

Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee
October 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Hoffmann, at 8:00 am on Wednesday, October 8, 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, Nicole Gill (8:03), Nita Krenz, Sue Shemanski, Nancy Hoffmann, Dr. Puglisi (at 8:09).

Absent: Pat Brandstetter

Others Present: Jason Jerome, Lauren Olson, Kayla Yonke, Tony Daley, Allison Meyer, and Kyle Alt

Introduction- Not applicable.

Minutes of 7/9/25

Motion/Second (Krenz/Shemanski) to approve the minutes from July 9, 2025, Health Advisory Committee meeting with no additions or corrections, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Environmental Health Update- Kyle Alt:

Quarantine Order:

13 dogs ordered to quarantine. 11 completed the quarantine. 1 could not be located. 1 did not follow quarantine procedure.

1 cat completed quarantine.

Rabies Tests:

1 dog- negative

2 bats – 1 could not be tested- 1 negative

1 woodchuck – negative

Drinking Water:

15 water test kits distributed

2 positive coliform results

Radon:

4 test kits distributed

Solid Waste:

Abatement order to clean up a pile of old side in shared backyard.

Housing:

-Rental complaint of leaky roof. Letter sent to owner (not an order)

-Complaint of someone's living conditions in private residence. (no action unless water freezes in winter)

-Hot water complaint- turned back on after repairs

-Numerous calls about mold (1 from Amish-I delivered printouts)

-Cockroach Complaint-Landlord treated

-Request to condemn property from City of Berlin – no action was taken.

Beach water quality:

- Meeting with GL Association to discuss BGA monitoring program
- Beach Water Quality presentation to GL boys and girls club.
- GLCC Beach advisory for E.coli
- Sunset Boat Launch advisory for E.coli.
- County K Marsh closed for BGA
- Hattie Sherwood Beach closed for BGA

Agent:

- Pre-inspections: 8
- Routine inspections: 78
- Re-inspections: 1
- Complaints: 1

Public Health Emergency Preparedness overview – Allison Meyer

Emergency Preparedness is a grant funded program through the state. This is a 5 year grant cycle. Currently Green Lake is working with All Saints school to work on emergency plans with this specific school. Allison is currently reaching out to other private schools in the county to make sure there is an emergency plan in place as well. Green Lake Public Health is also working with emergency management to set up an exercise to practice county wide. Discussion Followed.

Upcoming PH events & projects:

- October 8th- In Their Memory: A Community Gathering Against Violence with Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services. Resource Fair: 5-6pm, Program: 6-7pm at the Green Lake School gym.
- October 14th- Community Flu clinic from 1-3pm at the Health Department Nurses Screening room.
 - Other flu clinics scheduled with schools, businesses & community locations.
- In updating our strategic plan we are surveying people on our website for ease of use, content, challenges and recommendations for improvement. Please watch for this in the future and take the survey if able.

Quarterly Public Health Update:

- Green Lake County United for Prevention, a substance uses prevention coalition, hosted an event on September 24th. The speaker held an event titled “Unraveling Stigma Through Language and Prevention.” Focused on how our language matters when it comes to talking about substance use and mental health. One session was for professionals and one for the general community. There were 75 professionals that attended and then 25 community members that attended the evening event, with over 30 children that utilized childcare with a magician.
- Rachel, Lisa and I, along with a few staff from HHS Children and Families and BHU, attended the State-wide Substance Use Prevention Conference on September 10th and 11th. We gained tools and ideas that will help enhance and expand on the work that we are doing around our CHIP on substance misuse but also the work that the coalition, United for Prevention is doing.

- The last coalition meeting we had Corporal Alex Schmidt, from Berlin PD, came to share about the increase of underage alcohol sales they are seeing, and the coalition discussion was around the possibility of supporting law enforcement alcohol compliance checks. Many coalition efforts are gaining momentum to help prevent substance use in GLC.
- DPP Updates:
 - 2320 yr 3 budget (6/30/25- 6/29/26) and workplan completed, funding received for \$25,000
 - Cohort nine began on 8/7 with 11 participants!
 - DPP Reunion event was held on 9/9/25 at the Ripon Senior Center. Opportunity for graduates of the Green Lake County DPP to get together for ongoing support, activities and to make new connections. 16 people attended. Well received and they shared they would like this, and the newsletter support to continue.
 - We submitted our 6th DPRP data sequence and maintained Full-Plus CDC recognition. 63% of participants achieved at least one of the 4 CDC success measures, but all made progress towards their goals. We maintain a high participant retention rate of 89%.
 - We are researching the feasibility of adding a virtual, online DPP class option.
 - We continue to work towards partnering with a local employer to provide our DPP to their employees.
 - It appears that the issues with Network Health claims have been fixed and we should be receiving about \$2,600 in past claims. Since they are the largest Medicare Advantage insurer in our area, this is crucial towards becoming fully sustainable. In just over a year, we have captured about \$7,000 in revenue from DPP.
 - Will be starting our 10th cohort since 8/2022 this fall!!!! Big milestone. Thanks for your support!
- Car Seat Program:
 - 11 car seat checks performed
 - 8 car seats provided
- Lauren and Allison conducted home visits to our Amish community on August 5th providing:
 - Families visited: 9
 - Vaccines provided: 11
 - Well water tests collected: 1
 - Car seat distributed: 0
- All health unit staff attended a Policy and Advocacy training course on July 28th by Vy Nguyen from the Office of Policy and Practice Alignment. Staff were educated on the difference between education, advocacy and lobbying.
- Staff had a booth at annual county fair promoting Healthy People, Thriving Communities and Safe Environments.
- Community Day and Sports Camp held on July 17th at Princeton School on May 29th with Terrace Shores and Foundation for Christian Athletes (FCA) staff. The sports camp had 47 participants with football, basketball, softball, baseball and volleyball as the sports being offered. The camp ran from noon to 4pm. We had a total of 15 different resources tables and services being offered at the Resource Fair from 2 to 6pm. Christianos catered a fabulous Italian meal with over 100 people attending!
- Displays on suicide prevention were placed around the community as part of our Zero Suicide team initiatives. Displays were put up at area libraries and churches for the month of August & September.

- Beach monitoring program updates:
 - County K Marsh has continued to test positive for blue green algae toxin throughout the summer at the kayak boat launch.
 - Sunset Park landing tested high for E. Coli on July 31st. This is not a swimming area, advisory issued. Boat landing finally tested below advisory levels on August 15th, and advisory was lifted.
 - Green Lake Conference center beach tested above advisory levels for E. Coli on August 22nd, returned below levels on August 28th.
 - All sites were within safe levels on August 28th and concludes this year's season of beach monitoring. Over the winter months, Health unit staff, along with Land Conservation, DNR, Green Lake Sanitary District and Green Lake Association to address waterfowl management for next season.
 - Harmful Algae Bloom confirmed on September 16th in Green Lake along the north and south shores and in the deepest part of the lake. Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) can produce toxins that are dangerous to people, pets, and wildlife.
 - Conditions improved by September 24th due to changes in weather and shift in winds.
- Rachel and Lauren attended the Child Passenger Safety Conference on August 18th.
- Allison conducted safety training for All Saints school staff on August 19th. Topics included in training included: Armed intruder tabletop exercise and CPR.
- Rachel and Lauren accepted donation check in the amount of \$6,000.00 on August 20th to support youth mental health programs in local schools and our previously held Community Day event.
- All health unit staff attended our annual retreat to review the required competencies and update our strategic plan for year 4 on August 21st.
- Allison continues to hold CPR classes which provides good revenue.
- Lauren, Lisa, Rachel & staff from Children and Families Unit (Lisa, Kate and Breanna) attended the Prevention Conference on September 9-11th held at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells. The conference focused on strategies to prevent all types of substance use. The theme for this event is "Prevention Works! Investing in Our Future and Healthy Communities."
- Nancy and Lisa had an educational booth at the GLC's Health and Wellness Fair on September 17th at Town Square, focusing on our Diabetes Prevention Program.

Committee Discussion:

Future Meeting Date: The next Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Future Agenda Items: Direct to Rachel Prellwitz or Nancy Hoffmann.

Adjournment: Chair Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 8:41am.