



Board of Health
 Wednesday, August 14, 2024
 4:00 PM
 Health & Human Services Center
 Community Room
 303 West 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 and Welcome
2	Roll Call and Introductions
3	Approve the agenda for this meeting
4	Approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2024 prior meeting
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken.
6	Election of Board of Health Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
7	<i>Presentation:</i> Lead in Water Remediation Testing Program - Summary of Activities – Leah Walrack, PHN
8	<i>Presentation:</i> Improving Routine Vaccination Through Community Engagement (RICE) 2.0 Grant Program – Summary of Activities – Carly Tibbits, PHN Lead
9	<i>Public Health Program Updates:</i> - Communicable Disease activity including: H5N1, Dengue, Pertussis, COVID, Tuberculosis; Measles - Community Outreach Programs: Safety Day, Wellness Expo, Back to School Event, Fall School Flu Clinics, Employee and Kids Community Flu Clinics, Iowa County Fair, Google Translate Workshop, HeadStart Staff Education - Grant Applications: Environmental Health Literacy; Immunization Outreach, Maternal Health, PH Vending Machine - Administrative Updates: 2025 Budget (draft), Strategic Planning, staffing r/t Community Coordinator/Health Educator departure - Ordinance Review: Tattoo Ordinance - rescind
10	Monthly report (programmatic stats)
11	Next meeting date
12	Adjournment

Posting Verified by: Debbie Siegenthaler, Director/Health Officer; Joan Davis, Chair

Date: 8.7.2024

Initials: DS

Posted by County Clerks Office on 8/7/2024, Megan Currie - Deputy County Clerk

	UNAPPROVED MINUTES Board of Health Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 4:00 PM Health & Human Services Building – Community Room 303 West Chapel Street Dodgeville, WI 53533	Iowa County Wisconsin
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1	Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joan Davis at 4:00 PM.	
2	Roll Call and Introductions: Committee members present: Joan Davis, Tom Howard, Gerald Galle, Dody Cockeram, Vickie Stangel and Sue Steudel, Bruce Paull (via zoom). Others Present: Iowa County Health Department Director Debbie Siegenthaler, Medical Advisor Dr. Peter Mullin, Troy Moris, Environmental Health Coordinator, Geana Shemak, Iowa County Health Department Community Coordinator/Health Educator	
3	Approve the agenda for this meeting: Cockeram moved to approve the agenda for this April 24, 2024 meeting. Galle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.	
4	Approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2023 prior meeting: Cockeram moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2023 meeting. Stangel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.	
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken. No reports/addresses.	
6	Presentation: Troy Moris, RS, Environmental Health Coordinator – Environmental Health Program Updates: Moris reported that the “Radon Season” was wrapping up with more than 50% of the distributed radon detection kits returned. He explained that testing was not required with a seller sells a home. Regarding lead testing, we are implementing the state lead in daycare testing for licensed daycares in Iowa County (there are eight). The state will pay for replacement faucets if the faucet was found to be the cause of elevated lead levels and for a filtering system if the supply line was found to be the cause. Seven of the eight facilities are interested. Looking into wastewater treatment water testing in Grant County, looking for the presence of viral pathogens. Getting some “garbage complaints” which is typical in the springtime. Managing a few insect pest cases (cockroaches, bedbugs, etc) The move from a five-county consortium to a three-county (Iowa/Lafayette/Grant) consortium has had an impact on the environmental health issue(s) workload, making it feasible to focus on prevention and education, not solely on complaints all day every day. We are almost due for a Clean Sweep Program, possibly in 2025. A clean sweep program allows for the collection/disposal of household chemicals, some agri chemicals, mercury, DDT, etc. The last Clean Sweep program was conducted in 2022. There is no cost to homeowners to take advantage of this program, but there may be a cost to businesses. Discussing logistics/potential for a 3 county application.	
7	Presentation: Healthy Iowa County Community Health Improvement Plan, Healthy Iowa County website and community calendar: Geana Shemak, PhD, ATC, Community Coordinator/Health Coordinator: Shemak explained that a Community Health Assessment as well as a Community Health Improvement Plan is required of the Health Department every five years. Electronic copies of the 2023 Iowa County Community Health Improvement Plan had previously been provided to Board members. The plan is based on four priority areas: Aging Concerns, Behavioral Health, Healthy Living, and Transportation	

	Issues and that an assessment of these issues was addressed collaboratively by community partners and stakeholders in developing this plan. One goal with the CHIP was to rejuvenate the Healthy Iowa County logo and build a website. Shemak presented an overview of the Healthy Iowa County website, explaining its contents and interactive capabilities such as the google-based Iowa County Asset Map that directs users to resources and the Community events Calendar in the website – a (free) method of advertising community events. Event planners can add an event to this community calendar by submitting a form (found on the website) to the Health Department who then vetts the submission prior to including it in the calendar. Davis recommended that Shemak present this information, perhaps via a similar presentation, to the entire Iowa county Board. Shemak described a pilot program with Dodgeville EMS to partner with ADRC in referring resources to people who suffer falls.
8	Public Health Vending Machine – application opportunity: Director Siegenthaler and Shemak described an opportunity to apply for a DHS block grant to fund a public health vending machine (PHVM). These vending machines are available to the public with the purpose of dispensing products such as fentanyl test strips, Narcan, Condoms, first aid kits, gun locks, and other public health items. The grant does require us to stock Narcan and fentanyl test strips. It was explained that 27 Wisconsin Counties currently had one or more PHVM (Milwaukee County has 10). The cost is \$55,000 for an outside and \$50,000 for an inside vending machine, with \$45,000 restocking funds. A vending machine can be placed in a variety of places such as Law Enforcement Centers, Libraries, Hospital Emergency facilities, county buildings, etc. Application for PHVM funds are due May 10. Stangle made a motion to approve the Health Department’s submission of an application to DHS for a public health vending machine. The motion was seconded by Cockeram. Motion passed unanimously.
9	2023 Annual Report of the Iowa County Health Department: Director Siegenthaler has previously provided an electronic copy of the Iowa County Health Department’s 2023 Annual Report. She stated that a requirement of all Health Departments is to prepare an annual report. She explained that this report was organized along foundational areas and capabilities, and briefly described the contents of this report. Steudel made a motion that the Board accepts this annual report. Motion seconded by Howard. Motion passed unanimously.
10	Public Health Program Updates: ...2024 Immunization Organizational Champion Award from Immunize Wisconsin: Director Siegenthaler explained that the Iowa County Health Department was the recipient of the Immunize Wisconsin 2024 award for the Department’s successful efforts to broaden immunization coverage and to increase vaccination rates. ...Communicable Disease activity including Tuberculosis; Measles: Director Siegenthaler described the Health Department’s activities associated with two active TB cases in early 2024 and presented data associated with measles outbreaks this year in the US, along with DC data on this issue. ...Administrative (policy approval complete, job descriptions, 2023 Year-end Budget Summary): Director Siegenthaler informed the board on progress with job descriptions (updated, currently in review by Employee Relations), progress with Policy/Procedure Review (edits completed to the (four) existing policies and addition/approval of a Rabies control policy and a Water Lab Testing Policy. She then presented a 2023 year-end financial summary, addressing total expenses, total revenue, overage, and levy need as related original budget request. Public Health Week promotional activities; Invisible Shield docuseries (PBS); Public Health Law Series: Director Siegenthaler made available to Board members information related to accessing a variety of programs related to Public Health, including computer links to video recordings of the WALHDAB Public Health Law Series and to PBS docuseries about the public health system entitled Invisible Shield. She encouraged Board members to take advantage of these promotional activities to further their understanding of the public health system.

11	Monthly Report (programmatic stats): Health Department 2024 stats through March were previously distributed to Board members for review and discussion.
12	Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Iowa County Board of Health is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM.
13	Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Howard and seconded by Stuedel. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tom Howard, Iowa County Board of Health Secretary



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Board of Health Update

August 2024

The Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation (WTR) Initiative works to reduce drinking water hazards in licensed group child care centers and Head Start programs across the state. The Iowa County Health Department is enrolled in this program and currently implementing. This free program tests for lead in water at these centers and helps impacted facilities to take action by offering free plumbing replacement for fixtures, such as water fountains, kitchen faucets, and classroom faucets.

[Lead-Safe Wisconsin: The Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/water.htm)

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Routine Immunizations Through Community Engagement- The Iowa County Health Department has been awarded both RICE 2.0 and RICE 3.0 grants to support our work in building a stronger network of vaccinators, including our vaccination efforts, to increase vaccine equity across the Iowa County. We were recently acknowledged for this great work by being the recipient of the 2024 Immunization Organizational Champion Award from Immunize Wisconsin.

[Immunizations: Routine Immunizations Through Community Engagement \(RICE\) Grant | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/rice-grant.htm)

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/rice-grant.htm>

Pictured below are Carly Tibbits and Leah Walrack, PH RNs from the ICHD, at the Immunize WI conference Wisconsin Dells in March 2024 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.

Communicable Disease Activity:

Dengue

Global incidence of dengue in 2024 has been the highest on record for this calendar year; many countries are reporting higher-than-usual dengue case numbers. From January 1 – June 24, 2024, countries in the Americas reported more than 9.7 million dengue cases, twice as many as in all of 2023 (4.6 million cases). Puerto Rico has declared a public health emergency (1,498 cases) and a higher-than-expected number of dengue cases have been identified among U.S. travelers (745 cases) from January 1 – June 24, 2024. In Wisconsin, 12 confirmed cases of dengue virus in returning travelers have been reported so far in 2024. There were 98 reported cases of travel-associated dengue in Wisconsin from 2014 to 2023. All were reported in people who had traveled to an area with [local transmission of dengue](#).

[CDC's Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory: Increased Risk of Dengue Virus Infections in US](#)
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/mosquito/dengue-data.htm>

Pertussis

Wisconsin is experiencing an uptick in cases of [pertussis or whooping cough](#); including cases in our neighbor to the east, Dane county. As of late July 2024, Wisconsin has reported 226 cases of pertussis, representing a significant increase compared to 2023. Most of these cases have occurred in teens, but there have also been nine cases reported in infants under one year old, a particularly vulnerable group since they cannot be immunized against the disease.

[Wisconsin DHS continues to monitor pertussis uptick \(spectrumnews1.com\)](#)
[Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\) is in Dane County: What You Need to Know | Public Health Madison & Dane County \(publichealthmdc.com\)](#)

High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and State veterinary and public health officials are investigating cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in dairy cows. APHIS is providing confirmatory testing for samples from livestock as well as guidance for producers, veterinarians, and State animal health officials. CDC has steadily increased the number of humans it has monitored following exposure to H5N1, and is continuing to test people exhibiting flu-like symptoms. CDC maintains that the risk of avian flu to the general public remains low, though there is an elevated risk to those who work closely with infected animals.

In mid-June (6/11/24) in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in dairy cattle, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) announced they are requiring Influenza A testing prior to movement of lactating dairy cattle to fairs or exhibitions effective beginning June 19, 2024. [Read the full press release](#), issued June 11, 2024.

[H5N1 Bird Flu: Current Situation Summary | Avian Influenza \(Flu\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)
[Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\) Detections in Livestock | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

COVID-19

The CDC has issued updated COVID-19 guidance for fall 2024, focusing on vaccination and prevention measures. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older receive the new 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccines as soon as they become available, which is expected in early September. These vaccines are designed to better match circulating variants, specifically the KP.2 variant of the JN.1 lineage. For those at higher risk, such as individuals 65 years and older, those with immunocompromising conditions, and pregnant individuals, additional doses may be recommended ([CDC](#)).

CDC also updated guidance on RSV and flu vaccines.

- RSV vaccination is recommended for all adults 75 years and older, and those 60 to 74 with increased risk factors.
- Updated flu vaccines are advised for everyone aged 6 months and older, with specific recommendations for organ transplant recipients ([CDC](#)).

For more detailed guidance, visit the CDC's official pages on COVID-19 and vaccination updates ([CDC](#)) ([CDC](#)) ([CDC](#)).

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Grant applications update: much time has been spent in the past months writing grant applications.

- Awarded Immunization Outreach 2.0 grant
- Awarded Immunization Outreach 3.0 grant
- 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 – tentative award announcement
- Submitted application for Maternal Health grant – not awarded

Administrative Updates:

- **2025 Budget**
- **Strategic Planning Process**
- **Staffing Plan (Community Coordinator/Health Educator position departure)**
- **Ordinance Review - Tattoo Ordinance – recommend rescind**

Healthy Iowa County's Community Calendar...

<https://healthyiowacounty.org/>



Additional Things to Check Out!!

Monthly Wisconsin Counties Association magazine - July issue highlights public health!

Issue available online at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/ee301125-03c7-460d-a69b-85b2ef4ab2f1>.

The WI Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) is planning to have an exhibit booth at the WCA Conference in September.

[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.

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

This session will provide background for why public health laws exist and their benefits to our society. Includes 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.

<https://vimeo.com/902220265/74b28da069?share=copy>

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

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. 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

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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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: Resolution Deleting Ordinance 600.16 Tattoo Artist Regulation

☒ Original

☐ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

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

This ordinance was created and approved January 1996, some 24 years ago and is no longer accurate or applicable. The Iowa County Health Dept does not license or inspect tattoo establishments. All licensing and inspection is done through the State of Wisconsin Dept of Ag Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCAP). Wisconsin Legislature Statutory language is 463.10(1)(b) Regulation of tattooists and tattooing establishments.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

Since there is no local oversight or involvement, delete the resolution. As it is written, it is inaccurate and not applicable.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed)

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please list below:

FISCAL IMPACT:

none, no fees are collected and included as current county revenue

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PUBLICATION REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PRESENTATION?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

How much time is needed? _____

COMPLETED BY: Debbie Siegenthaler

DEPT: Health Department

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM #

COMMITTEE ACTION:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE
600.16 TATTOO ARTIST REGULATION

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Iowa does ordain as follows:

Ordinance No. 600.16 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Iowa on this ____ day of August 2024.

IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By: John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Kristy K. Spurley, County Clerk

Published:

	Iowa County 2024													
	Communicable Disease Cases	VFC Vaccines Administered	VFA Vaccines Administered	Rabies Follow-ups	(New) Lead Follow-ups	(New) TB Treatment	TB Skin Tests	ICHD Water Tests Distributed	WSLH Water Tests Distributed	Narcan Doses Distributed	Radon Tests Distributed	Births	Newborn Referral Follow-ups	TOTAL
January	99	8	13	10	0	6	10	9	1	0	16	20	3	195
February	95	6	10	10	0	5	2	9	3	4	10	17	6	177
March	52	0	10	3	0	5	1	25	0	5	3	16	2	122
April	33	2	17	7	0	4	4	16	3	0	12	23	2	123
May	27	0	17	7	0	4	3	12	5	5	7	22	2	111
June	32	8	30	5	0	4	13	14	4	2	2	17	1	132
July	48	0	8	11	0	3	16	25	1	124	5	20	3	264
August														0
September														0
October														0
November														0
December														0
TOTAL-YTD	386	24	105	53	0	31	49	110	17	140	55	135	19	1124

2024	VFC Flu Vaccines	Adult Flu Vaccines	TOTAL Vaccines Given- YTD
Total			129

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