

**Health and Human Services Health Advisory Committee**  
**April 8, 2026**

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, April 8, 2026, 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, Nita Krenz, Sue Shemanski, Nancy Hoffmann, Dr. Puglisi, Pat Brandstetter, Terri Mael.

Absent: Nicole Gill.

Others Present: Jason Jerome, via Teams off at 8:10, in person at 8:41, Lauren Olson, Nancy Gimenez, Kyle Alt, Sarah Petit.

**Introduction-** Not applicable.

**Minutes of 1/14/26**

***Motion/Second (Pat Brandstetter/Sue Shemanski)*** to approve the minutes from January 14, 2026, Health Advisory Committee meeting with no additions or corrections, All Ayes, Motion carried.

**Environmental Health Update- Kyle Alt**

First quarter (January-March): Quarantine orders 9 dogs, 5 completed and 4 were referred to law enforcement agency. One bat tested negative for rabies. 7 drinking water tests were completed. Completed training with DNR for water testing. 37 radon tests were sold. 1 abatement order for sewage and 1 for garbage. 1 housing complaint. Inspections: 8 pre-inspections, 46 routine, 1 re-inspection, 1 complaint.

**Rural Environment Health Alliance Fee Schedule Update-Rachel Prellwitz/Kyle Alt:**

Rural Environment Health Alliance (REHA) fee schedule in packet was reviewed and discussed. Fee schedule is set by DATCP. The fee schedule was approved by the Marquette County Board as Marquette County is the fiscal agent. The DNR water testing program has been moved to the REHA, and bacteria testing can be performed at the Marquette County Health Dept. for a \$30.00 fee. Discussion followed.

**Diabetes Prevention Program Update- Nancy Gimenez:**

Currently have 2 classes in session. Classes are year long. Weight loss per cohort has averaged 130 pounds. Participants lose an average of 12.6 pounds. The retention rate in the program is 90.6%. Data set is submitted every 6 months to the CDC. The program received Full Plus recognition. The program continues to surpass the national risk reduction results. Success in programming is measured in four different ways. Continue to prep for a virtual class. Media push took place in March. Radio ads, senior newsletter, and local newspapers had advertisements. A direct mailer is being planned. Medicare has changed guidelines to allow more for more than one DPP class in a lifetime. DPP was chosen by CDC for a pilot program for national referrals. Discussion followed.

### **Upcoming PH events & projects- Rachel Prellwitz/Lauren Olson:**

- Area Health Education Center Intern (AHEC). Premed intern will join health unit from June 1<sup>st</sup>- July 24<sup>th</sup>. Will assist with community day, fair booth, social media, Berlin Farmer's Market, Boys and Girls Club. Discussion followed.
- CHAT coalition- SYNC (Supporting Youth, Nurturing Connection). Princeton School is the pilot school. Students were surveyed and parents are currently being surveyed. UW-Madison will compile and analyze data for next steps. The purpose is to strengthen mental health and help young people thrive through healthy screen use. Discussion followed.
- Community Day is July 8, 2026 at Princeton School.
- Emergency preparedness exercise is scheduled on August 26, 2026.
- This week is Public Health Week. Public Health Bingo cards are available in the community to promote awareness of public health.
- GLC United for Prevention Coalition is starting a virtual Book Club. Reading the book, "Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through his Son's Addiction"

### **Quarterly Public Health Update Rachel Prellwitz/Lauren Olson:**

- January was Radon Awareness month, 31 test kits were sold in January.
- Hygiene and puberty education was taught to students at the Tri County Boys and Girls Club.
- GLC United for Prevention Coalition was awarded funding for school prevention curriculums.
- Safe Festival kit-GLC United for Prevention is working to update the safe festival Guides to send to event and festival organizers in the county to help reduce underage drinking and binge drinking at community events.
- Alcohol compliance checks are taking place. MOU was established, letters were sent to license holders. Discussion followed.
- Stigma Campaign- personal stories of recovery from 4 residents. Video and print campaign was done at the Berlin Library. Will share materials with the committee when it's available. Discussion followed.
- Met with Berlin SRO to discuss substance use.
- Opioid Task Force met regarding process for issuing checks to approved grant recipients. Applications are available online and will be reviewed in June.
- Met with HR to discuss forming a Wellness Committee for employees.
- Car seat program (January-March)- 4 car seats provided, 4 car seats checked.
- Amish home visits- 9 families visited, 12 vaccines provided, 1 water test done, 3 car seats provided.
- Community dental survey completed. Meeting with Noble Community Clinic to discuss results and next steps.
- Staff attended Narrative Training to learn about translating complex research into actionable stories. How to talk about public health and shared value.
- Numerous educational classes on various topics held in schools and the community.
- Vaccination rates- WI DHS released it's annual data on vaccination rates. Green Lake County's rate is 50.2% the State rate is 66.9%. Discussion followed.

**Committee Discussion:**

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

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

**Adjournment:** Chair Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 9:04am.

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