically designated by statute as functions of the public health nurse.

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- I. Appoint the director of the health department.
- J. Determine the compensation for the director and employees of the health department. (Ord. 161-48, Sec. 3, 2018; Ord. 137-104, 1994).
- 2.52.050 Regulations. The board of health may adopt regulations that it considers necessary to protect and improve public health. The regulations shall be no less stringent than, and shall not conflict with, state statutes and rules and regulations of DHS. Such regulations shall be published as a class 1 notice under Wis. Stat. ch. 985, and, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall take effect immediately following publication. Such regulations shall be incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. (Ord. 161-48, Sec. 4, 2018; Ord. 137-104, 1994).
- 2.52.060 Director. The director of the health department shall serve as the local health officer. The director shall be a full-time employee of the health department, as required by Wis. Stat. § 251.06(2)(a). The director shall maintain the qualifications required under Wis. Stat. § 251.06. (Ord. 137-104, 1994).

2.52.070 Budget; Appropriation; Fund.

- A. The board of health shall annually prepare a budget of its proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year and determine the proportionate cost to the county and the city on the basis of equalized valuation. A certified copy of the proposed budget, which shall include a statement of the amount required from the city and the county, shall be delivered to the county administrator and to the city manager. The proposed budget shall be reviewed by a joint budget review team of county staff members selected by the county administrator and city staff members selected by the city manager.
- B. The appropriation to be made by the county and the city shall be determined by the county board and the city council, respectively. No part of the cost apportioned to the county shall be levied against any property in the city.
- C. A city-county health department fund shall be established and maintained in the office of the treasurer of the city, as determined by the board of health. The county and the city shall each make an annual payment into said fund, the share of the county and the city as determined and appropriated by the city and the county. (Ord.141-92 Sec.38, 1998; Ord.137-104, 1994).



State Statutes Important for Public Health

The Wisconsin State Statutes can be found on the Internet at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/prefaces/toc

Statistics

Chapter 69. Collection of Statistics Subchapter I Vital Statistics

Agriculture; Foods and Drugs; Markets.

Chapter 93. Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Chapter 95. Animal Health

Chapter 97. Food, Lodging, and Recreation

Subchapter I-Definitions

Subchapter II-Food Safety and Regulation

Subchapter III-Lodging and Vending Machines

Subchapter IV-Recreational sanitation.

Subchapter V-General Provisions

Chapter 98. Weights and Measures

Chapter 100. Marketing; Trade Practices

Public Instruction

Chapter 118. General School Operations

Public Health

Chapter 145. Plumbing and Fire Protection Systems and Swimming Pool Plan Review

Chapter 146. Miscellaneous Health Provisions

Chapter 148. Medical Societies

Chapter 153. Health Care Information

Subchapter I Information Collection and Dissemination

Subchapter II Electronic Health Information Exchange

Chapter 154. Advance Directives

Subchapter I Definitions

Subchapter II Declaration to Health Care Professionals

Subchapter III Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders

Subchapter IV Authorization for Final Disposition

Chapter 155. Power Of Attorney for Health Care

Chapter 157. Disposition of Human Remains

Subchapter I Corpses

Subchapter II Cemeteries

Subchapter III Burial Sites Preservation

Chapter 160. Groundwater Protection Standards

Health

Chapter 250. Health; Administration and Supervision.

Chapter 251. Local Health Officials.

Chapter 252. Communicable Diseases.

Chapter 253. Maternal and Child Care.

Chapter 254. Environmental Health.

Subchapter I-General Provisions

Subchapter II-Toxic Substances

Subchapter III-Radiation Protection

Subchapter IV-Recreational Sanitation

Subchapter V-Animal-borne and Vector-borne Disease Control

Subchapter VI-Human Health Hazards

Subchapter IX-Sale or Gift of Cigarettes or Tobacco Products to Minors

Chapter 255. Chronic Disease and Injuries.

Subchapter I-Definitions

Subchapter II-Chronic Disease Prevention, Assessment, and Control

Subchapter III-Injury Prevention and Control

Chapter 256. Emergency Medical Services

Chapter 257. Emergency Volunteer Health Care Practitioners.

Natural Resources

Chapter 280. Well Drilling, Heat Exchange Drilling, And Pump Installing

Subchapter I Definitions

Subchapter II Water Resources

Subchapter IV Water and Sewage Facilities; Septage Disposal

Subchapter V Financial Assistance

Subchapter VIII General Provisions; Enforcement

Regulation and Licensing

Chapter 440. Department of Safety and Professional Services

Subchapter I General Provisions

Subchapter XI Home Inspectors

Subchapter XII Sanitarians

Chapter 441. Board of Nursing

Subchapter I Regulation of Nursing

Subchapter II Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact

Chapter 463. Body Art and Tanning Facilities.

Wisconsin Administrative Codes Important for Public Health

The Wis. Admin. Code can be found on the Internet at: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code

Board of Nursing (N)

Chapter N 2 - Licensure

Chapter N 6 - Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses

Chapter N 7 - Rules of Conduct

Chapter N 9 - Appendix

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP)

Chapters. ATCP 10-19; Animal Health

Chapter ATCP 10 - Animal Diseases and Movement

Subchapter I - Definitions and General Provisions

Subchapter III - Bovine Animals

Subchapter IV - Swine

Subchapter V - Equine Animals

Subchapter VI - Poultry and Farm-Raised Game Birds

Subchapter VII - Farm-Raised Deer

Subchapter VIII - Fish

Subchapter IX - Sheep

Subchapter X - Goats

Subchapter XI - Other Animals

Subchapter XII - Fairs and Exhibitions

Subchapter XIII – Enforcement

Chapter ATCP 10 - Appendix A: Diseases Reported Within One Day

Chapter ATCP 10 - Appendix B: Diseases Reported Within 10 Days

Chapter ATCP 13 - Local Rabies Control Programs

Chapters ATCP 55-89: Food, Lodging, and Recreation Safety

Chapter ATCP 72 - Hotels, Motels, and Tourist Rooming Houses

Chapter ATCP 73 - Bed and Breakfast Establishments

Chapter ATCP 74 - Local Agents and Regulation

Chapter ATCP 75 - Retail Food Establishments

Subchapter I - Definitions and General Provisions

Subchapter II – Licensing and Fees

Subchapter IV - Standards for Retail Food Establishments

Subchapter V - Vending Machines

Subchapter VI - Micro Markets

Chapter ATCP 75 – Appendix: Wisconsin Food Code

Chapter ATCP 76 - Safety, Maintenance, and Operation of Public Pools and Water Attractions

Subchapter I - Administration

Subchapter II - Water Treatment Systems and Water Quality

Subchapter III - Staffing Pools

Subchapter IV - Operation and Management

Subchapter V - Pool, Slide, and Water Attraction Construction and Design

Chapter ATCP 77 - Laboratory Certification

Subchapter I - General Requirements

Subchapter II - Milk and Food Laboratories

Subchapter III - Water Laboratories

Chapter ATCP 78 - Recreational and Educational Camps

Chapter ATCP 79 - Campgrounds

Chapters ATCP 90-139; Trade and Consumer Protection

Chapter ATCP 134 - Residential Rental Practices

Chapter ATCP 139 - Consumer Product Safety

Department of Health Services (DHS)

Chapters DHS 110-199: Health

Chapter DHS 120 - Health Care Information

Subchapter I - General Provisions

Subchapter II - Administration

Subchapter III - Data Collection and Submission

Subchapter IV - Standard Reports

Subchapter V - Data Dissemination

Chapter DHS 135 - Human Corpses and Stillbirths

Chapter DHS 139 - Qualifications of Public Health Professionals Employed By Local Health Departments

Chapter DHS 140 - Required Services of Local Health Departments

Chapter DHS 142 - Access To Vital Records

Chapter DHS 143 - Hearing Impaired Children

Chapter DHS 144 - Immunization of Students

Chapter DHS 145 - Control of Communicable Diseases

Subchapter I - General Provisions

Subchapter II - Tuberculosis

Subchapter III - Sexually Transmitted Disease

Chapter DHS 145 - Appendix A: Communicable Diseases and Other Notifiable Conditions

Chapter DHS 146 - Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Chapter DHS 147 - Cancer Control Grants

Chapter DHS 148 - Drug Repository Program

Chapter DHS 149 - The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Subchapter I - General Provisions

Subchapter II - Vendor Authorization and Responsibilities

Subchapter III - Monitoring, Vendor Violations and Sanctions

Subchapter IV - Participants and Proxies

Chapter DHS 150 - Grants for Workplace Wellness Programs

Chapter DHS 151 - Family Planning Fund Allocations

Chapter DHS 159 - Certification and Training Course Requirements for Asbestos Activities

Subchapter I - General Provisions

Subchapter II - Certification Requirements for Individuals

Subchapter III - Asbestos Company Certification Requirements

Subchapter IV - Requirements for Training Course Accreditation

Subchapter V - Training Course Instructors

Subchapter VI - Enforcement

Subchapter VII - Designated Asbestos Person

Chapter DHS 163 - Certification for the Identification, Removal and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Subchapter I - General Provisions

Subchapter II - Certification of Persons to Perform Lead-Safe Renovation, Lead Hazard Reduction, or Lead Investigation Activities

Subchapter III - Accreditation of Lead Training Courses and Approval of Training Managers and Instructors

Subchapter IV - Enforcement

Subchapter V - Registry of Property with Certificates of Lead-Free Status or Lead-Safe Status

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix A: Obtaining Applicable Federal, State and Local Government Requirements

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix B: Interim Controls Chapter 11, HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix C: Cleaning when Lead-Based Paint has been Disturbed Chapter 14,

HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix D: Paint Removal: Commercial and Residential (DNR Publ Wa-173 98)

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix E: Random Selection Table for Lead Hazard Screens, Lead-Safe

Investigations, Risk Assessments, and Clearance Only

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix F: Random Selection Table for Lead Inspections and Lead-Free Inspections Only

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix G: Conducting a Visual Inspection

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix H: Protecting Occupants Chapter 8, HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing

Chapter DHS 163 - Appendix I: Working Lead-Safe Chapters 4 and 17, HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing

Chapter DHS 167 - Statewide Poison Control System

Chapter DHS 181 - Reporting Of Blood Lead Test Results

Chapter DHS 181 Appendix A: Blood Lead Lab Reporting Form

Chapter DHS 182 - Lead Poisoning or Lead Exposure Prevention Grants

Chapter DHS 199 - Tobacco Control Activities

Department of Natural Resources (NR)

Chapters. NR 800-; Environmental Protection – Water Supply

Chapter NR 809 - Safe Drinking Water

Chapter NR 810 - Requirements for the Operation and Maintenance of Public Water Systems

Chapter NR 812 - Well Construction and Pump Installation

Chapter NR 812 Appendix

Chapter NR 815 - Injection Wells

Chapter NR 820 - Groundwater Quantity Protection

Chapter NR 845 - County Administration of Ch. NR 812, Private Well Code

Chapter NR 850 - Water Use Fees

Department of Safety and Professional Services (SPS)

Chapter. SPS 1-299: Professional Services

Chapter. SPS - 170-179; Sanitarians

Chapter. SPS 220 - Body Art and Tanning Facilities

Eau Claire City-County Health Department Service/Program Summary-2023

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department (ECCCHD) provides a wide range of required and essential programs and services that are aimed at preventing health issues before they impact people in our community. Investing in prevention saves lives, improves community outcomes, and saves money. The projected ECCCHD 2023 budget includes revenue from local tax levy (35%), fees and other revenue (18%), and federal and state grants (47%) as approved by the Board of Health. The local levy investment from Eau Claire City Council and Eau Claire County Board supports the provision of mandated services as well as the capacity to respond to community needs and provides a real return on investment. Specifically, ECCCHD leverages \$3.2 million of tax levy to bring in \$4.6 million from federal or state grant funding and \$1.7 million from fee and other revenue and currently provides \$660,000 to other community agencies to promote the health of our community.

Included in the following table is cost and revenue information by program area based on the 2023 budget. The health ECCCHD budget is always changing with updates to grant funding and actual vs estimated revenue and expenses. The service area column is an estimate of services provided within the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, and the western region of Wisconsin based on best available data from 2022. Those listed in the service area column as "all" are services or programs that are aimed at the entire county and do not have available or relevant address data. The levy amount listed includes both levy received in 2023 (\$3.2 million) and use of Health Department fund balance to cover operational costs as approved by the Board of Health. We are actively working to close our budget gap and use of Board of Health fund balance.

The ECCCHD levy supports:

- Provision of extensive State mandated public health services and programs such as communicable disease prevention and control
- Capacity to respond to public health emergencies
- Capacity to collaboratively work with community partners on community priorities
- Capacity to support populations with barriers to achieving health health equity work
- Capacity to support application and implementation of competitive grants
- Capacity to address the strategic priorities of the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire County

Developed June 2023

E	au Claire City-Count	y Health Departme	ent Service/Pro	ogram Sum	mary - 2023			
Communicable Disease Division works	to prevent and control out	breaks of communicable	disease, and to p	repare to resp	ond to public hea	alth emergenc	ies.	
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	Federal/State Grants	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE
	WI 252, DHS 145	City 80%/County 20%	\$426,154	-	\$7,000	\$200	\$418,954	3.99
Communicable Disease	ECCCHD provides manda diseases. This includes w coalitions.							unity
	WI 323.14, DHS 140.04(d)	All	\$107,509	-	\$53,463	-	\$54,046	0.95
Emergency Prepardness Program	ECCCHD works to enhand updating our local public cooordinating the Eau Cl	health emergency prep	aredness plan, wo	rking with Cou	inty and City Eme	ergency Mana	gers to practice	plans,
	WI 144	City 60%/County 40%	\$188,512	-	\$23,745	-	\$164,767	1.81
Immunizations	ECCCHD works to prever includes working with pa for Children (VFC) provid through the federal Vacc	rtners to increase immu er which administers va	nization rates thro	ough coalitions	and trainings. Th	ne Health Dep	artment is a Vac	cines
	None	All	\$62,605	-	\$55,000	-	\$7,605	0.33
Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)	The Eau Claire Medical R vetted group of voluntee members, revamp our lo preparedness capabilitie	ers . MRC members helpo cal MRC chapter, and pr	ed support COVID-	-19 vaccination	efforts. ECCCHD	is working to	recruit more M	RC
	None	City 10%/County 10%/Region 80%	\$293,690	-	\$293,690	-	-	3.18
Regional Emergency Prepardness Program	WWPHRC consists of sixt Burnett, Chippewa, Clark Washburn, along with Ba public health incidents a	x, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Cland River and St. Croix trik	iire, Jackson, Moni oal health agencies	roe, Pepin, Pie s. WWPHRC pr	rce, Polk, Rusk, S ovides core expe	t. Croix, Taylo	r, Trempeauleau	

Regulations & Licensing Division inspect bodyart facilitites.	s and educates facilities th	nat provide food, housin	g or other necessit	ties to the pub	lic. The division a	ilso inspects lo	odging, recreatio	n, and
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served	Total Cost	Minus Pass	Federal/State	Fees/Other	Tax Levy &	FTE
	·	(estimate)		Through	Grant	Revenue	Fund Balance	
	WI 254, DHS 140.06	City 85%/County 15%	\$290,129	-	\$85,400	\$24,046	\$180,683	3.10
	The ECCCHD environmen	ntal health housing prog	ram includes a pro	active housing	program, extern	ial housing sui	rvey and rental	
Housing/Human health hazards	registration in the City of	f Eau Claire, human heal	th hazard/complai	nt investigatio	ns, lead/asbesto	s investigation	is and assessmer	nts,
	refuse truck inspections,	refuse complaint invest	igations and nuisa	nce abatemen	t, and working w	ith Neighborh	ood Associations	5,
	UWEC, and others on spe	ecfic neighborhood heal	th hazards.					
	DHS 140.06	City 80%/County 20%	\$475,002	-	\$10,000	\$439,495	\$25,507	4.06
W// DATCD A I D	DATCP agent programs include inspections and investigations for retail food establishments, restaurants, school cafeterias, food trucks,							
WI DATCP Agent Programs	campgrounds, recreational education facilities, pools, hotels, and tourist rooming houses. ECCCHD also provides special event food and							
	campground licenses, loc	dging plan reviews, food	sample follow up,	and foodborn	e illness investiga	ations.		
	DHS 140.06	City 66%/County 34%	\$31,334	-	-	\$19,366	\$11,968	0.25
WI DSPS Programs	DSPS agent programs inc	lude inspections and inv	estigations at bod	y art facilities	and manufacture	d home comn	nunities.	
	WI 254, DHS 140.06	City 85%/County	\$21,450	-	\$9,773	\$3,500	\$8,177	0.12
Decienal Deden Conton		5%/Region 10%						
Regional Radon Center	ECCCHD is the West Cent	tral Radon Information (Center serving Eau	Claire, Chippe	wa, Clark, Buffalo	o, Trempealea	u, Pepin, and Jac	ckson
	counties. The information	n center provides radon	information and s	ells test kits fo	r residents and s	upplies for loc	cal health depart	ments.

Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	t affects our com Federal/State Grant	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE
Public Health Lab		City 25%/County 65%/Region 10%	\$461,581	-	\$16,000	\$72,814	\$372,768	4.45
Public Health Lab	ECCCHD has an environm This includes certified dri testing to support the DA sampling and prevention	inking water testing, reco	reational water tes CHD lab also follov	sting (beaches	, pools, etc.), and	other enviro	nmental sampling	g and
Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS)/Well Program	Code, 18.77.090 & 8.12 ECCCHD provides review throughout Eau Claire Co	and oversight of private ounty. For POWTS, this ir	ncludes permit revi	iew, subdivisio	on plat, soil test, a	& certified sur	inking water wel vey map review,	and
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Healthy Beginnings Division works to sup	pport families, especially r	maternal and child healtl	h, by facilitating a	wide variety o	f programs and s	ervices			
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	Federal/State Grant	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE	
	DHS 140.05	City 78%/County 22%	\$1,030,912	-\$232,180	\$587,460	\$412,000	\$263,632	6.16	
	ECCCHD provides nurse h	nome visiting to families	primarily through	Nurse-Family	Partnership® (NF	P) and also the	e Prenatal Care		
	Coordination (PNCC) pro	gram. NFP is an evidence	e-based, communi	ty health prog	ram with 45 year	s of research	showing significa	ant	
Nurse Home Visiting	improvements in the hea	Ilth and lives of moms ar	nd their children af	ffected by soci	al and economic	inequality and	l other risk facto	rs.	
	Each mother served is pa	rtnered with a nurse ear	rly in pregnancy ar	nd receives on	going nurse visits	that continue	through the chi	ild's	
	second birthday. ECCCHI	leads the Western Wise	consin Nurse Fami	ly Partnership	Consortium which	ch includes Ear	u Claire, Chippev	va,	
	Dunn, and Marathon Counties.								
		City 77%/County	\$480,468	-	\$428,186	-	\$52,282	5.05	
		16%/Region 7%							
	ECCCHD provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-								
	breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk through the WIC								
Women Infants & Children (WIC)	program. The WIC Farme					-			
	approved farmers marke		·	· •			-		
	supports pregnant and b	-					•		
	Families Program to two-	· ·	e children and the	eir families enr	olled in WIC and	provide educa	ition & coaching	on	
	healthy eating habits and								
	WI 253.115, WI 254.13	City 33%/County 67%	\$151,672	-	\$13,914	\$3,000	\$134,758	1.65	
Other MCH Services	& 254.15, WI 254.164								
Other Wich Services	ECCCHD provides materr	·	• •	_	lead poisoning pr	evention and	intervention, ed	ucation	
	on child seat safety, and	newborn screenings for	the Plain commun	ity.					

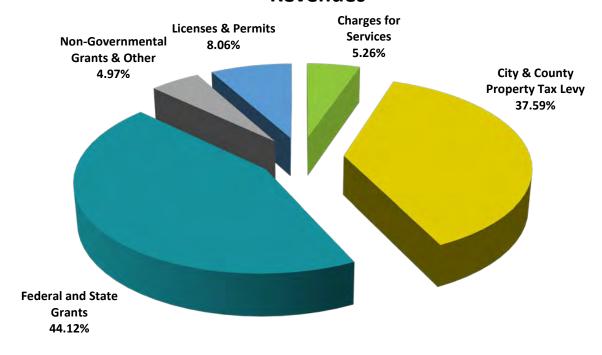
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	Federal/State Grant	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE
	WI 252.11, 253.07, 255., DHS 145.15-20	, ,	\$268,704	-	\$117,004		\$1,000	1.92
Reproductive Health Clinic Services	ECCCHD provides contractionic.	ceptives, pregnancy test	ing, PrEP, and STI t	esting, treatm	ent, and prevent	ion through o	ur reproductive	health
Dogional Newso Dragtitionar Comings		City 23%/County 6%/Region 71%	\$173,532	-	\$173,532	-	-	1.31
Regional Nurse Practitioner Services	ECCCHD is a regional pro Wisconsin including Duni		•			•	ments within We	stern
Regional Colposcopy Services	WI 255.06	City 57%/County 14%/Region 29%	\$8,683	-	\$8,683	-	-	0.06
	Nurse practitioner provid	les reproductive health (exams including co	lposcopy.		:		•
	WI 255.06	City 26%/County 18%/Region 66%	\$77,098	-	\$69,083	\$8,015	-	0.90
Regional Wisconsin Well Woman Program	ECCCHD serves as the reg Trempealeau and St. Cro health insurance coverag	gional Wisconsin Well W ix. Wisconsin Well Wom	an Program provid	les preventive	health screening			
		City 25%/County 0%/Region 75%	\$35,258	-	\$35,258	-	-	0.28
Regional HIV Partner Services	ECCCHD is a regional pro	vider of HIV partner serv	vices for 14 countie	es: Fau Claire.	Washburn, St. Cr	oix. Rusk. Pep	in. Polk. Pierce. I	Dunn.

Community Health Promotion Division	provides education, coord	inates programs, and pro	omotes policies an	d practices to	impact communi	ity health prio	rities. Those pric	rities
include chronic disease, mental health, h	nealthy relationships, alcoh	nol, tobacco, and other d	lrug misuse.					
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	Federal/State Grant	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE
	WI 254.911 and 255.15,	All	\$619,645	-\$30,320	\$615,195	\$600	\$34,170	6.00
	DHS 140.04							
Alashal Tahasaa and Substance	ECCCHD works with youth, schools, and other community partners to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and drug misuse through education							
Alcohol, Tobacco, and Substance	and outreach, facilitation of community coalitions, and funding schools to provide AODA prevention. ECCCHD also does alcohol and							
Misuse Prevention	tobacco compliance checks, ID check trainings, provides an alcohol misuse course for City's excessive intoxication deferral program,							
	and coordinates the You	th Risk Behavior Survey i	mplementation ar	nd reporting fo	r all Eau Claire Co	ounty schools	. This also includ	es
	opioid and prescription d	drug misuse prevention a	and harm reduction	n strategies.		•		
	DHS 140.04	All	\$209,895	-	\$24,554	\$148,665	\$36,676	1.84
Mental Health Promotion & Suicide	ECCCHD leads the Mental Health Matters coalition supporting programs that focus on building youth resilience including providing							
Prevention	mindfulness programs in							_
	Suicide Prevention Coalit	•	• •					
	DHS 140.04	All	\$145,689	-	\$124,052	-	\$21,637	1.27
	ECCCHD provides education and outreach on healthy nutition, physical activity, diabetes, and other chronic disesases; Supports high							
Chronic Disease Prevention	blood pressure and diabe	etes self management ed	ducation and preve	ention through	out Eau Claire Co	ounty; Provide	es nutrition educ	ation
	and food demonstrations	s at area farmers' marke	ts and events.					
	DHS 140.04	All	\$88,137	-\$23,500	\$90,000	-	\$21,637	0.75
Healthy Relationship Promotion &	ECCCHD provides facilita	tion of the Healthy Relat	ionships Promotio	n Action Team	in Eau Claire Co	unty; provide:	s resources, edu	cation,
Sexual Violence Prevention	and outreach in the com	munity about healthy re	lationships; and co	ordinates and	implements evid	dence based h	ealthy relationsh	nips
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	programs such as SAFE D	ates and HIP teens at sc	hools and other yo	outh serving or	ganizations.			
		ates and HIP teens at sc	hools and other you	outh serving or -\$4,000	ganizations. \$52,757		\$51,715	0.69
Child, Overdose, and Suicide Review	programs such as SAFE D DHS 140.04	All	\$100,472	-\$4,000	\$52,757	- and suicides w	1. ,	1
Child, Overdose, and Suicide Review Teams	programs such as SAFE D	All leads multidisciplinary of	\$100,472 death review team	- \$4,000 s for child dea	\$52,757 ths, overdoses, a		1. ,	1

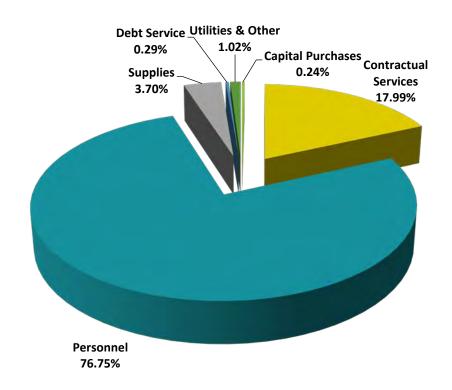
Policy & Systems Division works with ou	r partners to identify and	communicate about hea	Ith needs, gaps, re	esources, and p	oolicy and system	changes.		
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	Federal/State Grant	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE
	DHS 140.04-140.05	All	\$159,490	-\$9,500	\$39,292	\$21,867	\$107,831	1.54
	ECCCHD updates the CHA	A, CHIP and department	strategic plan evei	ry three years.	These document	s lay the grou	ndwork for heal	th
Community Health Assessment (CHA),	department programs, policies, and interventions. Through the Community Health Assessment (CHA) we learn from our community							
Community Health Improvement Plan								
(CHIP), and Strategic Plan	concerns identified in the	e CHA and in partnership	with the commur	nity identifies h	now we together	will work to in	mprove the heal	th of
	the population. Our Strat years.	tegic Plan sets forward a	nd prioritizing wha	at we as a heal	th department h	ope to accom	plish in the next	three
	DHS 140.04	All	\$95,209	-	-	-	\$95,209	0.80
For Object to the Allice	ECCCHD serves as backbone support for Eau Claire Health Alliance (ECHA). ECHA focuses on the health priorities identified in the CHA							
Eau Claire Health Alliance	and is working to create	a healthy community in	Eau Claire County.	Coalition men	nbers include ind	ividuals, repre	esentatives from	
	community organizations							
	DHS 140.04	All	\$262,689	-\$360,000	\$465,000	-	\$157,689	1.73
Health Equity	ECCCHD has an internal health equity team that works to advance health equity within the department. External projects include							
Health Equity	convening external health equity partners, exploring community health workers, and working with the Maternal & Child Health equity							
	group to define data aro	und child health and imp	rove outcomes fo	r youth throug	h partner organi	zations.		
	DHS 140.06	All	\$14,122	-	-	-	\$14,122	0.10
Overlite v Improve v a mat	The ECCCHD Quality Imp	rovement (QI) Plan whic	h provides context	t and a framew	ork for quality in	nprovement a	ctivities at the	
Quality Improvement	department. ECCCHD has an internal QI team that works to advance QI work at the department through supporting QI projects and							
	training opportunities fo	r staff.						
	None	All	\$184,528	-	-	-	\$184,528	1.73
	ECCCHD aims to provide	strategic, actionable, pe	rsonalized, and eq	uity-informed	public health me	ssages to all p	eople in Eau Cla	ire
	ECCCHD aims to provide strategic, actionable, personalized, and equity-informed public health messages to all people in Eau Claire County, and to prompt action that will protect the health of individuals, families, and communities. ECCCHD has a internal							
Communications	communication team with participation from all divisions of the department. The Communication Team assists in planning social							
Communications		th participation from all	divisions of the de	partment. The	Communication	Team assists i	n planning socia	ıl
Communications								

Pperation Division leads, supports, a	nd oversees operations for a	ll divisions, including hun	nan resources, fina	ances, and tecl	nnical support.			
Service or Program	Statutory Reference	Who is Served (estimate)	Total Cost	Minus Pass Through	Federal/State Grant	Fees/Other Revenue	Tax Levy & Fund Balance	FTE
	WI 251.06, DHS 140	All	\$328,200	-	-	\$42,390	\$285,811	2.22
Leadership	ECCCHD leadership inclu	des Health Department I	Director/Health O	fficer, Assistan	t Director and Nu	ırsing Supervi	sor.	
	WI 251.06; DHS 140	All	\$108,221	-	-	\$13,978	\$94,243	1.37
Finance	ECCCHD budget manage	ment, annual audit, and	accounting functi	ions for comple	ex federal, state,	local, private	funding sources.	
	WI 251.06; DHS 140	All	\$226,208	-	-	\$29,216	\$196,992	3.15
Administrative Support	ECCCHD administrative s	upport and front desk su	ipport for the hea	lth departmen	t and county buil	ding.		
	WI 251.06; DHS 140	All	\$34,841	-	-	\$4,500	\$30,341	0.30
Human Resources	ECCCHD human resource	e services including recru	itment, retention,	, workforce de	velopment, bene	fits, and empl	oyee support.	
	Various Federal	All	\$62,782	-	\$5,000	-	\$57,782	1.23
Interpreter Comisse	Regulations							
Interpreter Services	ECCCHD provides Spanis	h and Hmong interprete	rs for health depai	rtment service	s and uses langua	age line for int	erpretation in o	ther
	languages.							
	WI 251.06; DHS 140	All	\$640,644	-	-	\$82,744	\$557,900	0.00
Operational Costs	ECCCHD non-personnel of	overhead costs such as re	ent, retiree health	insurance, etc				
	None	All	-	-	\$1,158,179	\$36,618	-	1.06
COVID Special Projects	One-time COVID specific plan initiatives.	grants that fund respon	se and recovery et	fforts, workfor	ce development,	succession pla	anning, and stra	tegic

2022 EC City-County Health Department Revenues



2022 Expenses



BOH Roles and Responsibilities

BOH roles and responsibilities are outlined in local ordinance and State Statute and Administrative Rule. The ECCCHD BOH also has policies and practices that have framed their work. Additionally, the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) have framed best practices for Boards of Health.

- Local Ordinance (current): see previously attached documents and links below with specifics on BOH
 - o City Ordinance Chapter 2.52 638243293641170000 (eauclairewi.gov)
 - o County Ordinance: Chapter 2.52 638180276960630000 (eauclairecounty.gov)
- State Statute: see links below
 - o Wisconsin Legislature: 251.04
 - o Information for Local Boards of Health | Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- NALBOH resources: see links and attachments
 - o NALBOH
 - o Governance Resources NALBOH
 - o NALBOH-Board_of_Health_Guide.pdf (ymaws.com)
- BOH current Strategic Plan: see attached
- BOH document/plan review: see attached

The Governance Functions

NALBOH is the national voice for the boards that govern health departments and shape public health policy. Since its inception, NALBOH has connected with board of health members and elected officials from across the country to inform, guide, and help them fulfill their public health responsibilities in their states and communities. Driven by a mission to strengthen and improve public health governance, NALBOH worked with CDC and other national partners to identify, review, and develop the following model of six functions of public health governance.

Policy development: Lead and contribute to the development of policies that protect, promote, and improve public health while ensuring that the agency and its components remain consistent with the laws and rules (local, state, and federal) to which it is subject. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing internal and external policies that support public health agency goals and utilize the best available evidence;
- Adopting and ensuring enforcement of regulations that protect the health of the community;
- Developing and regularly updating vision, mission, goals, measurable outcomes, and values statements;
- Setting short- and long-term priorities and strategic plans;
- Ensuring that necessary policies exist, new policies are proposed/implemented where needed, and existing policies reflect evidence-based public health practices; and
- Evaluating existing policies on a regular basis to ensure that they are based on the best available evidence for public health practice.

Resource stewardship: Assure the availability of adequate resources (legal, financial, human, technological, and material) to perform essential public health services. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring adequate facilities and legal resources;
- Developing agreements to streamline cross-jurisdictional sharing of resources with neighboring governing entities;
- Developing or approving a budget that is aligned with identified agency needs;
- Engaging in sound long-range fiscal planning as part of strategic planning efforts;
- Exercising fiduciary care of the funds entrusted to the agency for its use; and
- Advocating for necessary funding to sustain public health agency activities, when appropriate, from approving/appropriating authorities.

Legal authority: Exercise legal authority as applicable by law and understand the roles, responsibilities, obligations, and functions of the governing body, health officer, and agency staff. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that the governing body and its agency act ethically within the laws and rules (local, state, and federal) to which it is subject;
- Providing or arranging for the provision of quality core services to the population as mandated by law, through the public health agency or other implementing body; and
- Engaging legal counsel when appropriate.

Partner engagement: Build and strengthen community partnerships through education and engagement to ensure the collaboration of all relevant stakeholders in promoting and protecting the community's health. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Representing a broad cross-section of the community;
- Leading and fully participating in open, constructive dialogue with a broad cross-section of members of the community regarding public health issues;
- Serving as a strong link between the public health agency, the community, and other stakeholder organizations; and
- Building linkages between the public and partners that can mitigate negative impacts and emphasize positive impacts of current health trends.

Continuous improvement: Routinely evaluate, monitor, and set measurable outcomes for improving community health status and the public health agency's/governing body's own ability to meet its responsibilities. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing the health status of the community and achievement of the public health agency's mission, including setting targets for quality and performance improvement;
- Supporting a culture of quality improvement within the governing body and at the public health agency;
- Holding governing body members and the health director/health officer to high performance standards and evaluating their effectiveness;
- Examining structure, compensation, and core functions and roles of the governing body and the public health agency on a regular basis; and
- Providing orientation and ongoing professional development for governing body members.

Oversight: Assume ultimate responsibility for public health performance in the community by providing necessary leadership and guidance in order to support the public health agency in achieving measurable outcomes. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Assuming individual responsibility, as members of the governing body, for actively participating in governing entity activities to fulfill the core functions;
- Evaluating professional competencies and job descriptions of the health director/health officer to ensure that mandates are being met and quality services are being provided for fair compensation;
- Maintaining a good relationship with health director/health officer in a culture of mutual trust to ensure that public health rules are administered/enforced appropriately;
- Hiring and regularly evaluating the performance of the health director; and
- Acting as a go-between for the public health agency and elected officials when appropriate.

All public health governing entities are responsible for some aspects of each function. No one function is more important than another. For more information about the six governance functions, please visit www.nalboh.org.

Approved by the NALBOH Board of Directors - November 2012



Eau Claire City-County Board of Health (2020-2024)

PRIORITIES

- 1. Maintain Health Department's fiscal stability
- 2. Support and advocate for public health priorities
- 3. Review new and changing community/Health Dept priorities
- 4. Ongoing BOH improvements

ACTIONS

Maintain Health Department's fiscal stability

- 1. Annual update/review of BOH's fiscal policies and related responsibilities
 - a. Fund balance policy, HD fee setting and BOH budget approval process
- 2. Quarterly review of fiscal reporting (Jan/April/July/Oct)
- 3. Significant financial changes or decisions discussed at any monthly meeting

Support and advocate for public health priorities

- 1. Provide skill development training for BOH
 - a. Advocacy training to provide framework and process for engagement (April 22,2020)
- 2. Provide talking points for key priorities
- 3. Support WPHA/WALHDAB legislative priorities
 - a. Legislative update documents provided in monthly meeting packets
 - b. BOH copied on emails the Health Dept has sent to legislative officials
- 4. Engage with community partners/leaders to support community action on health priorities
- 5. Raise community and governmental policy makers' awareness of need to support "health lens" in decision-making
 - a. Confirm BOH role in Community Health Assessment
- 6. Raise awareness of upstream factors impacting health
- 7. Identify and share influencing tools available for BOH
 - a. Public health resources
 - b. Case studies
 - c. Examples of success in other communities

Review new or changing community/Health Dept priorities

- 1. Include quarterly BOH agenda item to update/review a running list of potential issues in community
- 2. Discuss populations impacted and data gaps
- 3. Discuss staffing and fiscal implications for Health Dept

Ongoing BOH improvements

- 1. Strive for diversity of BOH membership
- 2. Identify and prioritize BOH training opportunities and needs
 - a) Annual review of state statutes applicable to BOH



Eau Claire City-County Board of Health

2020-2024 Priorities Tracking Document

	Actions	Next Steps	Timing	Notes:
	Annual update/review of BOH's fiscal policies and related responsibilities	Fund balance policy, HD fee setting and BOH budget approval process	July and August	Fund balance details and policy reviewed annually at July meeting. HD fee setting done annually at August meeting.
Priority 1: Maintain Health Department's fiscal stability	Quarterly review of fiscal reporting (Significant financial changes discussed at any monthly meeting)		Jan/April/July/Oct	Quarterly review done at designated BOH meetings. Includes preliminary financial summary, revenue and expense statement and balance sheet. HD's audit done as part of City's annual fiscal audit, reported on at monthly BOH meetings when info becomes available from auditors. COVID funding typically discussed at each meeting during COVID updates.
	Provide skill development training for BOH	Advocacy training to provide framework and process for engagement	4/22/2020	Searching for presenter on public health advocacy. Also reviewing online webinars and resource materials from public health organizations. Forwarded US Surgion General Murthy's interview regarding communication and priorities. 2/16/2022 Potential presenter identified for advocacy training, details need to be confirmed.
	Provide talking points for key priorities			Health officer plus WALHDAB, NAHBOH and WI Public Health Association have provided talking points regarding public health funding and proposed state COVID legislation.
Priority 2: Support and	Support WPHA/WALHDAB legislative priorities	Legislative update documents provided in monthly meeting packets		Ongoing when updated documents become available. 2/16/2022 Also will be tracking and supporting recently announced WALHDAB/WPA top priorities for this year.
advocate for public health		BOH copied on emails the Health Dept. has sent to legislative officials		Ongoing.



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2020-2024 Priorities Tracking Document priorities Engage with community Communicable Disease Ordinance Task partners/leaders to support community Force. Healthy Communities action action on health priorities committees. JONAH. Plus... BOH 8/25/21 agenda item for discussion. Raise community and governmental Identify BOH members' current 2/16/2022 Subject matter discussed as part policy maker's awareness of need to participation in community organizations. of advocacy training. Also will need to support "health lens" in decision-Determine if additional resources/training coordinate with similar work done by Health making Dept. required. 2/16/2022 Will coordinate with Health Dept Determine if additional resources/training Raise awareness of upstream factors and Healthy Communities as strategies and impacting health required. plans are developed. All BOH members are provided with WALHDAB and NALBOH memberships; receive electronic newsletters, public health Identify and share influencing tools Determine info/resources available for legislative alerts, and have access to web available for BOH **BOH** resources. Public health resources Case Studies Planning more detailed info from current Include quarterly BOH agenda item to CHA and CHIP Spring 2021. Plan for review **Priority 3:** update/review a running list of Examples of success in other communities at Sept or Oct BOH meeting. 2/16/2022 Review new or potential issues in community Review done quarterly as well as during any changing Jan/April/July/Oct CHA/CHIP updates. community / 2/16/2022 Included with ongoing Health Discuss populations impacted and data discussions about COVID, Strategic Plan Department gaps updates and community assessment priorities activities. Discuss staffing and fiscal implications 2/16/2022 Frequent BOH discussions for health department throughout COVID pandemic. Strive for diversity in BOH membership BOH membership has expanded to and decision-making include representation from the rural **Priority 4:** community, <40 years of age and **Ongoing BOH** Hmong ethnic group. **Improvements** Identify and prioritize BOH training Consider diversity in broadest terms opportunities and needs possible.

EAU CLAIRE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION, VISION, & GUIDING PRINCIPLES●

Mission

Building a healthier community for all through prevention-focused programs and partnerships.

Vision

A community where everyone can live a healthier life.

Guiding Principles

The Health Department's work is guided by five overarching principles:



Collaboration

We seek and value the diversity and contributions of our partners and community to improve health.



Equity*

We strive to ensure that access, resources, and opportunities are provided for all to succeed and grow.



Integrity

We act with the highest standards of public health practice in our work.



Prevention

We work proactively to reduce negative health outcomes and build resilience for when they occur.



Quality

We use data and evidence to provide programs and services that meet the needs of our community.

^{*}Adapted from the definition of Equity from the Office of Research Central at the University of Washington. Office of Research: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - UW Research (washington.edu)

•GOALS & STRATEGIES•

Goal #1

Engage the community and expand relationships in collaborative efforts to improve health

« Strategy 1.1 »

Develop a clear understanding of partnership gaps and opportunities

« Strategy 1.2 »

Solicit feedback from the community on how the Health Department can better support health outcomes

« Strategy 1.3 »

Increase community and partner understanding and value of the Health Department

« Strategy 1.4 »

Add value to collaborative efforts through sustainable public health policy, systems, and environmental change

Goal #2

Strengthen our workforce and operational strategies to support quality programs and partnerships

« Strategy 2.1 »

Understand current and future public health workforce needs

«Strategy 2.2»

Prioritize retention through staff connectedness and professional development

« Strategy 2.3 »

Ensure financial sustainability for the Health Department

« Strategy 2.4 »

Advance data management to appropriately evaluate and improve programs

		i	Review
Any locally BOH ordinances s.251.04(3)	As needed	Business item	
Annual budget plan for department. S.251.11(1). Local Ordinance	Annual	July (draft) and December business item	Quarterly – business item
DHS 140.04(2)	Annual, May 1 st	April business item	
Larger purchases planned and depreciation built into fees/budget	Annual	July business item	annually
Employee work related policies and requirements	Annual	Proposed Changes – business items	annually
Position titles and pay rates	Annual	July business item	Annually
Focus for the department including mission, vision,	Every 3 years	Business item Plan approval	Quarterly review of
Plan for overall health department performance and measures that are being			strategies? Plan review annually? review of measures?
Health department plan for prioritizing and implementing quality improvement DHS 140.06(8)			
Requirement to do collaborative assessment DHS 140.04(1)(g)(3)	Every 3 years		
Community plan based on community health assessment DHS	Every 3 years		Twice a year review of priorities?
Required Plan for responding to PH emergencies DHS			Annually?
Required plan for continuity of operations DHS 140.04(1)(d)(5)			Annually?
Required plan to assess and plan for PH workforce DHS			Annually?
Required plan to communicate with public DHS 140.04(1)(e)(3)			Annually?
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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.

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 Framework



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 crosscutting 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 communitydriven 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, and 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 and Support

- Ability to serve as a primary and expert resource for establishing, maintaining, and developing basic public health policy recommendations that are evidencebased 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 nongovernmental 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 and 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 and 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

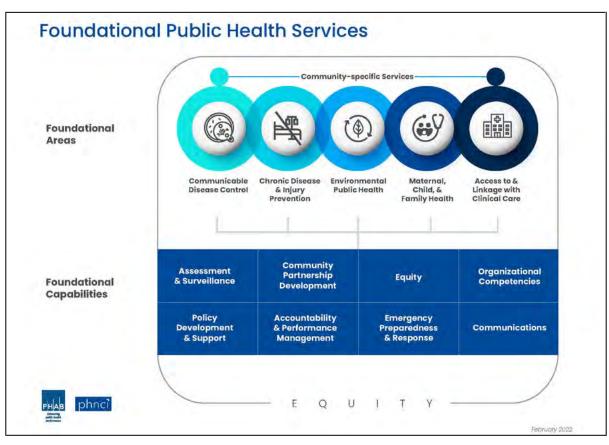
- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant, complete, and accurate information to the health care system and community on access and linkage to clinical care (including behavioral health), healthcare system access, quality, and cost.
- Inspect and license healthcare facilities, and license, monitor, 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.

Foundational Public Health Services

Every day and during times of emergencies, public health departments make the United States a healthier and safer place to live and work. Public health works to ensure basic protections exist, all people are safe in communities, and aims to prevent health threats before they occur. Although responsible for much more, public health prevents the spread of disease and chronic conditions that impact the health status of a community and drive health care spending. Public health departments collaborate with social service and hospital/healthcare providers in response to emergencies, provide regular assistance to their communities, and continuously evolve to meet local needs.

High-performing public health departments use **data-driven**, **evidence-based practice** to be good stewards of public money and address community priorities. Delivering public health protections in their communities at this level requires a strong foundation of public health infrastructure.

The <u>Foundational Public Health Services</u> (FPHS) 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.



Implementation

What are the benefits of learning about the FPHS? Understanding the Framework provides opportunities to develop a shared language, collaborate to meet shared goals, and protect the health and well-being of your community.

Public health professionals are using the FPHS to modernize and transform the field, shifting from ways public health may have worked in the past to new strategies to promote health in a community, advance equitable practices, and work across sectors to address social challenges that intersect with public health (e.g., homelessness, food insecurity, gun violence, climate change, transportation, education). Implementing the FPHS often includes infrastructure changes and reimagined way of working. This requires innovation, collaboration, and investment - you are invited to join public health in driving change.

Foundational Public Health Services

A Breakdown of the Foundational Public Health Services

Outside of the public health field, the FPHS may be used to communicate and set clear guidelines for how to keep society healthy. The Framework explains the necessary investments, priorities of services, and provides a roadmap to meet the public health needs of all people in communities across the United States.

Community-specific services vary based on a health department's or community's unique needs and are also supported by the Foundational Capabilities and Foundational Areas. For example, a local health department may provide testing/treatment for a certain sexually transmitted infections and other jurisdictions may not. State and local health department-generated activities, and most resources, are used for the other important programs specific to their jurisdictional needs. These are outside the scope of the FCs and FAs, but still essential to a given jurisdiction.

Foundational Areas (FA) are programs and services that are supported by the public health infrastructure. In the FPHS, this is the minimum that should be available.

Foundational Capabilities (FC) are the cross-cutting skills and capacities needed to support basic public health protections and other programs and activities that are key to ensuring the community's health and achieving equitable health outcomes. When public health professionals talk about infrastructure, they are referring to the FCs.

Equity must be embedded in all public health efforts. Equity is infused in all of the FPHS and is a standalone FC, emphasizing the needed capacities, capabilities, and resources to ensure equity is integrated and intentional in all FPHS.

Looking Forward

Practically put, health departments have to be ready 24/7 to serve their communities. That requires access to a wide range of critical data sources, robust laboratory capacity, preparedness and policy planning capacity, and expert staff to leverage them in support of public health protections. Like all infrastructure, it tends to degrade over time without proactive maintenance and deliberate efforts to upgrade its capabilities as communities grow and evolve.

Evidence suggests many public health departments don't have the dedicated funding needed to build-out and sustain their public health infrastructure. Without them, public health departments simply can't deliver seamless, high-quality protections the public expects. In fact, one recent landmark study estimated a nationwide gap in funding public health infrastructure at \$4.5 billion.¹

In ways large and small, public health departments prevent the spread of disease and bring people together to help communities stay healthy. To continue these activities and respond to new threats, public health needs increased support. **Help protect the health of your community by**:

- Identifying shared goals and strategies to achieve them.
- Meeting with local and state health departments to discuss opportunities to collaborate and support their work.
- Promoting local public health achievements, including accreditation, awards, and additional recognition of excellence.
- Supporting the public health workforce.
- Engaging in conversations about investing in public health infrastructure, policy objectives, and current needs.

¹ Developing a Financing System to Support Public Health Infrastructure, The Public Health Leadership Forum, November 2018

