

	APPROVED MINUTES Board of Health August 22, 2018 @ 4:00 PM Health & Human Services Building – Room 2001 303 West Chapel Street Dodgeville, WI 53533	Iowa County Wisconsin
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1	Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Pittz at 4:00 PM.	
2	Roll Call was taken. Members present: Linda Pittz, Tom Forbes, Bruce Paull, Tom Howard, Joan Davis, and Sue Steudel. Excused: Judy Lindholm. Others present: Dr. Peter Mullin, Medical Advisor, Sue Matye, Director/Health Officer	
3	Approve the agenda for this August 22, 2018 meeting: Paul moved to approve the agenda; Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
4	Approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2018 prior meeting: Davis moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
5	Report from Committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. Dr. Mullin stated that a case of influenza type A was diagnosed in Dodgeville in a Dodgeville resident who had attended a meeting in Grand Rapids and that this meeting had been attended by people from a number of states.	
6	Environmental Health Program update: Abatement Orders/West Nile Virus. Director Matye stated that the Parish house has a few empty boxes and just a couple of items yet to get rid of and the plan is for Troy to visit next week and it (the case) should be closed. They have completely emptied that house. Also from Director Matye: Troy spoke with the Mineral Point homeowner last week. He (the homeowner) stated that it is the lack of funds to get rid of the items. He (the homeowner) had also fallen and had a few injuries. Troy told him that if his son helped him to enclose the porch and get rid of any wet items that would be OK. He has gotten rid of most of the items in the yard. There are still a few lawn mowers and bikes but those things we cannot address. Also from Director Matye: Troy visited a property in Avoca on the 14th of August 2018 because of concerns over animal feces and urine in the home. There were piles of dog feces and wet spots that seemed to be dog urine. There was also a very strong odor in the home. The feces and urine constitute a public health nuisance and human health hazard. Therefore, the property is declared a human health hazard under the Wisconsin State Statute 254.59 and the Iowa County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance Number 200.04. A 30 day notice letter was issued to the landowner. Also from Director Matye: Regarding the “Fentanyl House: An order is ready to go as soon as Wisconsin DOJ issues a letter to the county describing/identifying the hazard. Counsel Matt Allen has the lead for the Health Department. Also from Director Matye: A bird has tested positive for WNV (West Nile Virus) in Iowa County. Therefore, there is no need to continue to submit birds to the state laboratory for testing as it has been confirmed that the virus is circulating in our area. A press release was released regarding WNV and a case of a bat testing positive for rabies in the county. The bat was tested due to its proximity to a sleeping child in a house. West Nile virus is carried by birds in the family Corvidae (crows/ravens/bluejays) who have been bitten by a mosquito that had the virus; thus these birds act as “surveillance sentinels” to determine if the virus is circulating in an area. Matye also reported the first human case of WNV in an Iowa County resident was diagnosed this week.	

7	Healthy Aging in Rural Towns “HeaRT” survey update: Director Matye explained that the next step is meeting with focus groups (home health groups, nursing groups, librarians, etc) and evaluating the online questionnaire. UW’s school of nursing project staff will do the assessment and interpretation of survey results. Grant monies cover mailing costs, meeting costs, etc. An additional grant will cover the implementation phase. Chairman Pittz suggested that future projects be sent to the Board of Health members to keep them apprised.
8	Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Stop the Bleed Program Kits. These kits are designed to allow people to administer emergency first aid to stop life-threatening bleeding in the event of traumatic injury (such as knife or gunshot wounds). They contain tourniquets, pressure bandage material, etc. Local EMS and/or Health Dept or hospital staff may conduct training on how to use the kits. Preparedness funds paid for these and the plan is to initially place them in area schools. Forbes suggested that a kit should be placed in each wing of each school. Davis stated that schools have received funding to defray costs of school shooting incidents and this may possibly be used to defray costs of additional kits. Director Matye stated that she has contacted schools via email regarding this program.
9	OPIOID Litigation: The Wisconsin Counties Association has filed a lawsuit against some major drug companies that produce these opioids. Dr. Mullin stated that the litigation stemmed in part from the companies’ use of false research findings. Director Matye stated that she has already responded to an inquiry regarding information gathering (time spent, caseload info, etc.) on this issue. The first trial date for litigation of this sort is scheduled for 2019 in Ohio.
10	Strategic Plan: Director Matye distributed copies of the strategic plan and went over each item contained therein to explain them to board members. Chairman Pittz suggested that the strategic plan should address one or more specific programs in the goals sections to more closely focus efforts on community needs as identified in the needs assessment (this year) and the implementation plan (2019). It was decided that approval of the Strategic Plan by the board membership would be tabled until the next meeting.
11	2019 Budget Status: Director Matye distributed copies of the 2019 budget to board members and mentioned that our share of the bottom item on page 1 (SCWIHERC Grant Revenue) is \$5,000. The full amount of the grant to SW Counties will be \$200,000 as listed in the budget information distributed.
12	Monthly Report: Director Matye distributed copies of the monthly report as well as a handout depicting comparison graph of each category for 2015-2018. She stated that there was nothing unusual/remarkable to report in the monthly report.
13	Education/Training Opportunities: Ann: 8/21 WEDSS training (Platteville) Sue: 9/27 Cybersecurity for Healthcare Systems Exercise (Madison) Kari: 10/13 Diabetic Outcome Summit (Deforest)
14.	Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Iowa County Board of Health is scheduled for September 19, 2018 at 4:00 PM.
15.	Adjournment: Howard moved to adjourn. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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