



**BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA**

**May 15, 2024, 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:**

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

**Health Department Vision:**

*A community where everyone can live a healthier life.*

**Location:** Eau Claire County Courthouse-Ground Level-Room 302-Door C11E

**Public Access Link:**

<https://eauclairecounty.webex.com/eauclairecounty/j.php?MTID=m8e4b05e214e6d723f88e78100e838c47>

**Dial In:** +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

**Event Number and Access Code:** 2538 979 8387

**Event Password:** XBpbQJi6N56 (92727546 from phones and video systems)

*For those wishing to make public comment regarding an agenda item, you must e-mail Gina Holt at [gina.holt@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto: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 also wish to speak regarding your email you will be called on during the public comment session.*

1. Call to Order. Welcome Guests. Order of the Agenda. Request to pull items from Consent Agenda – 5 minutes
2. Public Comment-The Board of Health and Eau Claire City-County Health Department welcome you. Statements pertinent to agenda items may be made by attendees during the public comment section. We do ask that statements are limited to three minutes per person. Written comments may also be provided. 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](mailto: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. Health Department Program Presentation on Beach Closings-15 minutes
4. Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)- 5 minutes
  - a. Approval of minutes from April 24, 2024, meeting
  - b. Approval of Grant/Contract related budget adjustments
  - c. Approval of Stipend
5. Business Item (Action Required)-15 minutes
  - a. Approval to waive the fee for influenza vaccination during the 2024-2025 influenza season
  - b. Approval of Eau Claire Community Foundation Safe Sleep funding

PLEASE NOTE: Due to requirements contained in the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, only those matters placed on this agenda may be considered by the Board of Health at this meeting. If any member of the public desires that the Board of Health consider a matter not included on this agenda, he or she should contact a Board of Health Member or the Health Department Director to have the matter considered for placement on a future Board of Health agenda. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. For additional information or to request the service, contact the County ADA Coordinator at 839-4710, (FAX) 839-4854, (TDD) 839-4735 or by writing to the ADA Coordinator, Personnel Department, Eau Claire County Courthouse, 721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

- c. Approval of Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) funding
6. Other information items from staff for the Board-*25 minutes*
  - a. Health Department Report
    - Kay Bogumill, Public Health Nurse, 36 years of service retirement certificate
  - b. 2025 Budget planning
  - c. Health Department Communicable Disease and Clinical Services Division Update
  - d. ARPA Update
  - e. Board of Health website overview-[City-County Board of Health | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](https://eauclairewi.gov)
7. Board member informational items-*20 minutes*
  - a. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
    - WPHA/WAHL DAB -verbal  
[Legislative Grid - WALHDAB](#)
  - b. Standing committee updates
    - City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](https://eauclairewi.gov)
    - County Board: [Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](https://eau-claire.wi.us)
    - Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](https://eau-claire.wi.us)
8. Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-*5 minutes*
9. Next business meeting – June 26, 2024
10. Adjourn

# Beach Monitoring Program At-a-Glance

Program is intended to reduce the extent of associated water-borne illness by limiting the recreational use during known times of contamination.

7 locations monitored (2-4 sample sites per swimming area)

- 2 managed by the City of EC and 5 by EC County

Each location is visited weekly from Memorial Day - Labor Day

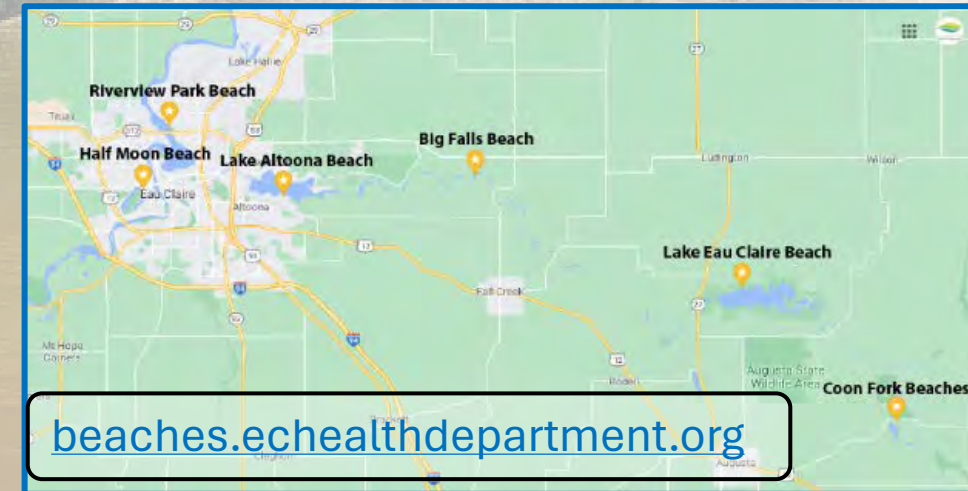
- Re-checked more frequently during elevated conditions

2 categories of monitoring

- Bacteria (*E. coli* is utilized as indicator of presence of harmful bacteria, viruses, and parasites)
- Algae (chlorophyll-a field measurements from cyanobacteria and visual observation)

State, Federal, WHO guidance used to determine beach status

- Sites are closed for bacteria (exceedance at any sample point)
- Advisories and closures (new in 2022) issued for algae
- City and County Parks follow HD guidance for posting signage



# *E. coli* Monitoring

There are many pathogens that can lead to water-borne illness

- Testing for all of them isn't practical
- *E. coli* is widely used as an indicator of harmful pathogen levels
  - Relatively simple to measure, has a strong correlation with risk and overlapping sources
- High levels of *E. coli* correlate with an increased likelihood for gastrointestinal illness and skin irritation/rash

## Sampling and Testing

- Samples are collected at the beginning of each week, processed, incubated overnight and read the next day
- Beaches are closed upon levels exceeding 1,000 CFU/100mL
  - The beach is re-sampled daily (except Fridays) until the values reach a reopening level
  - Beaches are also re-sampled daily whenever levels are between 235 - 1,000 CFU/100mL





# Algae Blooms and Monitoring

## What causes an algae bloom?

- Nutrient enrichment (nitrogen and phosphorus) from runoff, naturally occurring in soils, fertilizers, plant decay and/or accumulation in lake sediment
- Environmental conditions contribute to onset and duration (warm water, little wind, sunlight, rainfall)

## Surveillance procedures

- Algae blooms most common during July-August
- Field measurements and visual observations are collected at the beginning of each week
- Chlorophyll-a levels from cyanobacteria are measured using a field instrument (Algaetorch) as an indicator for potential presence of harmful algae toxins
  - Water quality advisory posted if testing or visual observation suggest increased risk of algae toxins, but an algae scum isn't present in the water.
  - Beach is closed if there's an algae scum present. An algae scum means there's a greater risk of harmful algae toxins present.

Eau Claire City-County  
Health Department

**WATER QUALITY ADVISORY**

Harmful algae bloom toxins may be in the water

**Please stay out of the water (pets too!)**

⚠ People (especially children) and pets can get sick by touching or swallowing the water, or by breathing in toxins from air in the beach area.

📱 Conditions can change quickly. Call us at 715-839-4718 if you see signs of a harmful algae bloom (images below).

Green water that looks like pea soup

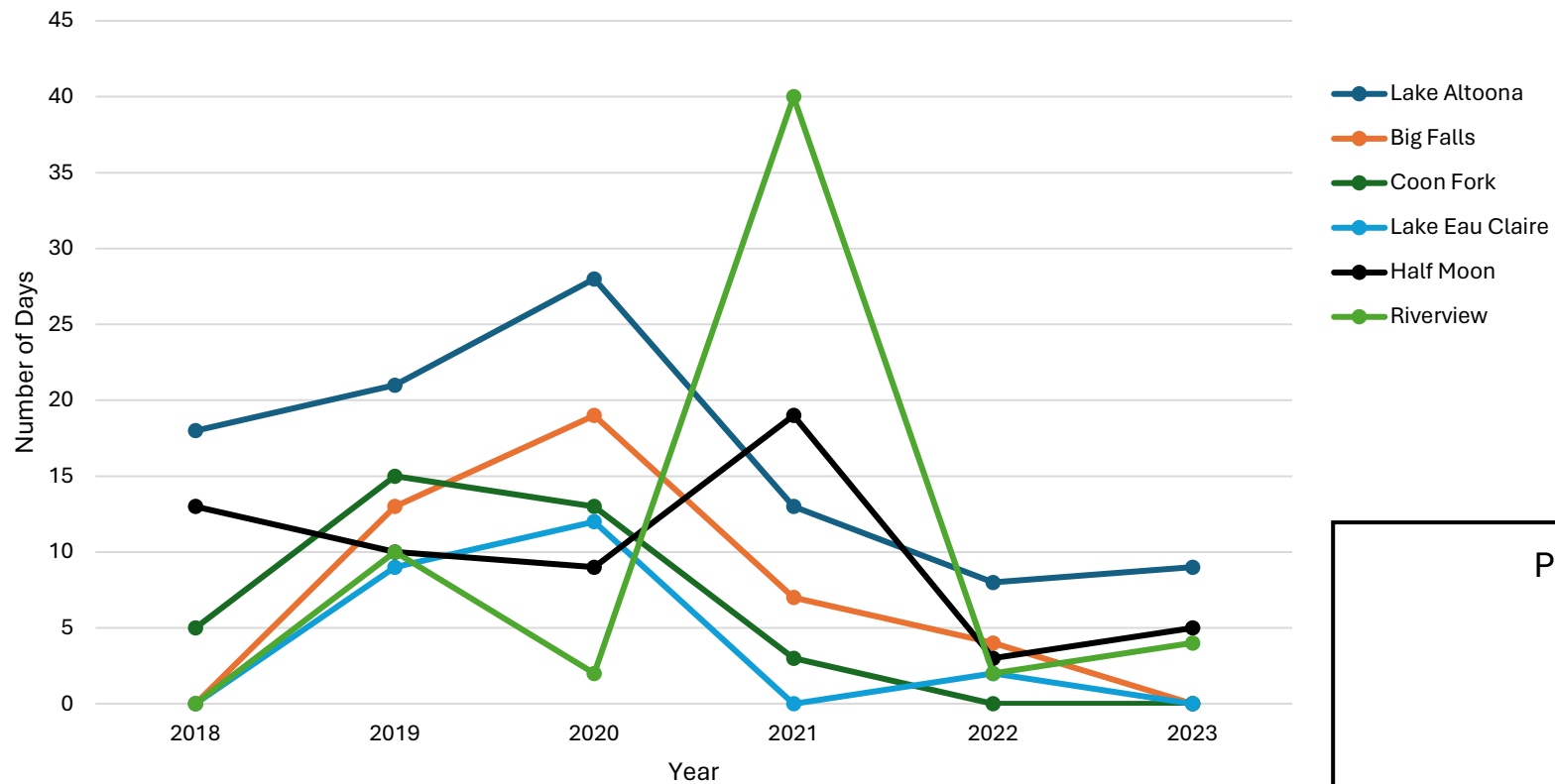
Surface scum that looks like spilled paint

Floating globs or mats

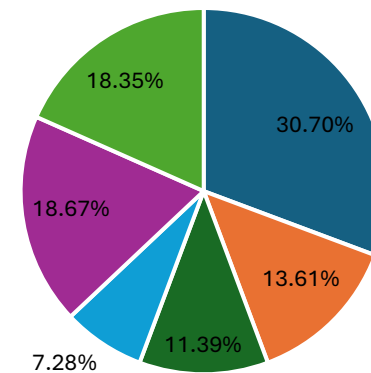
To learn more, visit: [beaches.ehealthdepartment.org](https://beaches.ehealthdepartment.org)



### Bacteria Closures

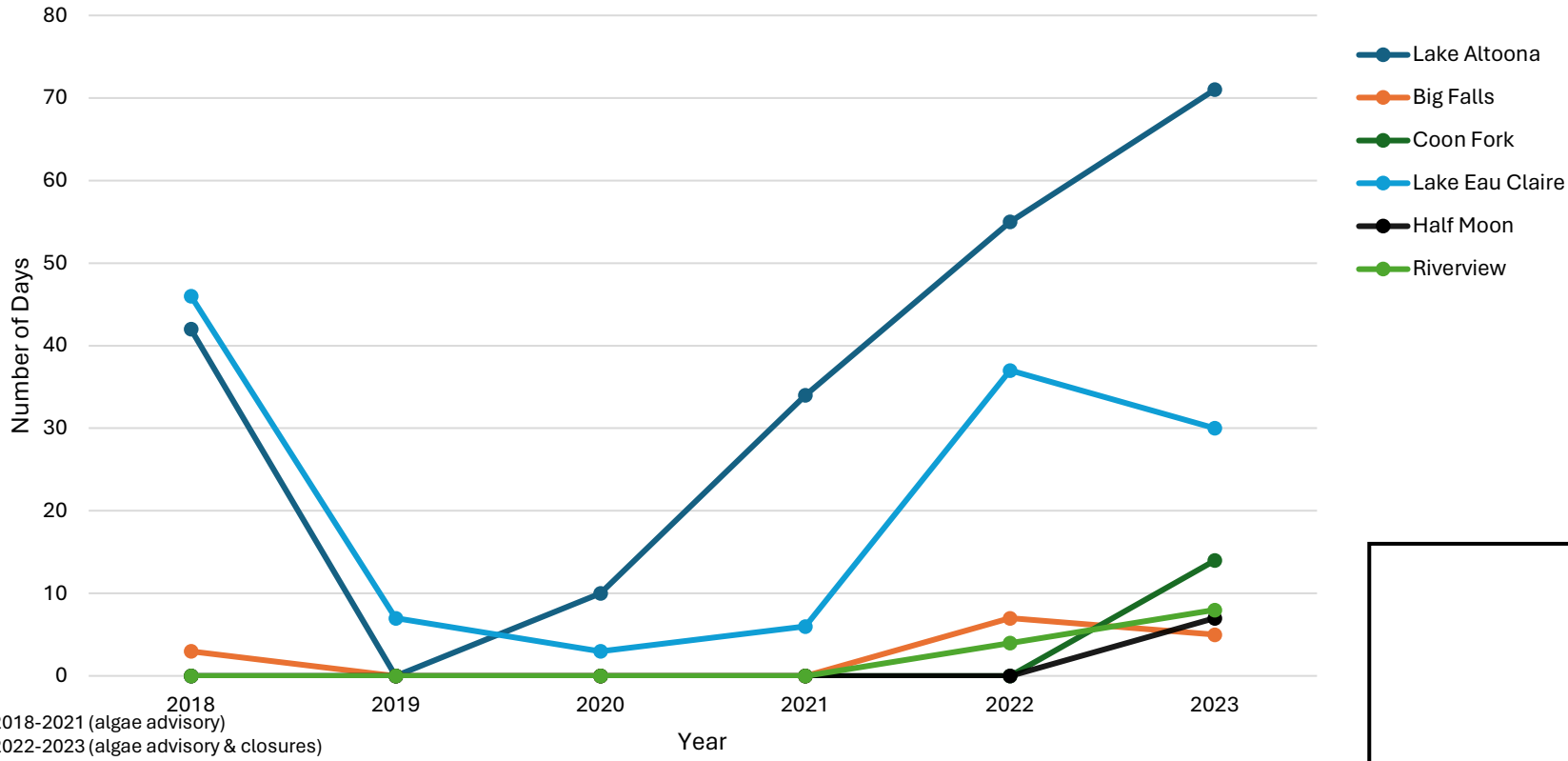


### Percentage of Bacteria Closures By Location 2018-2023



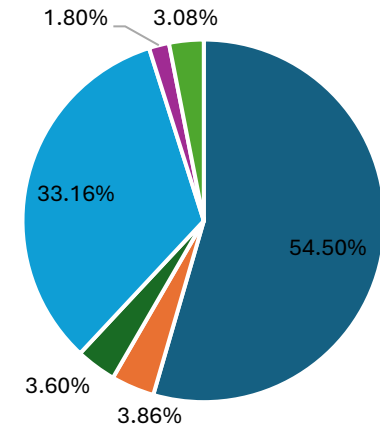
■ Lake Altoona 
 ■ Big Falls 
 ■ Coon Fork 
 ■ Lake Eau Claire 
 ■ Half Moon 
 ■ Riverview

# Algae Days



2018-2021 (algae advisory)  
2022-2023 (algae advisory & closures)

## Percentage of Algae Days By Location 2018-2023



■ Lake Altoona ■ Big Falls ■ Coon Fork ■ Lake Eau Claire ■ Half Moon ■ Riverview



**BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA**

**April 24, 2024, 5:15 PM**

**County Courthouse, Room 302 (Ground Floor)**

**April 24, 2024 Board of Health Meeting**

**County Courthouse, Room G-302**

The Board of Health convened in open session at 5:15 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Don Bodeau.

**Board Members Present:**

**Quorum is reached**

Terry Miskulin

Don Bodeau

Mark Kaeding

Catherine Wildenberg

True Vue (Virtual)

Josh Miller

Not in attendance: Terry Nordin

**Guest:**

David Hirsch

**Staff Members Present:**

Lieske Giese

Marisa Stanley

Hannah Artz

Gina Holt

1. Call to Order. Walk through remote meeting process. 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.*

David Hirsch, MD-new County Board Member appointed to the Board of Health was introduced. Dr. Hirsch's appointment will be confirmed at the 05/07/2024 County Board meeting.

3. Consent Agenda (Action Required-approved for full content)- 5 minutes
  - a. Approval of minutes from March 27, 2024, meeting
  - b. Approve Donation/Stipend

***Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Josh Miller***

***2nd Motion: Terri Miskulin***

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

4. Business Item (Action Required)-15 minutes
  - a. Review and Receive Quarterly Financial Update
    - Balance sheet fluctuations are due to timing of entries and when invoices were due.
    - Carry over for non-calendar year grants are from 2023 to 2024.
    - First quarter reports are as expected. No concerns expressed.

***Motion to Review and Receive Quarterly Financial Update as presented by Health Department***

***Staff: Mark Kaeding***

***2nd Motion: True Vue***

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

PLEASE NOTE: Due to requirements contained in the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, only those matters placed on this agenda may be considered by the Board of Health at this meeting. If any member of the public desires that the Board of Health consider a matter not included on this agenda, he or she should contact a Board of Health Member or the Health Department Director to have the matter considered for placement on a future Board of Health agenda. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. For additional information or to request the service, contact the County ADA Coordinator at 839-4710, (FAX) 839-4854, (TDD) 839-4735 or by writing to the ADA Coordinator, Personnel Department, Eau Claire County Courthouse, 721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703.



- b. Approve Tenant and Homeowner Environmental Health Literacy Grant
  - Key environmental resource information for tenants and homeowners will be created and put into a booklet and then be distributed to promote awareness and encourage prevention in and around their home.
  - The funding started April 1, 2024, and will go through September 30, 2025.

***Motion to approve Increasing Tenant and Homeowner Environmental Health Literacy Grant as presented by Health Department Staff: Catherine Wildenberg***

***2nd Motion: Terri Miskulin***

***Motion Carried: Yes (unanimous vote)***

5. Other information items from staff for the Board-30 minutes
  - a. Annual Report
    - This is the official printed document that BOH approved.
    - Hard copies will be distributed to City Council and County Board members.
    - Electronic links will be shared with partners throughout the community.
    - The annual report is a statutory requirement.
  - b. Health Department Report – highlights discussed
    - Mobile Food Establishment presentation is a newer way to work with food trucks in advance for prevention.
    - Health Department staff continue to prepare for a possible measles outbreak. We have some MMR vaccine available and are a regional holding center. We are trying to get ahead of it by encouraging vaccination.
    - The reproductive health team presented on Mpox at a CDC conference; it was well received.
    - August WIC clinic will be holding monthly clinics at the newest childcare facility-Little Beavers Early Learning Center
    - PFAS update-we continue to work on well water testing as well as working with the DNR and the state health department. City of Eau Claire does their own water testing, our efforts are primarily focused on the County with private wells.
    - COVID vaccination rates discussed.
  - c. HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital/Prevea Update
    - Foundational Public Health Services includes access to and linkage with care.
    - The team has been gathering and analyzing data.
    - Governor Evers \$15 million funding has been delayed.
    - The City attorney wrote a letter to the Department of Health Services and the health department was part of conversations with the Secretary related to concerns.
  - d. Summary of estimated previous year (2023) financial report
    - Preliminary year end financial report was distributed.
    - We are in the process of the audit. The audit final report is typically available for board approval in July.
    - Questions were asked about contractual services. Contractual includes any non-physical expenses, examples are supplies, and postage.
  - e. Overview of Public Health Foundational Services
    - Public Health Foundational Services will continue to be a subject discussed and shared with board members.

- The idea behind the framework is specific to governmental public health and it defines what the minimum standard should be. The thought behind this is to provide more consistency throughout Health Departments in the nation.
  - The foundational areas include Communicable Disease Control, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Environmental Public Health, Maternal, Child and Family Health, and Access to and Linkage with care.
  - The eight Foundational Capabilities include Assessment & Surveillance, Community Partnership Development, Equity, Organizational Competencies, Policy Development and Support, Accountability & Performance Management, Emergency Preparedness, and Response, and Communication.
  - The PHAB national reaccreditation standards highlight the measures and activities that are foundational.
- f. Quality Improvement Plan Update
- The objective of the plan is to provide context and framework for qualifying improvement activities at the Health Department.
  - Discussed how QI, strategic planning, and performance measures are linked.
6. Board member informational items-*10 minutes*
- a. Board of Health Self Evaluation – discuss results
- 100% of responses were satisfied with the work that the board has been doing.
  - Setting goals and priority areas, increasing training, more framework around advocacy were some of the items that the board could focus on. There will be further discussion on this in the future.
- b. WPHA /WAHLDAB Public Health Conference [WALHDAB](#)
- The conference is May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> in Wisconsin Dells.
  - There is money in the budget for board members to attend if interested.
- c. City Council and County Board Organizational Meetings Update
- New City Council and County Board members have been assigned to commissions and committees.
- d. Public Health Policy/Advocacy
- WPHA/WAHLADAB Policy and Advocacy Committee-legislative grid was shared and discussed. BOH members expressed appreciation for the summary document and awareness of broad array and large volume of legislation reviewed.
- e. Standing committee updates
- City Council: [City Council Agendas | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](#)
    - Josh Miller will continue to serve on the Board of Health as a City Council representative.
  - County Board: [2022 Meeting Agendas & Minutes | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](#)
    - David Hirsh will be serving on the Board of Health as a County Board representative.
  - Ground Water Advisory Committee: [Groundwater Advisory | Eau Claire County \(eau-claire.wi.us\)](#) No updates
  - County Opioid Taskforce: [Opioid Task Force | Eau Claire County](#)
  - Three new County Board members were appointed to the task force.

Requests from Board members for future agenda items to be given consideration-*5 minutes*

Next business meeting – May 15, 2024 **(one week early)**

Don Bodeau adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm



**Fact Sheet – 5/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting**

**Agenda Item 4.b**

**Grant/Contract Related Budget Adjustments**

Attached is a grant/contract related budget adjustments which impacts the 2024 budget.

Budget Implication: Increase 2024 budget by \$10,000.

Staff recommendation: Approve budget adjustment as indicated.



Name	Funding Source	Description	Contract Start	Contract End	Contract Amount	In Budget	Increase (Decrease) in Budget
Roots & Wings Nurse-Family Partnership Grant	Roots & Wings Foundation	Additional funding for administration and delivery of the NFP program in Eau Claire, Chippewa, Dunn, and Marathon Counties. Funding will be allocated to the four counties by number of nurse home visitors in each county.	05/01/24	04/30/25	\$85,000	\$75,000	\$10,000
			<b>Total</b>		<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**Fact Sheet – 5/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting**

**Agenda Item 4.c**

**Stipend Received**

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department has been offered the following stipend:

Agency	Description	Amount
St Croix County	Received stipend for Victoria Lammar, Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium (WWPHRC) Health Educator, to attend the NACCHO Preparedness Summit.	\$2,339.94

**Budget Implications:** Stipend in the amount of \$2,339.94.

**Staff Recommendation:** Accept stipend.



**Fact Sheet –Board of Health Meeting 5/15/24**

**Agenda Item 5.a**

**Influenza (Flu) Vaccination Fee Waiver**

Influenza can cause serious illness, hospitalization, and death, particularly among older adults, very young children, pregnant women, and those with certain chronic medical conditions. So far during the 2023-24 influenza season, there have been 73 hospitalized influenza cases reported in Eau Claire County. The best way to prevent severe illness or death from influenza is to get an influenza vaccine.

ECCCHD works to assure that individuals can receive their annual vaccine by working with area providers and providing influenza vaccination at offsite health department clinics to reach those at risk of having severe illness or may have barriers to accessing influenza vaccination in other settings.

Eau Claire County Influenza vaccination rates as reported in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry are indicated below:

Age Group	% Vaccinated 2021-22 (as of 4/25/22)	% Vaccinated 2022-23 (as of 4/21/23)	% Vaccinated 2023-24 (as of 4/19/24)
All vaccine-eligible residents, ages 6 mo. and older	36%	32%	31%
Children, ages 6 mo. through 18 years	32%	27%	24%
Middle school children, ages 11-15 years	30%	25%	22%
Adult working population, ages 19 – 64 years	30%	25%	24%
Adults, ages 19 and older	37%	34%	32%
Adults, ages 65 and older	63%	62%	61%

The Medicare payment allowances for the 2024-25 influenza season have not yet been announced but are anticipated to be similar to the amounts for the previous influenza season. The average Medicare reimbursement rate for the 2023-24 influenza season was \$53.13 per shot. The average charge at Eau Claire pharmacies in 2023-24 was \$45 per shot. The Health Department’s estimated total cost per shot administered is \$50.79.

The influenza vaccination fee was waived for the last four seasons for certain populations to promote vaccination and remove barriers to getting flu vaccine during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In the 2023-24 influenza season, the doses purchased by ECCCHD were primarily administered to high-risk populations (unhoused/those experiencing incarceration/those without insurance). We propose again waiving the fee for the 2024-25 influenza season to continue to remove barriers in access to flu vaccination and vaccinate high-risk populations. Adults with insurance will be encouraged to go to their normal healthcare provider or pharmacy for vaccination.

**Budget Implications:**

The health department ordered 40 doses of influenza vaccine for the 2024-25 season. The total purchase cost is estimated to be \$789.20.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Waive the fee for influenza vaccination for high risk populations that may have access issues during the 2024-2025 influenza season.

*Prepared by Janel Grenz, Communicable & Clinical Services Division Manager*



**Fact Sheet – 5/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting****Agenda Item 5.b****Eau Claire Foundation Grant**

The Healthy Beginnings Division has applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from the Eau Claire Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase safe sleep educational materials for families with infants. Each year more than 3,000 infants in the United States die suddenly and unexpectedly in an unsafe sleep environment. Many of these deaths are accidental sleep-related deaths due to an unsafe sleep environment such as being on a parent's bed, sofa, or a recliner chair with others. Research supports the idea that safe sleep education and equipment help reduce the number of infant injuries and deaths related to sleep practices. However, the Eau Claire community lacks a system for safe sleep equipment and education to support sleep-related safety for families with infants. This program aligns with our mission of "building a healthier community through prevention focused programs and partnerships" through helping parents and caregivers implement safe sleep practices. This grant will allow us to serve 30 low-income families by providing safe sleep education and products, including pack 'n play portable cribs, and sleep sacks distributed by a public health nurse home visitor.

**Budget Implication:** Expenses for educational materials and supplies will be fully covered by the grant.

**Staff Recommendation:** Accept the of \$5,000 Safe Sleep initiative grant award for calendar year 2024 from the Eau Claire Foundation.

*Prepared by: Beth Draeger, Healthy Beginnings Division Manager*



## Fact Sheet- 5/15/24 Board of Health Meeting

### Agenda Item 5.c

#### Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) Incubator Funding

The ECCCHD has been awarded \$45,000 for a project to improve death review team data systems. The three teams in Eau Claire County – Overdose Fatality Review Team, Suicide Death Review Team, and Child Death Review Team -- support a local multi-disciplinary process for understanding the risk factors and circumstances leading to fatalities and identifying opportunities to prevent future deaths. The partners on each team are supportive of processes that improve the use of data by the teams that result in recommendations that have positive impact in the community.

DASH Incubator funding will be used to improve how data is shared and used in three multi-sector death review teams in Eau Claire County and will provide support around defining a structure for health equity and data governance within the death review teams. The project includes support from DASH, including support for a co-design process, technical assistance resources, one-one mentoring, and participation in a peer learning cohort. Learnings from this project will be applied throughout the department where applicable.

**Budget Implication:** Funding will support staff time and other costs related to creating and implementing a plan for improved health equity and data governance processes for Eau Claire County death review teams through August 1, 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve acceptance of the DASH Incubator funding of \$45,000.

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

## Board of Health Meeting 5/15/2024

### Agenda Item 6.a

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

##### Health Department retirements

Kay Bogumill is retiring after a long Public Health Nurse Career at the ECCCHD. Kay has most recently spent her time in the Reproductive Health Clinic and Communicable Disease Division. Throughout her many years of service, she has been involved in multiple programs at the ECCCHD, including the immunization program, tick borne disease investigation, rural health, tuberculosis management, and many more. Kay will be greatly missed.

##### UWEC Outreach

Health Department Staff Abby Hinz, Janel Hebert (Grenz) and Gina Schemenauer have been mentoring two UWEC Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies capstone students over the past few months. For the student's capstone project, they helped develop outreach activities to promote our Family Planning Clinic at the UWEC Sexual Health Fair on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm. They hid several eggs around campus near the event with a note inside that told them to visit our table at the event. We also purchased some small succulent plants and had students ask us a question (either their own or from one of our developed questions) to get a plant. This was great to engage the students and help them learn more about the services we offer at the clinic. We talked to over 50 UWEC students at the event. The capstone students are also working with us to develop a couple short videos to show how to get to our clinic, as our client satisfaction surveys always show that people have a hard time finding our clinic.



##### Maternal Health Champion Certificate

Program Specialists, Anni Vitriago and Gina Holt completed the National Reproductive Health Training Center (RHNTC) Maternal Health Champion training. The training was focused on building knowledge and skills to make meaningful changes towards maternal health outcomes at the systems level.

##### Spring 2024 Discounted Water Tests

The laboratory held a discounted water testing promotion from April 1st to April 11th. It was a huge success! While more total samples (Including public water samples) were analyzed during the last promotion, there were a record number of samples brought in from private well owners during the event. Over 240 private water samples were brought to the lab for testing, totaling around 2,500 individual tests completed by our microbiologists and chemist. Many homeowners chose to take advantage of the discounted "Homeowner's PLUS" bundle which includes testing for bacteria, nitrate, and a variety of metals. Around 25% of individuals that brought in a sample indicated that they have never tested their well water before, or it had been many years since their last test. A big thank you goes out to our whole front office team that helped answer questions, hand out water testing kits, and performed data entry. Also, thank you to the public health specialist and communication specialist that helped create outreach materials and advertise the event. Pictured below is one morning of reading the first batch of bacteria samples for the day. Due to the recent success of these events, the laboratory is hoping to offer promotional pricing one more time later in 2024.





### **WIC Breastfeeding Resource**

In order to better serve our WIC families and to meet a grant requirement, this resource was put together by our amazing team of dietitians and our Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. It is a comprehensive guide that will be shared with all pregnant and breastfeeding women participating in our WIC program. It can also be found on our website (see link below).

[FREE Breastfeeding Classes & Resources \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://eauclairewi.gov)



### **Eau Claire County Medical Reserve Corps (ECC MRC) & the Eau Claire Marathon**

On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the ECC MRC served alongside EMTs from the Eau Claire Fire Department (ECFD) to support Medical/First Aid tents at the Eau Claire (EC) Marathon. The ECC MRC was requested to support this mission by the ECFD, who became the lead patient care provider this year for the EC Marathon following the HSHS closure. There was a total of 7 first aid tents (6 mobile, and 1 finish line tent) stationed throughout the Marathon and Half-Marathon course. Each first aid tent was staffed by one EMT and at last one ECC MRC volunteer. The ECC MRC worked in partnership with the ECFD to provide pre-event training for the volunteers. This activation served as a capacity building exercise for our ECC MRC unit to be better prepared to step into similar supportive roles as needed following a disaster or large community event.

### **Regulation and Licensing Summer LTE**

This month, we will welcome Maddie Martin as our newest R&L intern! Maddie is an Environmental Public Health student from UW-Eau Claire. With her interest in public health and mapping, we will work to provide her with robust learning experiences in both the housing survey and lab programs as well as other areas of the department.

**Housing Survey Begins on East Side of Eau Claire 5/22/2024**

We have completed our first 5 year cycle of the City of Eau Claire Neighborhood Survey, also called the Residential Environmental Quality Assessment (REQA) survey. This survey was developed to provide a method of rapidly assessing the environmental quality of a given neighborhood. The survey method uses objective criteria to obtain a numerical index which will indicate the general level of the residential environment. This year, we will continue this work by re-surveying approximately 3,400 parcels in the East portion of the City of Eau Claire. This includes areas of downtown, Third Ward, and Eastside hill. More information on the survey and on the overall housing program can be found at: [Housing & Inspections: Eau Claire City and County | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://eauclairewi.gov)

**License Renewals for 2024-2025 Licenses**

Each year, licenses for all establishments expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. In April and May, our department works closely with finance and the City of Eau Claire to ensure our 850+ establishments are in their appropriate categories, charged the correct renewal fees, and are mailed to each facility in order to renew their license for the upcoming licensing year. All renewals are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to continue to operate. Throughout the month of June, we monitor which facilities have not paid and proactively reach out prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our department charges a late fee for payments made after that date, and those who have still not paid after 15 days are considered operating without a permit and have their license suspended per the requirements in their respective ATCP statutes. More information on the type of facilities that we license can be found at: [Health Department - Inspections and Testing | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://eauclairewi.gov)

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Event**

On Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil and Kassie Jain of the Community Health Promotion Division coordinated the spring Prescription Drug Take-Back event in partnership with the Eau Claire County Sheriff’s Office, Altoona Police Department, and the Eau Claire Health Alliance.

The twice a year events are hosted at the state level by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

At the event, we collected 485 pounds of medication at our sites in Eau Claire and Altoona! Combined with the medication already gathered at permanent drop-off locations, a total of 1,042 pounds of medication has been collected this year for safe disposal. More information can be found at: [Resources — Eau Claire Health Alliance \(ehealthalliance.org\)](http://ehealthalliance.org)



### **Retailer ID check training**

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 43 people attended an alcohol and tobacco retailer ID check training. This is taught in partnership with the Eau Claire Health Alliance, Eau Claire City County Health Department Community Health Promotion Division Kate Tor, and the Eau Claire Police Department. Participants learned impacts of underage drinking & tobacco use, how to correctly read an ID, how to spot fake IDs, and how to deny sales to minors. The next training will be in August.

### **Measles Preparedness Update**

On April 26, 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services sent out notice of the first case of measles reported in Wisconsin in 2024. The case is a resident of Dane County and works in Rock County.

ECCCHD sent an email to Eau Claire County schools and daycares to update them on the Wisconsin case and request that they begin outreach to students without documented measles immunity. Attached to the email were letters addressed to parents and guardians. That letter educated parents on signs and symptoms of measles, the highly contagious nature of measles, and encouraged parents to confirm the vaccination status of their family to ensure they were all protected. The letter also directed parents as to where they could find vaccinations.

In addition to these letters, the ECCCHD has sent the following communication:

- A measles flyer to Simple Traditions Clinic in Augusta who has agreed to distribute it to our Plain community, which has low measles vaccination rates.
- Facebook posts related to measles vaccination, international travel, and measles signs & symptoms.

The team is also preparing for the need to set up vaccination clinics should a case of measles be reported in Eau Claire County or a county nearby. We anticipate a potential need for vaccination of case contacts as well as others who may decide to get vaccinated at that point.

The Eau Claire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee has been kept in the loop and we are working with our PHEP partners on measles response protocol, vaccination clinic plans, and sharing social media messaging.

As of May 2, 2024, a total of 131 measles cases were reported by 21 CDC jurisdictions including Wisconsin. Please see [U.S. Measles Cases in 2024](#) for more information.

### **Immunize Wisconsin Grant**

We are wrapping up our work on the Immunize Wisconsin Grant, which awarded our immunization program a 12-month, \$50,000 grant. The purpose of this grant was to work to increase adolescent vaccine uptake and series completion. Through this grant period, we conducted community expert interviews to identify barriers to accessing vaccine, worked to increase access to vaccine through outreach event and partnerships, and promote increased understanding of the importance of timely vaccine completion for adolescents.

### **Toward One Wisconsin Conference Learning Opportunity**

On May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Eau Claire hosted Toward 1 Wisconsin Conference. This conference focuses specifically on equity, diversity, and inclusion and encourages involvement across a variety of sectors including academia, government, and business. This year's theme was "Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers" and offered sessions broken out into four different tracks: education, workforce, community, and health.

The Health Department was proud to have eight staff members in attendance. Over the two days, they had opportunities to learn about a variety of topics such as intersectionality and the power of collaboration in rural communities. They also had the ability to meet and connect with professionals both in Eau Claire and from across the state.

In the next few weeks, the employee who attended will work together to determine how best to share learnings with all Health Department staff. More information is available at: [T1W 2024 - Toward One Wisconsin \(inclusivity-wi.org\)](#)



#### **Training includes:**

- Hands-on experience learning how to identify real and fake IDs
- How to correctly read real IDs
- Indicators of fake IDs
- How to refuse sales
- Consequences of selling alcohol and tobacco to someone underage





Eau Claire City-County  
Health Department

## *Service Recognition Certificate*

*In recognition of your 36 years of dedicated service and nursing expertise that have improved the health of the Eau Claire community.*

This certificate is presented to

***Kay Bogumill***  
Public Health Nurse

Signature Director/Health Officer

5/15/24

Date:

Signature President, Board of Health

5/15/24

Date:



**Informational Item – 05/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 6.b**  
**2025 Budget Development Process**

Every year we begin the upcoming budget cycle with a discussion about process and assumptions. This is an opportunity for the Board of Health and health department leadership to share priorities and perspectives on key issues that will impact the 2025 budget. The draft budget, based on this input and year-to-date trends, will be presented at the July Board of Health meeting.

**Timeline**

- Discuss broad budget considerations at May Board of Health meeting
- Present departmental budget priorities and assumptions for brief review at June BOH meeting
- Draft budget presented at July BOH meeting for review and approval
- Submit draft budget to City and County in July/August
- Meetings with City and County leadership and fiscal staff to discuss budget – May through November
- Joint meeting between City, County, and health department to review Equalized Value and property tax levy funding from City and County in August
- Fees reviewed and approved at August BOH meeting
- City Manager and County Administrator present their recommended budgets in Fall which includes Health Department levy
- Health Department provides overview of budget to County Finance & Budget Committee and City Council in Fall
- Tax levy adopted as part of City and County Budget in November during legislative meetings
- Final health department budget confirmed/approved at December BOH meeting

**Budget Information**

**Expenses**

- Personnel – Wages and benefits account for approximately 86% of the 2024 adopted budget
  - Planned step increases and economic wage increases – Consider economic increases used by the City and County which are yet to be determined for 2025 (the 2024 economic wage increases were: Health Department – 2.5%, County – 3%, and City – 1.25% in January and 1.25% in July).
  - Health insurance premiums – Premiums will not exceed an increase of 3% for 2025, contingent upon 90% or greater City-wide participation in the health promotion program in 2024 per Group Health agreement.
  - WRS contributions – The employer contribution is currently 6.9% and we are typically notified by the State of any changes in July.
  - Employee retirements - We are aware of 1 planned retirement in 2025, and 12 employees are eligible based on years of service and age.
- Other – Contractual Services, Utilities, Fixed Charges, Supplies, Contributions & Other Payments, Capital Purchases, and Other Financing Uses make up the remaining 14% of the 2024 adopted budget



- A rental agreement with the County is in progress and we will have more information related to 2025 rent in July. We anticipate increases.
- Capital purchases are based on our replacement schedules for office updates and equipment purchases over \$5,000.
- The new Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be prepared prior to July BOH Meeting.

#### Revenue

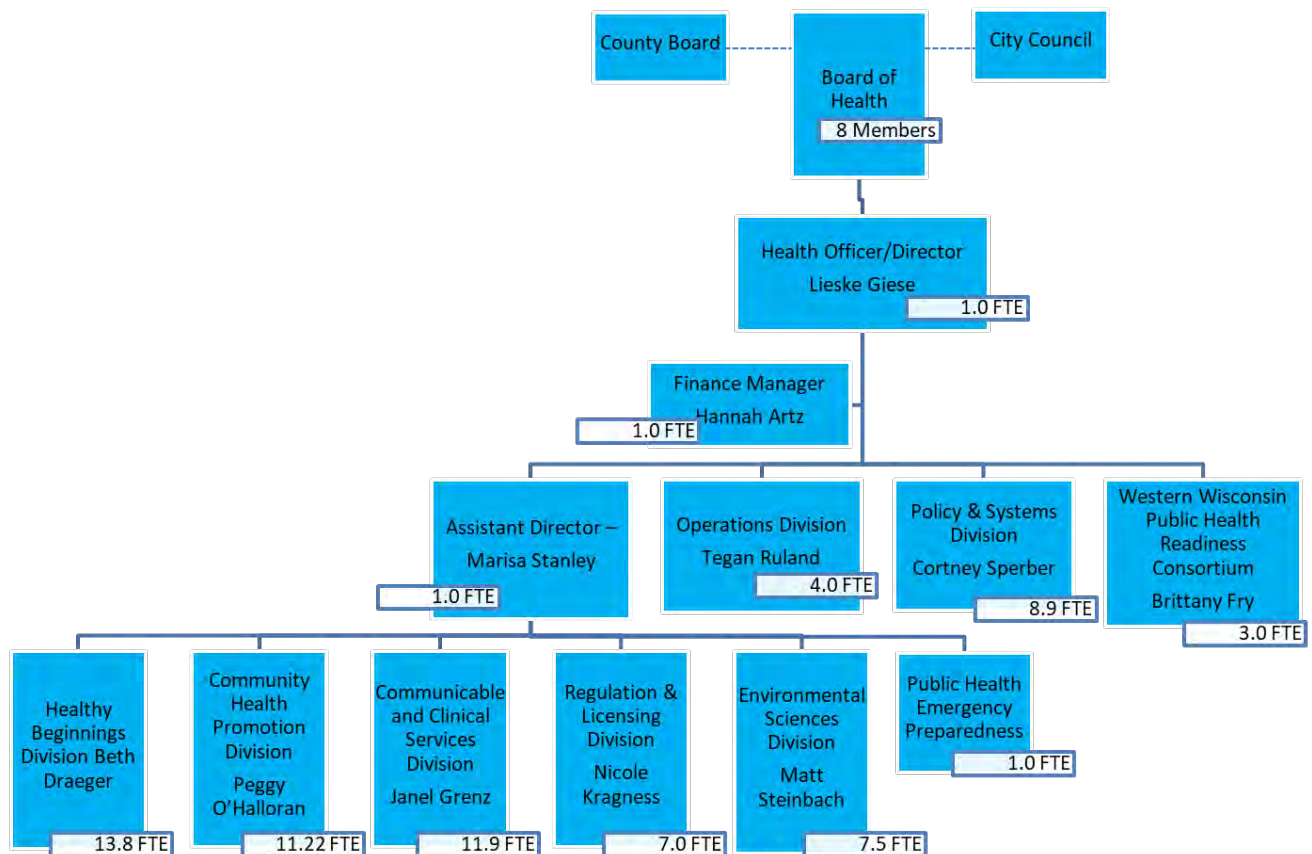
- Uncertain tax levy funding from the City and the County. The tax levy split between City and County is based on equalized value and net new construction which is finalized by the State in mid-August. Final tax levy allocations are approved by City Council and County Board. Historically these allocations have not covered inflationary increases.
- Funding for federal grants is unknown and we are aware of some likely funding decreases from federal sources. Proposed federal and state budgets for next fiscal year are still uncertain at this time. Often ongoing federal grants are flat funded which results in challenges due to increasing personnel and non-personnel costs.
- A couple of remaining small COVID grants will carryover into 2025 but the larger COVID response and recovery funding sources are ending in 2024 or have already ended.
- A few long-term, community supported grants are ending in 2024 with no current sustainable funding source identified to continue this important work.
- Fees continue to be reviewed to partially or wholly support costs.
- The 2024 adopted budget included a \$190,041 budgeted use of fund balance due to increased costs and decreased grant funding. We anticipate needing to build a budgeted use of fund balance into the budget for 2025 and we will work to identify cost saving measures or identify new funding or other revenue sources.

**Information Sheet – 05/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting**

**Agenda Item 6.c**

**Health Department Communicable Disease and Clinical Services Division Update**

In the 2024 budget discussions, we talked with the Board of Health about a change to our organizational structure to combine the Communicable Disease Division with the Clinical Services Division. The transition to the new division started in February with the retirement of the former Communicable Disease Division Manager. The combining of the divisions helps bring together all of communicable disease follow-up and most of the clinical services offered by the health department into one division. The new division is called the Communicable & Clinical Services Division and is led by Janel Grenz. The division manager will have 2 team coordinators that report to them, one focused on communicable disease follow up and the other focused on the family planning clinic. Please see below for the updated organizational structure. Attached are programs that are included in divisions.



*Prepared by Marisa Stanley, Operations Division*

# DIVISIONS AND PROGRAMS

## COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION DIVISION

- Mental health promotion
- Suicide prevention
- Alcohol, tobacco, and substance misuse prevention
- Alcohol and tobacco compliance checks
- Child, overdose, and suicide death review teams
- Opioid misuse and overdose prevention
- Healthy relationship promotion and sexual violence prevention
- Chronic disease prevention

## CLINICAL SERVICES DIVISION

- STI prevention, screening, and treatment
- Contraceptive options
- Pregnancy testing
- HIV Partner services
- Regional Nurse Practitioner services
- Wisconsin Well Woman program
- Colposcopy program

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

- Budget support
- Administrative support
- Human resources
- Health Department leadership
- Western Wisconsin Public Health Readiness Consortium

## HEALTHY BEGINNINGS DIVISION

- Farmers Market Nutrition program
- Nurse-Family Partnership® home visitation
- Prenatal care coordination benefit services
- WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) services
- Vision screening for elementary kids
- Childhood lead poisoning prevention and followup
- Breastfeeding peer counseling

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIVISION

- Immunizations
- Communicable disease followup and surveillance
- Disease outbreak response and investigation
- Emergency preparedness program
- Eau Claire County Medical Reserve Corps

## POLICY & SYSTEMS DIVISION

- Communications
- Health equity
- Community Health Assessment
- Community health improvement planning
- Strategic planning
- Quality improvement
- Eau Claire Health Alliance coalition

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DIVISION

- Private well program
- Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) program
- Local ordinance support and administration (environmental hazards)
- Potential rabies exposure followup
- Environmental sampling and testing
- Certified drinking water lab testing
- Radiological field team

## REGULATIONS & LICENSING DIVISION

- Restaurant and retail food inspections
- City of Eau Claire proactive housing inspection program
- Human health hazards and housing complaint investigations
- Tourist rooming house (Airbnb, VRBO) licensing
- Radon protection
- Pool and campground inspections
- Body art
- Asbestos and lead inspection and prevention

**Information Sheet –05/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting**

**Agenda Item 6.d**

**ARPA health department spending update**

The Health Department received \$851,500 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Public Health as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed in 2021. This federal act provided a combined \$350 billion in assistance to eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to help “turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.” From Wisconsin’s award, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services allocated \$58.4 million directly to local and tribal health departments for expenses incurred from March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024. The State used a distribution formula that includes a base of \$250,000 per jurisdiction with the remainder distributed by population. The Funds provided resources to meet and address emergent public health needs, including measures to counter the spread of COVID-19, provision of care to those impacted by the virus, and programs or services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Our department received \$851,000 in September 2021 and it was approved by the BOH at that months BOH meeting. At that meeting we indicated that funding would be utilized for 2022-2024 expenditures for COVID response and recovery. Decisions about expenditures have been guided by grant requirements related to COVID response and recovery, by our strategic plan, and were impacted by funding gaps identified in the 2023 and 2024 budget. ARPA funds have allowed us to remain fiscally whole in 2023 and 2024, providing consistent programs and services based on our strategic plan, community health priorities, and long-standing BOH priorities.

Below is a summary of uses to date and planned uses through the end of 2024.

<b>Total Grant Amount</b>	<b>\$851,500.00</b>
2022 Expenses – Personnel for COVID Response	\$13,965.60
2023 Expenses –COVID Response and retirement/new hire coverage	\$203,130.59
2024 Expenses through April – Outbreak response, retirement/new hire coverage	\$120,921.29
2024 estimated through 12/31- Outbreak response and coverage of grant salary gaps	\$ 304,182.50
2024 Estimated Future Non-Personnel – variety of partner funding, project support, strategic plan initiatives, consultants	\$209,300.00



## Information Sheet – 5/15/2024 Board of Health Meeting

### Agenda Item 6.e

Board of Health website review: [City-County Board of Health | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://City-County Board of Health | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (eauclairewi.gov))

## City-County Board of Health

 Print  Share & Bookmark Font Size:  

General Information >

Membership >

Contact Information >

Meeting Recording >

### Events

**Board of Health Meeting**

05/15/2024 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

**Board of Health Meeting**

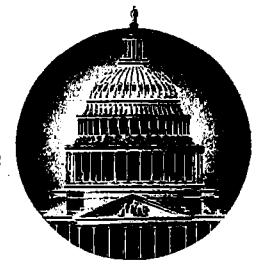
06/26/2024 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

**Board of Health Meeting**

07/31/2024 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

[MORE EVENTS](#)





## Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Federal Government Funding Update

By Molly Curington, Government Affairs Associate

In late March, Congress finalized the federal budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, including the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill, encompassing most public health programs. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) received \$117 billion in the final funding package, an increase of about \$955 million over FY23. Here's what local health departments need to know about FY24 and a look ahead to FY25.

Important topline totals from the FY24 bill include \$9.2 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), \$7.4 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), \$8.9 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), \$3.6 billion for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and \$6.7 billion for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Many public health emergency preparedness programs received increases from FY23 including an increase of \$65 million to \$1 billion for BARDA, a \$5 million increase to \$825 million for Project BioShield, and a \$15 million increase to \$980 million for the Strategic National Stockpile. Pandemic influenza preparedness got \$335 million, equal to the FY23 funding level.

Other programs important to public health saw no change in funding from FY23, including the Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity program, which remained level at \$350 million, the Public Health Data Modernization Initiative at \$175 million, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreements at \$735 million, the 317 Vaccine Program at \$681.9 million, and the Medical Reserve Corps at \$6.24 million. The FY24 joint explanatory text accompanying the budget included language encouraging CDC to ensure that federal funding reaches local health departments and recognizing the

importance of and encouraging the implementation of public health data modernization practices.

With FY24 finalized NACCHO's Government Affairs team is focused on FY25. The month of March also saw the release of the FY25 President's Budget Request. This request, while not binding, acts as an important signal of where the Administration's funding priorities are. This year's budget request is expectedly lower than last year's in adherence to the budget caps agreed upon in the Fiscal Responsibility Act. Ultimately, this means that most public health programs in the FY25 Request saw funding that is equal to or only slightly higher than FY24's Request.

The President's budget also includes policy proposals that the Administration hopes to see enacted by Congress. Notably, these include the creation of a mandatory Vaccines for Adults program, expansion of the Vaccines for Children program, and creation of \$20 billion in mandatory funding to prepare for pandemics and other biological threats. The President's Budget also included \$350 million for Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity. Unfortunately, neither the FY24 enacted appropriations bill nor the FY25 President's Budget Request included funding for the Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Program. This remains a key focus of NACCHO's Legislative Agenda, and we will continue to advocate for the strongest possible funding for public health and for the necessary resources to implement this important program.