	Health and Human Services Committee **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 5:00 pm** **Conference Call 1.312-626-6799** **Zoom Meeting # 838 3338 7001** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83833387001 **Iowa County HHS Center – Community Room** **303 W Chapel Street** **Dodgeville, Wisconsin**	**Iowa County Wisconsin**

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

1	Call to order.
2	Roll Call.
3	Election of Officers
4	Approve the meeting agenda for May 8, 2024.
5	Approve the minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting.
6	Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.
7	Discussion on Application Opportunity for a Public Health Vending Machine
8	Presentation on 4-H Thrive Data Research
9	Discussion of county contributions and in-kind services to the SUN program
10	HEALTH DEPARTMENT Department Update
11	SENIOR UNITED NUTRITION Department Update
12	UW EXTENSION Department Update
13	VETERANS Department Update
14	Next meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM
15	Adjournment.

Posting verified by Thomas C. Slaney/Megan Currie-Deputy County Clerk Date: 5/2/2024 Initials: MC

	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Health and Human Services Committee WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. *Health and Human Services Community Room* 303 W. Chapel Street., Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin

Item	
1	Chairman Nankee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2	**Roll Call:** Members Present in Community Room: Chairperson Dan Nankee, Joan Davis, Dody Cockeram, Richard Rolfsmeyer, Justin O'Brien Others Present in Community Room: Larry Bierke, Nikki Mumm, Valerie Hiltbrand, Tom Slaney Others Present on Zoom: Bruce Paull, Holly Knapp
3	**Approval of the March 6, 2024, Agenda**: Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Cockeram to accept the agenda. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	**Approval of the February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes**: Motion by Davis and seconded by Rolfsmeyer to accept the meeting minutes with corrections to section 10. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	**Reports From Committee Members and an Opportunity for Members of the Audience to Address the Committee. No action will be taken.** ***Cockeram –*** Commended the SUN Newsletter and asked for clarification of who is receiving them to ensure people within Iowa County have access to the newsletter. ***Nankee –*** Inquired how the Campbell Funds will be advertised this Fall. Bierke said it will be on the Community Foundation's website, and he is open to other options. ***Rolfsmeyer –*** He inquired about another opioid settlement he had read about in the newspaper and whether that impacted Iowa County. Bierke shared that we received another settlement from pharmacies that the county will receive over time. Further discussion will be on the April 3, 2024, agenda.
6	**ADRC Update:** Hiltbrand provided a report and presented. They are still down an **ADRC Specialist position** that has been open since November, and the **ADRC Specialist Lead position** put in notice so that will be open as well. Clients and other agencies we work with will need to have patience as we fill these positions and train incoming staff. Hiltbrand and Brian Cushman, Dodgeville EMS, will be meeting with other **EMS** departments in Iowa County to see if their squads would be interested in implementing the falls referral program developed through the **Healthy Iowa County Aging Concerns workgroup**. The **falls referral program** is a referral form completed by EMS and signed by the patient when a patient falls at their home but declines to go to the hospital. EMS will send the form to the ADRC, who will then reach out to the patient to discuss options with a goal of helping them stay safe and healthy in their homes while taking pressure off EMS. **Stepping On, a falls prevention program,** will be held at Stonefield Apartments beginning in April, and there are still some openings. We are currently working on the **2025-2027 Aging Plan** which includes goals in the four areas we receive Older Americans Act funding for, as well as value goals set by GWAAR. There will be a survey for community members to fill out, as well as a **listening session on March 26, 2024,** following the ADRC Board meeting in the Community Room. Bierke asked if the ADRC has ever sought out private vendors to facilitate our prevention programs. Hiltbrand said they have in the past with little interest but have partnered with other counties to provide them. Slaney shared that we have volunteer facilitators. There are currently four **respite providers registered** through the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin website, and of the three who attended the event in February, two registered and the third is in the process. This registry is a place the ADRC can refer caregivers to when they are looking for a provider to serve their needs, and the ADRC is hoping to build this registry.
7	**Unified Community Services Update:** Knapp provided a report and presented. They have been busy so far this year wrapping up 2023 and getting into 2024 where they have slated projects they will continue to work towards. They were **awarded Opioid Settlement Funds from Iowa County** and have applied for funds from Grant County. They are exploring

	office space in both counties. They have established current and ongoing priorities to work towards. Their next board meeting Is March 20, 2024. Davis said using **Carlson Dettman** to update the wage schedule will be a great thing for Unified Community Services. Nankee asked about office space. **Knapp said they need 10-15 more offices in Dodgeville** as several staff work from home, double up on office space or work from the Lancaster office. They want to expand services, be a pipeline for internships and give their staff adequate space to work. O'Brien asked if the Grant County Opioid Settlement Funds come directly from the taskforce and Knapp shared that Grant County operated differently than Iowa County in that the taskforce made a recommendation to the County Board for the amount to put into the 2024 budget and then the taskforce meets and distributes that allocated amount. Nankee asked if things were going well with the Law Enforcement Center. Knapp said that it was going well. **They meet bi-weekly as a team** to talk about needs. No concerns have been flagged up to her, though Sheriff Peterson would like to see increased capacity, but they will need to grow their team to meet those needs, as well as educate people on what Unified can do versus what they cannot and the efficacy of treatment services.
8	**Social Services Update:** Slaney provided a report and presented. He shared a letter with the committee on the **recognition the department received** from the Department of Children and Families. The **teen court program** has been restructured and there was a new session beginning that night. He is proud of the staff for redesigning the program to better serve Iowa County youth when our provider dropped us, and he and Bierke plan to observe a session this month. There are seven to 10 youths per session, and they enlist the help of volunteer youth to ensure there are enough participants for the program as it is hard to get enough to sustain the program. They have also investigated co-oping with other counties. He passed around information on the **WCHSA Conference** and invited committee members to attend, letting them know to contact him if they are interested. Rolfsmeyer shared his experience attending last year. Davis inquired on the number of children in and out of home care and Slaney shared information on the numbers and different types of out-of-home care, emphasizing that Iowa County has relatively low numbers due to putting most of our resources into prevention programs designed to keep them in their homes. Rolfsmeyer inquired about the backlog for economic support and Slaney stated it is due to the pandemic waivers that have expired and the need to go back to pre-pandemic assessment requirements. O'Brien asked who adjudicates the teen court program and **Slaney stated Assistant District Attorney Johnson** volunteered to be the teen court judge. Rolfsmeyer shared that his son was a participant in teen court when he was younger, and it was highly effective for him. Slaney said while it used to service only first-time offenders, they have expanded the program, but it is only for minor violations.
9	**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**: Approved for the next HHS Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville.
10	Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by O'Brien to adjourn. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: Public Health Vending Machine Grant Application

(●) Original ( ) Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

Grant for the purchase and installation of a PH Vending Machine to include Narcan and fentanyl test strips, etc

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

Allow Health Dept to apply for grant

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed) (●) Yes ( ) No If yes, please list below:

Summary of grant application and information about what a PHVM is

FISCAL IMPACT:

none, no match required

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED: (●) Yes ( ) No **PUBLICATION REQUIRED:** ( ) Yes (●) No

PRESENTATION?: (●) Yes ( ) No How much time is needed? 10 minutes

COMPLETED BY: Debbie Siegenthaler **DEPT:** Health Department

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED: ( ) Yes (●) No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE: May 8, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM #**

COMMITTEE ACTION:

seeking support for application submission to DHS

Public Health Vending Machines 2024

DHS is seeking applications from government and nonprofit agencies in Wisconsin for funding to purchase, install, and operate public health vending machines.
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/contracts/public-health-vending-machines-2024.htm

- **Program focus:** Funding to purchase, install, and operate public health vending machines in Wisconsin.
- **Application deadline:** 11:59 p.m. May 10, 2024
- **Eligible applicants:** Wisconsin-based tribal nations, county and municipal government agencies, and nonprofit agencies

Background

The Division of Care and Treatment Services has allocated $808,863 from Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant carryover funds to expand harm reduction efforts across the state. This funding must be spent by September 30, 2024.

Public health vending machines provide an opportunity to protect and promote the health and safety of people who use drugs. Many people do not seek assistance or services for their drug use due to a fear of being judged and/or arrested. Public health vending machines act as a highly accessible, safe option for people to obtain free lifesaving supplies, including nasal naloxone, intramuscular naloxone, and fentanyl test strips.

The goals of this public health vending machine funding opportunity include:

- Improving the quality of life for people who use drugs by providing free health and safety supplies in communities most impacted by overdoses and overdose deaths.
- Reducing the stigma related to drug use by treating people who use drugs with dignity and respect.

The priority populations for this public health vending machine funding opportunity include:

- People who use drugs who are not currently connected to harm reduction services.
- People who identify as a member of a community disproportionately impacted by Wisconsin's current drug overdose epidemic, including African Americans and Native Americans.
- People who are likely to witness a drug overdose.

Eligible organizations interested in applying for this funding opportunity should consider the needs of the area they serve and the capacity of their agency to support the placement and operation of a public health vending machine.

Eligible organizations are invited to apply for the following funding packages. Multiple funding packages may be requested in this application.

- **Outdoor public health vending machine package:** $55,000 per package. This funding must be used to purchase a public health vending machine, naloxone, and fentanyl test strip supplies. Outdoor vending machines are more expensive than indoor vending machines because they are built to create a temperature-controlled environment for the supplies.
- **Indoor public health vending machine package:** $50,000 per package. This funding must be used to purchase a public health vending machine, naloxone, and fentanyl test strip supplies.
- **Public health vending machine resupply package:** $45,000 per package. This funding is for organizations previously awarded a public health vending machine through the Division of Care and Treatment Services and only require naloxone and fentanyl test strip supplies to restock it.

The funding amount per package is based on the average cost of one outdoor or indoor public health vending machine and related supplies to initially stock the unit. Successful applicants are responsible for identifying vendors to purchase the public health vending machine(s) and related supplies.

Funding awarded under this request for applications can be used to:

- Purchase a public health vending machine.
- Purchase equipment to install and operate a public health vending machine (example: a card reader and machine to create cards for card access only units).
- Purchase supplies to stock a public health vending machine, including naloxone and fentanyl test strips.

- There is no match requirement for this funding opportunity.
- Successful applicants must follow all reporting requirements defined by the Division of Care and Treatment Services. At minimum, successful applicants should be prepared to regularly report a summary of expenditures and the number of supplies distributed through their public health vending machine(s).
- Successful applicants may use outside funds to purchase and place other health and wellness supplies in the public health vending machine(s) purchased. Other health and wellness supplies placed in public health vending machines across the country include medication lock bags/boxes, CPR breathing masks, gun locks, and items to promote safer sex.
- Funding received under this request for applications cannot be used to purchase other health and wellness supplies. It can only be used for expenses related to purchasing a vending machine, operating it, and stocking it with fentanyl test strips and naloxone.

Harm Reduction: Keeping Communities Healthy

Harm Reduction Basics

- People practice harm reduction everyday to keep themselves safe. Wearing seatbelts and helmets, driving the speed limit, and exercising are everyday examples of harm reduction.
- Harm reduction is a public health approach that engages directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdoses and the spread of infectious diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C.

EXAMPLES OF HARM REDUCTION IN OTHER AREAS

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Iowa County - Local stakeholder meeting held Monday 4/22/24 to discuss support for and the logistics of PH Vending machine placement, supplies, and other considerations regarding the grant application and sustainability once the grant funding is expended.

Agencies invited/represented: Law Enforcement, Drug Court, Unified, Social Services, UW Extension, Dodgeville Mayor, SWCAP Behavioral Health Partnership, Upland Hills Health, Dodgeville EMS, Health Department, County Administrator, County Board Representative/Opioid Task Force, SWCAP Opportunity House, Dodgeville PD.

Images of Vending Machines in other WI counties and municipalities…

Sauk County Health Dept started one in February 2024: FREE Narcan Nasal Spray, Deterra medication disposal kits, and listings of local mental health and substance use resources that are available to all community members 24/7/365.

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Thomas C. Slaney, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: HHS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: Thomas C. Slaney, Director
IOWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RE: **SUN PROGRAM**

DATE: May 2, 2024

It has been suggested that Iowa County charge the SUN program for the space we provide them to operate their nutrition program. Currently, the county charges the SUN program $200.00 per month for rental of their space. Additionally, SUN gets directly charged for software licenses, any computer equipment they utilize and copies from the copy machine. All these costs total about $3,000 per year.

The county does rent/lease space in the HHS building to outside entities. Our current rate for these spaces is approximately $39.00 per square foot. These fees include internet service, heat, electricity, insurance and minimal reception services. The SUN program occupies 797 square feet of space in the HHS building. The square foot charge times the square feet utilized by the SUN program equals an annual fee of $31,083.00. This would be a reasonable way to calculate the value of the services provided by Iowa County to the SUN program. This does not take into consideration the increased utility usage of operating a walk-in refrigerator and freezer.

The question before this committee is whether Iowa County wants to charge the SUN program for services and space we currently provide for free?

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HHS Committee Update

May 2024

- **Tuberculosis**: two active cases of TB early in 2024. Time and resource intense with several state partner agencies involved plus local partners (medical advisor, Community Connections Free Clinic, health care providers). Contact Investigation and interviews, screening, lab draws, sputum collections, directly observed therapy in the field. Some expenses are billable through the state TB Dispensary, not all expenses recouped. 2023 and early 2024 have seen latent TB increases as well.

- **Measles:**

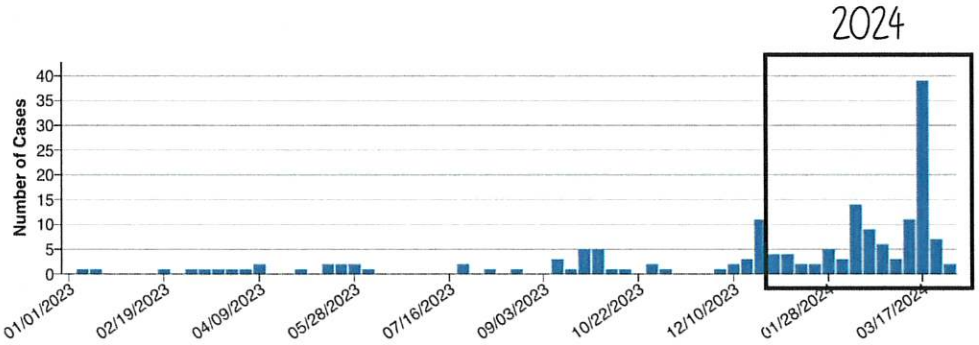
April 26, 2024: DHS Confirmed Case of Measles in Dane County

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has confirmed a case of measles in an individual living in Dane County, with travel and employment in Rock County. DHS, in coordination with Public Health Madison & Dane County and Rock County Public Health, are working to identify and notify people who may have been exposed to the measles virus. Additional information will be shared as the investigation continues.

Cases of measles have been rare in Wisconsin due to high vaccination rates, but measles is highly contagious and can cause serious health complications for those who are unvaccinated. The best way to protect yourself from measles it to get the measles vaccine (MMR). Two doses are 97% effective at preventing measles.

Wisconsin residents can find their immunization records using the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm Instructions are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong. If you are unable to access your records, please contact your doctor's office or your local health department.

- Measles Incidence in the U.S.: As of April 26, 2024, total of 128 measles reported by 20 states, more than double last year's total. Source: https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html



Severity of these cases:

- 94% of cases are among the unvaccinated or under-vaccinated (only 1 MMR vaccine). This tells us that the vaccines are working.
- 55% of cases are hospitalized. This is high, as typically 1 in 5 cases are hospitalized. This may be inflated due to mandatory isolation, which can be done at a hospital.
- Most cases and hospitalizations are among those under 5 years old (45%).

- **2023 Annual Report –** follow link to locate on our website https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/HealthDepartment/health-resource-links

- **Job descriptions** updated to incorporate the foundational areas/capabilities (an area of improvement noted in our 140 review). Review by Employee Relations in process.

- **Policy and Procedure review** process started in September 2023 resulting in edits to our four existing policies and addition of a Rabies Control policy ultimately approved at the March 2024 County Board meeting. The Water Lab Testing policy was approved in September 2023.

  Iowa County Policy Manual 600 - Health Dept.

  Immunization Policy
  Volunteer Medical Advisor Policy
  Environmental Health Policy
  Communicable Disease Control Policy
  Microbiology Water Testing Laboratory Policy
  Rabies Control Policy

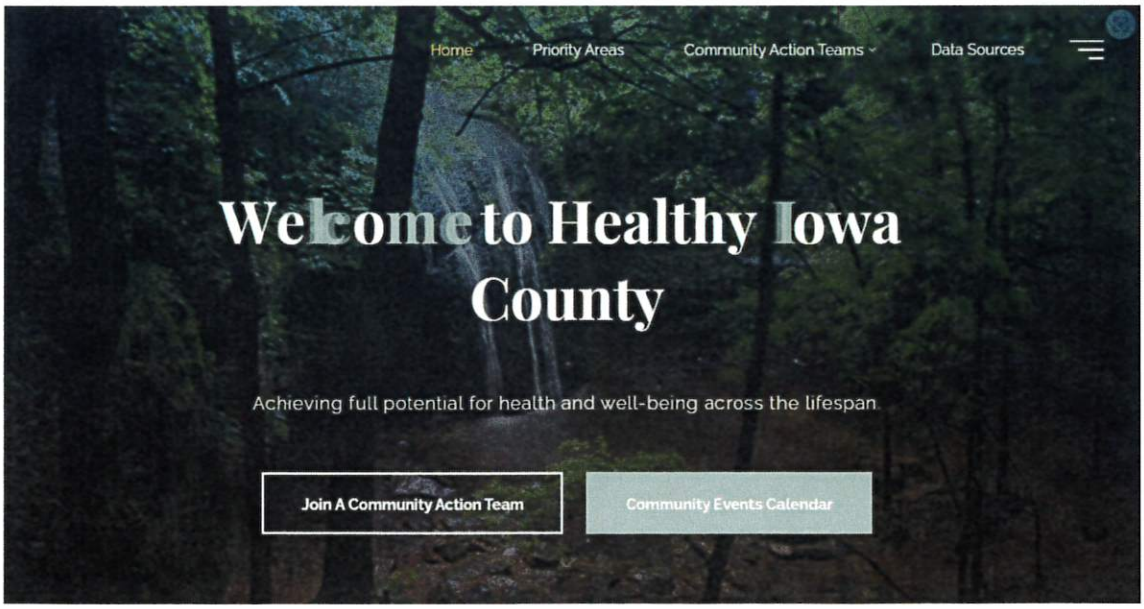
- **2023 Year-end financial summary**

  Total Expenses = 594,035
  Total Revenue = 267,376
  Levy need = 326,659 / Original budget request 306,102

  Overage of $20,557
  $21,636 extra in salary and fringe (regular PH budget) – salary increases not budgeted for
  $3008 expenses (mileage, meals, training, communicable disease expenses – shipping specimens, etc)
  $8324 less in consolidated contracts DHS (nearly all of our state contracts were less than budgeted)

- **Grant applications update**: much time has been spent in the past months writing grant applications.
  - Awarded Immunization Outreach 2.0 grant; submitted application for Immunization Outreach 3.0
  - Awarded Opioid grant funds for the community calendar
  - Awarded Environmental Health Healthy Literacy Grant
  - Supported Upland Hills Health in a grant application for Transportation (Social Isolation and Loneliness/Livable Communities).
  - Public Health Vending Machine application opportunity

- **Healthy Iowa County website and community calendar**
  https://healthyiowacounty.org



- **Iowa County Health Department is recipient of the 2024 Immunization Organizational Champion Award from Immunize Wisconsin.** Pictured below are Carly Tibbits and Leah Walrack, PH RNs from the ICHD, at the Immunize WI conference Wisconsin Dells in March to accept the award.

The Iowa County Health Department (ICHD) is the recipient of the Immunize WI 2024 Organizational Champion Award. This small, rural health department successfully administered 1,195 vaccines in 2023. In a significant development, the ICHD established a partnership with the Community Connections Free Clinic to provide vaccinations to uninsured patients from surrounding counties, a service previously unavailable at the free clinic. Additionally, the department extended its vaccination services to the local food pantry, offering vaccines on select days.

In an effort to broaden immunization coverage, the ICHD conducted visits to all schools within Iowa County, administering tetanus and influenza vaccines to both staff and students, with billing procedures in place for staff receiving the influenza vaccine.

A comprehensive strategy to increase vaccination rates and raise awareness about the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) programs has been a priority. This strategy encompasses a variety of outreach efforts, including direct mail, phone calls, and the engagement of trusted community members to connect with targeted groups. Furthermore, the ICHD has invested in a range of advertising methods, such as billboards, radio and newspaper ads, and social media campaigns, in addition to organizing more mobile clinics, fostering new partnerships, and emphasizing equity to lower vaccination barriers.

The department has taken the lead in convening community vaccine stakeholder meetings to identify and address any gaps in vaccine accessibility within Iowa County. It has also been instrumental in forming and maintaining crucial partnerships with various local entities, including the free clinic, hospital, clinics, pharmacies, and multicultural outreach and support programs like the SUN program, Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and the food pantry, among others.

- The Invisible Shield is a 4-part docuseries about the public health system. This invisible shield (a.k.a. local health departments) works its hardest every single day and many people don't realize or appreciate how it keeps you healthy and safe. This invisible shield is the foundation to our county, state, nation and world's house of wellness and it is undervalued, misunderstood and has suffered from decades of being under resourced. **Check it out at** https://www.pbs.org/show/the-invisible-shield/

Webinar Series: Wisconsin's Public Health Laws in Preventing and Controlling Communicable Diseases
WALHDAB Public Health Law Series - WALHDAB

"Why do PH laws exist and how do they protect the health and safety of individuals, families, and communities." This series provides an overview of the background for why public health laws are in place to prevent and control communicable disease; the benefit to individuals, families and communities; and what measures may be taken to prevent and control communicable diseases. In addition, this three-part series will cover the role legal counsel, administrator, elected officials, law enforcement, judges, and community organizations/businesses play in supporting health officer's duty to prevent and control communicable diseases.

Intended Audience: Health Officers, Health Department Managers, Legal Counsel, Administrators, Boards of Health, Health & Human Services Committees, County Board, City Council, Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Medical Advisor, Infection Control Practitioners, and others.

Partners: Organizations who have collaborated in the development of the webinar series include:

- League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- Wisconsin Counties Association
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services/Division of Public Health

Session One: Public Health Communicable Disease Laws: Over a Century Protecting Wisconsin's Communities

Description: This session will provide background for why public health laws exist and their benefits to our society. In addition, this session will do an overview of local health officer's duties and powers to prevent and control communicable diseases.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion, participants will be able to:

1. State two benefits of public health laws to prevent and control communicable diseases.
2. Provide an example of health officer duties for the prevention and control of communicable diseases.
3. Provide an example of who is responsible for reporting a known or suspect communicable diseases.
4. State what a health department does when investigating and controlling a communicable disease.

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Session Two: Local Health Officers Statutory Authority: Preventing and Controlling Communicable Diseases for the Common Good While Protecting Individual Rights

Description: Building on session one, session two will provide an overview of the measures local health officers' may carry out to prevent and control communicable diseases within their jurisdiction. In addition, this session will cover the role of governmental officials, childcare, schools, and workplaces in supporting the control of communicable diseases.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion, participants will be able to:

1. Provide an example of how prevention and control measures may look.
2. State the role of health care, child care, schools, workplaces, legal counsel, administrator, boards/councils, law enforcement, and judges play in supporting health officer's duty to prevent and control communicable diseases.

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Session Three: Preventing and Controlling Communicable Diseases: A Partnership Among Community and Government Entities

Description: Session three will cover what actions are involved in carrying out health officer orders. In addition, this session will provide an overview of the role of legal counsel, judges, administrators, law enforcement, district attorney in supporting health officer orders.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion, individual will be able to:

1. State the steps involved in issuing a) voluntary health officer orders/directives, b) health officer orders, and c) petitioning the court when there is failure to comply with health officer directive .
2. State the purpose in having an enforcement ordinance in place when carrying out health officer orders at general population level.
3. State the role of legal counsel, judges, administrators, law enforcement, district attorney in enforcement of health officer orders.
4. State available public health law state and national resources.

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County Health
Rankings & Roadmaps

Annual County Health Rankings Released

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R), a program of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, draws attention to why there are differences in health within and across communities. The program highlights policies and practices that can help everyone be as healthy as possible, and the power of communities to improve health for all. This work is rooted in a long-term vision where all people and places have what they need to thrive.

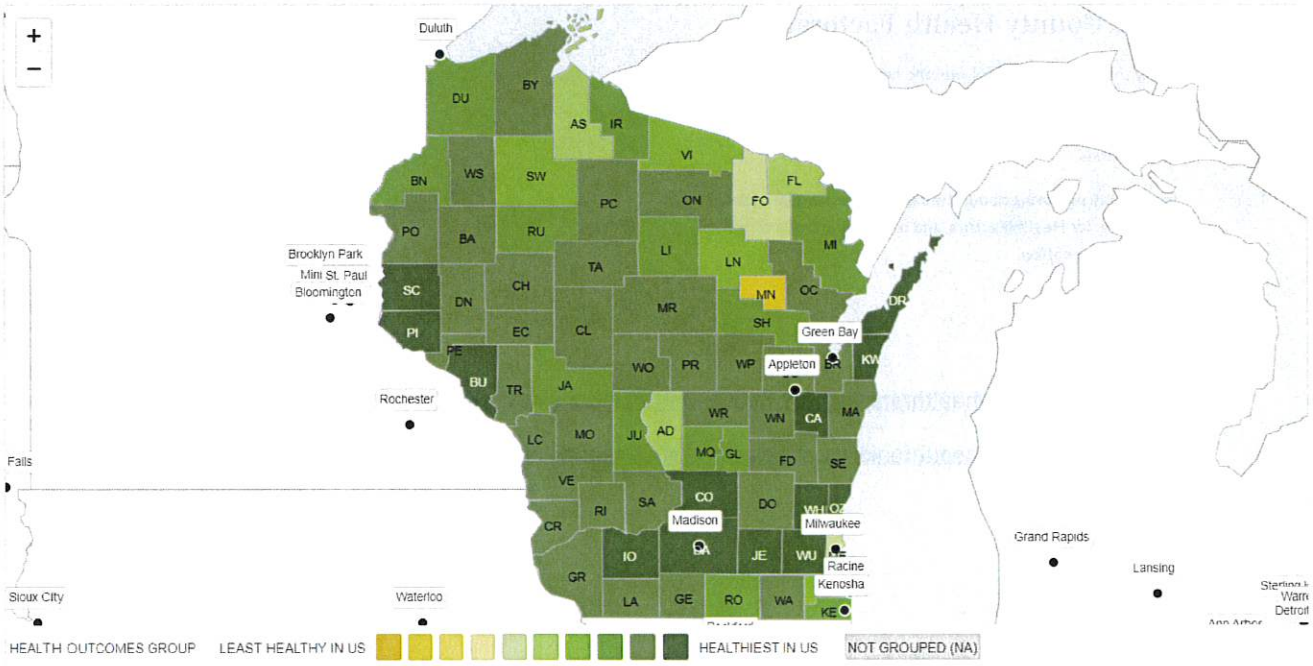
Each year in March, CHR&R provides a snapshot of the health of nearly every county in the nation. A wide range of factors influence how long and how well we live, including: opportunities for education, income and wealth, safe housing and the right to shape policies and practices that impact our lives and futures.

We all know that Iowa County is a great place to live, work and play which is consistently the case when we look at health outcome related data and factors that contribute to health.

Check out specific data for IC at Iowa, Wisconsin | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps.
View data about any county you are interested in Wisconsin | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Health Outcomes

Health Outcomes tell us how long people live on average within a community, and how much physical and mental health people experience in a community while they are alive.



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Iowa County is faring better than the average county in Wisconsin for Health Outcomes, and better than the average county in the nation.

Health Factors

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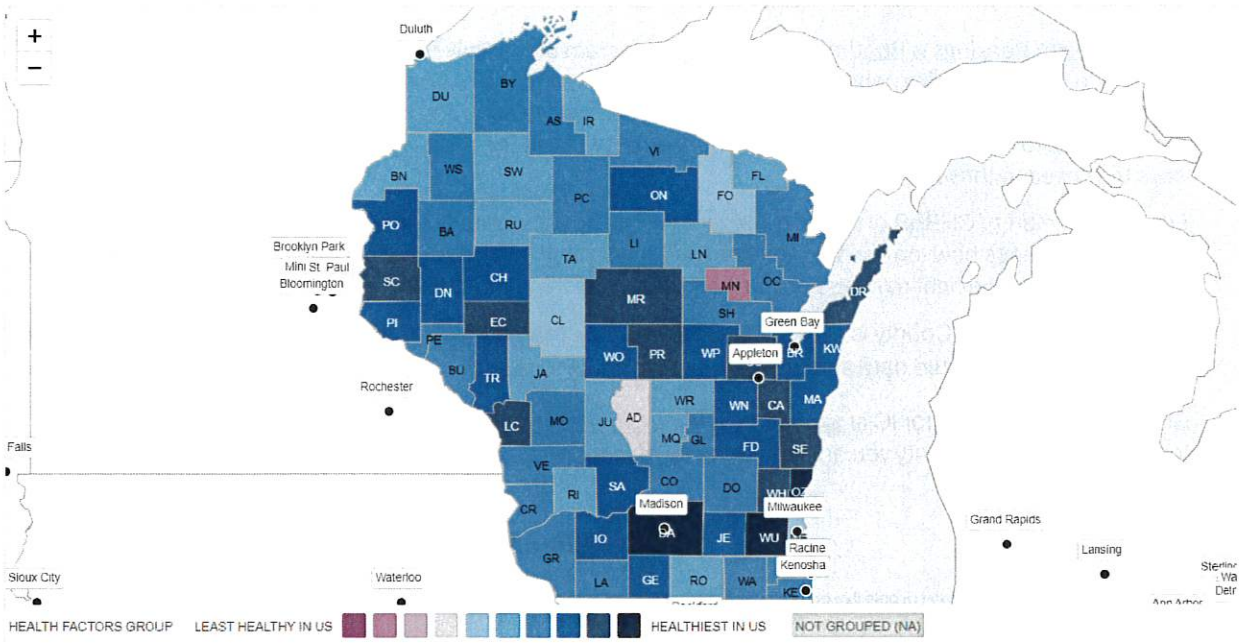

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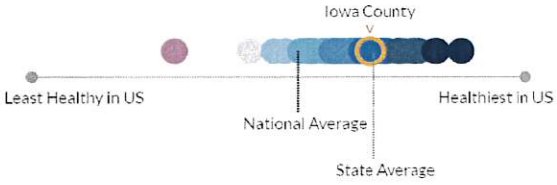

https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/health-data/wisconsin?year=2024

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HHS Meeting: SUN Report

- Executive Director position will be listed in similar manner with the previous job description
- Andrew's last day in the role will be May 16, however Andrew will work up to 8 hours per week remotely by contract for up to 90 days or until a new Director is hired.
- The single SUN budget is being separated into an Iowa County budget and a Lafayette County budget. Allocation methods are also under review to best utilize funding in a consistent accounting manner. For Iowa County, there is a surplus of congregate funds and a deficit of home delivered funding.
- Andrew met with UW Madison to discuss formally listing student internships for future terms. Basic requirements include 150 hours of work, a clear job description, and a special project by the student. The student should be challenged. Pay is not required but makes a listing more appealing. Students are not placed in internships. Students select their own to apply to. For fall term, the job should be listed by August 4 at latest to allow a 30 day candidate search.
- There is a new Board of Directors with 100% turnover. The new Board met on both April 25 and April 30 to get up to speed.
- An organization chart was created for SUN.
- A concise report of recommendations will be made for each county about possibilities to streamline or improve services within budget constraints.
- The Lafayette County Senior Social will be held on May 8. SUN will serve 70 meals.
- One of two SUN vans retired and is now a metal cube. This van served well and drove nearly 200,000 miles between 2011 and 2024. The remaining van needs more work, including an oil pan, AC recharge, and throttle body. In the short term, this van is necessary for a nearly 100-mile rural delivery route. In the longer term, that route starting in Darlington needs to be redesigned and split into smaller routes. Grant proposals to secure more funding toward a new vehicle have not met with success.
- Community funds continue to be good sources of revenue for small projects. Bigger national foundations or wider Wisconsin foundations have not been successful funding sources yet.
- Paulette Glunn, Executive Director of Northwest Dane County Senior Services, and a resident of Dodgeville, spoke to the new Board on several topics on April 25, including fundraising ideas. NWDSS requests a per capita fee of all municipalities they serve to help support senior services. They also share their fundraising attention between grants and events, such as a golf outing. Grants are time consuming and often do not result in funding. Events at least produce something and once established can be budgeted based on previous years. NWDSS runs their annual campaign in July. While people give most generously in December, due to restrictions on carrying funding across calendar years, it is better to bring in money mid-year and to have more time to utilize it.

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Agriculture

Kim Kester, Regional Livestock Educator
Jackie McCarville, Regional Dairy Educator
Jordyn Sattler, Regional Crops & Soils Educator

The Extension Agriculture Institute is your connection to the latest University of Wisconsin-Madison research. Our five program areas; Agriculture Water Quality, Crops and Soils, Dairy and Livestock, Farm Management, and Horticulture, are here to educate and respond to the needs of the agriculture community while providing resources that promote economic and environmental sustainability in Wisconsin. We apply research to challenges facing communities and businesses.

- Development of: A pilot study to gauge the feasibility of swath/windrow grazing as a winter-feeding option for beef cows in southwestern Wisconsin, in collaboration with CALS faculty and Lancaster ARS personnel. Results from this pilot study will offer beef producers a potential new winter-feeding strategy that utilizes drought-resistant forages, saves time and money by reducing fieldwork/fuel usage, reduces damage to fields, and provides adequate nutrition for cows. (Kimberly Kester)
- A weekly radio spot for livestock producers, allied ag industries, and the general public to learn about Extension publications and resources, programming updates, and available webinars or workshops in the area. The intent was to reach a broader audience with timely topics and resources to positively influence on-farm economic viability, knowledge and skills, and overall impression of Extension. (Kimberly Kester)
- Development of: A project to demonstrate the applicability of genomic testing to inform replacement/selection decisions for commercial and purebred beef cattle, in collaboration with CALS faculty and Lancaster ARS personnel. Results from this demo project will provide beef producers with real-world genomic results and genetic comparisons, as well as how to use the results to make sound selection decisions based on herd goals. (Kimberly Kester)
- A live, on-line meeting series called "Badger Dairy Insight" for farmers and dairy industry professionals, where participants learned the latest research on ways to reduce heifer cost and create better sustainability through grazing and fertilizer application and greenhouse gas emissions on pasture. The goal of this effort was to increase knowledge of the latest UW-Madison research on impacts of heifer and sustainable grazing. (Jackie McCarville)
- A live in-person meeting for dairy farmers and employees, where attendees learned about the implications of high somatic cell count and mastitis on production. They also learned the tie between dairy nutrition and health immunity. (Jackie McCarville)
- A webinar for dairy producers where attendees learned about Dairy Margin Coverage sign-up, changes to the program, and utilizing the decision tool to help determine coverage levels. (Jackie McCarville)
- A weekly radio interview for farmers, agricultural industry persons, youth livestock, and youth dairy where they learned about extension agriculture-related resources, information, and timely webinars. The goal is to help them to be connected and supported, and to make better informed decisions regarding their farm business

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operations or large animal project to improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety. (Jackie McCarville)

- A webinar, one session part of Badger Dairy Insight, for dairy farmers and dairy industry professionals, where participants learned the latest trends for using sexed semen and beef semen for reproduction. The goal of this effort was to increase knowledge of the latest University research on the use of sexed semen, beef semen, increasing conception rates and how dairy professionals can practically apply these technologies to their clients' farms. (Jackie McCarville)
- Planning for Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program trials for corn growers in collaboration with the USDA, Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance, and four area producers. The goal of this effort is to learn more about how rye cover crops affect optimum nitrogen rates so that producers can apply commercial fertilizers more efficiently. (Jordyn Sattler)
- An event for farmers where they could take the test to become certified pesticide applicators. This effort is designed to address federal and state laws that require the certification of persons applying restricted use pesticides to prove that they have been trained on how to use pesticides correctly, safely, and legally. (Jordyn Sattler)

Community Development

Barry Hottmann, Community Development Educator

The Extension Institute of Community Development provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enriches the lives of their residents. We educate in leadership development, organizational development, food systems, community economic development, local government education and much more. In short, the Community Development Institute plants and cultivates the seeds for thriving communities and organizations.

- A ½ day training session for county board supervisors where they learned about best practices for being an effective board member. By applying what they learned in the workshop, county board supervisors will become more efficient and transparent in making decisions, and their ethical conduct as public servants.
- Strategic planning for Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce where we updated the organization's mission and vision statement, identified goals, and developed action plans. The planning process is intended to clarify the organization's purpose and develop achievable steps to realize its vision.
- Strategic planning for Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce where we updated the organization's mission and vision statement, identified goals, and developed action plans. The planning process is intended to clarify the organization's purpose and develop achievable steps to realize its vision.
- Strategic planning for Iowa County Board of Supervisors where we identified goals, and developed action plans. The planning process is intended to clarify the organization's purpose and develop achievable steps to realize its vision.

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About Strategic Planning

Community-serving organizations, including nonprofits, local governments, and coalitions, are more effective when they have a clear purpose/mission, vision, and goals. When there are changes in leadership, resources, community needs, and other internal or external factors that affect the organization, it is a best practice to engage in some form of strategic planning to set priorities, focus energy and resources, and ensure everyone is working towards common goals. Extension meets with leaders of community-serving organizations to diagnose the needs of the organization. When strategic planning is identified as a need, Extension works with organizational leaders to design and facilitate a systematic process that is unique to the organization, and which helps the organization create, affirm, or revise its mission, vision, and goals. Extension also helps the organization facilitate the development of action plans intended to move the organization forward in addressing its goals. Strategic planning processes facilitated by Extension generate several important outcomes for community-serving organizations. First, they provide clarity and direction as outlined in the strategic plan report. Second, they teach organizations about the importance of planning as a tool for increased organizational capacity. Third, the strategic planning process builds trust, understanding, and shared knowledge that leads to collective action to address local needs.

Health and Well-Being

Maggie Milcarek, FoodWIse Nutrition Coordinator

The Extension Institute for Health & Well-Being works to catalyze positive change in Wisconsin communities to promote health and well-being. Our research-based programs are focused on food and nutrition security, chronic disease prevention, mental health promotion, substance use prevention, and access to health care. Rooted in both urban and rural communities, we're working together to help solve the state's most pressing well-being needs and to ensure that all Wisconsinites have the opportunity to live stronger, healthier lives.

- Planning and purchasing items for a food garden with Meridian Housing Group and residents at the Dodgevilla affordable housing properties in Dodgeville. This month, FoodWIse staff purchased items to construct two raised garden beds and Meridian staff constructed the beds. The gardens and produce will be accessible to all residents. Excess produce would be donated to other Meridian properties in Iowa County. In conjunction with the garden, FoodWIse will provide nutrition education classes. The goal of this project is to encourage healthy eating, improve access to local nutritional food, and improve food security for community members experiencing low incomes and low food access.

Garden Box (in background behind sign)

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Discussion and list of potential vegetables for the garden beds.

- The first in a series of garden nutrition education classes to be held with adults at the Dodgevilla Meridian Housing property in Dodgeville. This class was a nutrition education class and garden planning event. The class focused on the recommendations for and benefits of eating all colors and types of fruits and vegetables. Participants talked about meals and snacks that feature fresh vegetables that could be grown in the garden. Participants also learned about the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans and talked about the physical and mental health benefits of gardening. We generated a list of vegetables and herbs that participants would like to grow in the garden and talked about topics for future garden classes. The goal of these classes is to encourage healthy eating habits and increase the use of fresh vegetables from the garden.
- Planning for a series of educational and outreach events in partnership with The Aging and Disability Resource Center. FoodWIse would partner with ADRC staff to provide education about and promote the use of Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers. The goal of these programs would be to encourage healthy eating habits, promote the purchase of local fresh fruits and vegetables, and increase the redemption of the vouchers.
- Support for a coalition consisting of Farmers Market Managers and FoodWIse staff in Southwest Wisconsin. The goal of this effort is to strengthen community partnerships, empower members through sharing of best practices, develop and disseminate resources, and promote equitable access to healthy and local foods.
- Planning and purchasing items for a second year of the community food garden in the Village of Livingston in partnership with local non-profit Soul Food and Livingston Community Improvement Corporation Emergency Food Pantry. FoodWIse will provide direct and indirect educational opportunities in conjunction with the garden. The goal of this project is to encourage healthy eating, improve access to local nutritional food, and improve food security for community members experiencing low incomes and food insecurity.

Positive Youth Development

Dan Brandt, 4-H Youth Development Educator

The Extension Institute of Positive Youth Development prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

- An interactive camp workday with 4-H educators from across the state. Through this effort, we supported each other with ideas and state procedures about camp and how to improve camp for the youth who choose to attend in each county.
- Being a youth camp counselor is one of the most important jobs a youth can take on when going to camp. The youth need to be prepared and ready to deal with any situation at a moment's notice. Camp counselor trainings for summer 4-H camp can help the counselors by preparing them with tools such as welcoming activities, team building, and leadership exercises. The purpose of the training is to engage young people as camp counselors in

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leadership roles while learning about team building and mentoring strategies they can apply while being a camp counselor.

- When implemented, restorative practices help develop a culture where everyone's voice is heard and valued, and relationships become the cornerstone of the community. The activities are designed to engage youth in activities that help youth identify and help build a Restorative School Community. Providing this potential collaboration with the Iowa County Child Protective Services Department about curriculum that promotes Restorative Justice practices in the school setting will allow more youth voices to be able to come to the table to help change and make their own school community more welcoming and inviting for everyone.
- Mental wellbeing can be difficult to talk about, especially for middle school youth who are seeking the approval of their peers. It is important to set up a comfortable space for youth to learn and share. It can help youth to open up and ask questions when others are more reserved and vulnerable. I met with the principal on a potential collaboration with the Iowa-Grant School District about curriculum that promotes mental wellbeing awareness. The activities are designed to engage youth in activities that help youth identify their emotions and develop skills and strategies to be able to deal with them in healthy ways.

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DEPARTMENT UPDATE TO HHS COMMITTE
8 May 2024

1. The summer edition of the newsletter is being compiled and will be sent to the printing company in the near future.
2. Iowa County Healthcare Equipment Loan Program administration remains with the Veteran's Office. There have been 35 completed requests for equipment since the last department update in February 2024. There were 122 completed requests in 2023. I have heard great appreciation for this program from numerous people during equipment pick-up.
3. On January 6, 2023, the Madison Vet Center began offering counseling services to area veterans at the Health and Human Services building. This program has been progressing quite well. The counselor, Amanda, that has been holding office hours at HHS on the first and third Fridays of each month has seen her schedule steadily filling up with a combination of virtual and in-person appointments.
4. From 15 – 19 Apr, I attended the spring training conference of the County/Tribal Veterans Service Officer Association of Wisconsin in Green Bay, WI. These training conferences are required for continuing education to maintain VA accreditation to represent veteran's claims. The conference was very informative, with several interesting training sessions.

Sincerely,

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