

# Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee

April 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Krenz, at 8:01 am on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the Green Lake County Health and Human Services Nurses Screening Room, Green Lake County Government Building, Green Lake WI. The meeting was held in person and via Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Rachel Prellwitz, Terri Mael, Pat Brandstetter, Nita Krenz, DeAnn Thurmer (via Teams), Sue Shemanski.

Absent: Nancy Hoffman, Abigail Puglisi.

Others Present: Sarah Petit, Jason Jerome, Kayla Yonke (via Teams), Lauren Olson, Kyle Alt, Tony Daley (via Teams).

## **Minutes of 1/8/25**

***Motion/Second (Brandstetter/Mael)*** to approve the minutes from January 8, 2025, Health Advisory Committee meeting with no additions or corrections, All Ayes, Motion carried.

## **Environmental Health Update- Kyle Alt:**

There were eleven dog bites. Seven dogs completed full quarantine, two dogs were referred back to law enforcement, one dog was not referred back to law enforcement because the victim was a family member of the dog/owner. One of the dogs could not be located. No rabies tests were performed. 22 well water test kits were provided. One garbage abatement was written, and one was extended. One varmint abatement. January was radon awareness month. 29 radon test kits were provided. One animal carcass complaint. There were 5 pre-inspections, 49 routine inspections, 1 re-inspection and 1 complaint. Discussion followed.

## **Year 1 CHIP Overview- Lauren Olson:**

Access to medical care- Advertised free, sliding fee scale and State provided preventative medical care.

Dental care- Bridging Brighter Smiles service did not appear to have a lot of interest. Now entering year two of the CHIP and will be partnering with Church Health Services from Beaver Dam to provide dental care. Grant funding was applied for to help offset costs for this service. Discussion followed.

Substance misuse- Started Green Lake County United for Prevention coalition. Working on creation of logo for the coalition. Partnered with Berlin EMS to provide leave behind kits. Working with Unity Recovery Services and have a peer support specialist available on Mondays in the public health office.

Mental Health- partnered with the Behavioral Unit on the Zero Suicide initiative. Working with the schools to create positive mental health and sources of strength.

## **Rural Environmental Health Alliance Update-Rachel Prellwitz:**

Officially formed the Rural Environmental Health Alliance (REHA) as of 7/1/25 and was passed by both Green Lake and Marquette County Boards. Marquette County sent out a frequently asked questions letter to previously licensed facilities. Copy of this letter was shared with committee members. Staff attended training by the DNR on transient non-community water systems. REHA will be contracted with

the DNR to provide water testing for transient non-community water systems. Will be updating forms and aligning Human Health Hazard ordinance. Discussion followed.

**Discussion and possible action on fee schedule update request capillary blood lead testing-**

**Rachel Prellwitz:**

In January 2024 universal blood lead testing changed to include all children. The lead level officially changed from 5 to 3.5 in Wisconsin to match the CDC guidelines. The health department was proactively following the CDC guideline. In 2021 there was a total of 112 lead tests performed on children in Green Lake County with two children requiring further management. In 2024 there were a total of 220 lead tests done and 16 children required further management by nursing staff. The health department can bill Medicaid for the blood lead testing and would like to have blood lead testing available regardless of insurance and charge \$5.00 to help cover shipping costs. Discussion followed.

***Motion (Mauel/Brandstetter) to implement a \$5.00 charge for capillary blood lead testing and forward to HHS committee to add to the fee schedule. All Ayes, Motion carried.***

**Upcoming Public Health events & projects- Rachel Prellwitz:**

Presentation at Student government day on 4/15/25.

Well water testing with Land Conservation with target areas of Kingston and the Town of Princeton. Community day planned with Terrace Shores Church on 7/17/25 to include free haircuts, sports physicals, budgeting, family pictures, community clothes closet, community meal and a sports camp. Flyer handout was provided to committee members. Discussion followed.

WALHDAB meeting on 5/8/25 for health officers and health advisory committee members.

WI Prevent Suicide Conference May 14-16.

Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) Conference May 20-22.

WPHA handout provided to committee members regarding insufficient state funding for local health departments. Green Lake County Health Department will continue to provide quality services to residents and monitor State and Federal changes. Discussion followed.

**Quarterly Health Unit Report- Rachel Prellwitz:**

- Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) started its 8<sup>th</sup> cohort with 10 participants. Outreach continues with advertising and local employers. Due to CDC communication pause currently not able to submit program data.
- Blood pressure checks were done for the Sheriffs Department on a training day.
- Green Lake County presented at the Tri-County death review.
- Met with Unity Recovery regarding Peer Support Program. Unity is applying for grants to sustain programming. Discussion followed.
- Attended MCH Learning Community Call for adolescent well being for 2025.
- Met with FoxRAP (Restorative Agriculture Project) and Land Conservation regarding community garden. Garden is currently on hold at this time.
- February was Heart Month, provided blood pressure screenings and Wear Red for Women Day.
- Amish home visits were done and provided vaccines, car seats and water testing.
- Attended Northeast Alliance for WI regional meeting. Received SOR grant for coalition strategies.

- Green Lake County United for Prevention coalition meeting focused on community mapping and data gathering.
- Measles education and awareness provided to Care 4 U clinic. Discussion followed.
- Attended Tri-County Zero Suicide meeting. May is mental health awareness month.
- Held quarterly strategic plan and education session for HHS staff.
- Several educational presentations, conferences and trainings took place in the past quarter including CPR classes, diabetes education, vaping prevention classes, advanced care planning.

**Committee Discussion:**

**Future Meeting Date:** The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

**Future Agenda Items:** Direct to Rachel Prellwitz or Nancy Hoffman.

**Adjournment:** Vice Chair Krenz adjourned the meeting at 9:02 am.