

1 **JOINT WASHINGTON OZAUKEE**
2 **BOARD OF HEALTH**

3 Zoom Virtual Meeting

January 15, 2021
8:30 a.m.

6 Present: Lois Krueger- Gundrum, Don Kriefall, Donald Clark, Doreen Buntrock, Kathy Geracie,
7 Kris Deiss, Nitish Bangalore, Steven Zils, Travis Dowden, Doug McManus

9 Also Present: Kirsten Johnson

11 Excused:

13 Chairman Kriefall called the meeting to order at 8:45am. Notice of Posting was given.

15 **MEETING MINUTES**

16 Moved by Kris Deiss seconded by Lois Krueger- Gundrum to approve the November 20, 2020
17 minutes, noting that the increase in LTBI cases was incorrectly labeled as TB. November
18 minutes were amended to reflect the change and approved as amended.

20 **WIC PROGRAM UPDATE**

21 Ms. Johnson reported that WIC continues to work with families virtually with a steady increase
22 in numbers.

24 **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE**

25 Ms. Johnson reported that pertussis and influenza numbers have both decreased since April due
26 to the strong mitigation processes for COVID-19. Discussion followed.

28 **COVID-19 UPDATE – BURDEN, CONTACT TRACING, TESTING, VACCINATION**

29 Ms. Johnson discussed that COVID-19 numbers have decreased since November but still
30 moving in an upward trajectory. Ms. Johnson further discussed that the hospitals are still full and
31 that asymptomatic positives can still spread the virus. The Health Department contact tracers are
32 trying to identify people who have the new strand based on the interview questions they are
33 asking. The Health Department continues to have Curative testing for COVID-19 Monday
34 through Friday in both Washington and Ozaukee counties. The Health Department is also
35 continuing to vaccinate group 1A and will tentatively start vaccinating the 1B group at the end of
36 January.

38 **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

39 Mayor Barrett has appointed Kirsten as the Health Commissioner of Milwaukee County
40 beginning in March. The Health Department is currently in the process of appointing an interim
41 director and begin the search for her replacement.

43 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

44 The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2021.

46 **ADJOURNMENT**

- 1 Chairman Kriefall adjourned the meeting at 9:18 am.