

E-Cigarettes as a Public Health concern

Whereas the Eau Claire City-County Health Department has assessment, assurance, and policy development responsibility related to the health of the population in Eau Claire county and;

Whereas Eau Claire County has had a long standing concern with nicotine addiction and tobacco and the impact of this on health of the population and;

Whereas e-cigarettes are a new nicotine and other substance vapor delivery devices with known addictive substances, and unknown other potential health risks and;

Whereas e-cigarettes are not regulated by any federal agency and;

Whereas e-cigarettes are not proven to be an effective cessation devices while the combination of cessation counseling and FDA-approved medications is most effective in helping smokers quit and;

Whereas e-cigarettes are not proven to be safe for the user or those around the user and;

Whereas e-cigarettes use is not covered specifically in the state under Wisconsin Smoke Free Air legislation and is currently also not exempted from coverage and;

Whereas the public health evidence suggests that e-cigarettes are an appealing product to adolescents who are at risk of nicotine addiction and;

Whereas one of the most effective ways to reduce tobacco use is to stop young people from ever starting in the first place and we are having success in WI with lowering youth tobacco rates and;

Whereas chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease are responsible for millions of premature deaths each year and cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work each year, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Eau Claire City-County Health Department Board of Health stands in support of existing policy that supports smoke-free air in public places and ongoing research related to impact of e-cigarettes on nicotine addiction and tobacco cessation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of March, 2014.



Signature

Eau Claire City-County Health Department Board of Health President