

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

3 Zoom Virtual Meeting

March 12, 2021
8:30 a.m.

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

9 Also Present: Tyler Weber (Public Health Dept. Interim Health Officer/Director)

11 Excused: Steven Zils, Travis Dowden

13 Chairman Kriefall called the meeting to order at 8:33am. Notice of Posting was given.

15 **MEETING MINUTES**

16 Moved by Donald Clark seconded by Kathy Geracie to approve the amended November 20,
17 2020 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 Moved by Lois Krueger- Dundrum seconded by Kris Deiss to approve the January 15, 2021
21 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

23 **INTRODUCTION – INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER TYLER WEBER**

24 Tyler Weber, Interim Health Officer for the Washington Ozaukee Health Department, introduced
25 himself stating that he previously worked at a non-profit in Milwaukee prior to working at the
26 Health Department. Mr. Weber started at the Health Department 1 ½ years ago on the strategist
27 team. In the fall of 2020 he was then promoted to the Community Health Director position.

29 **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

30 Mr. Weber reported that the community health improvement plan has been put on hold due to the
31 Health Department's continued need for COVID-19 response and he is hoping to resume the
32 plan in 2021. Overall, in 2020 the Health Department had reduced contact with clients due to
33 COVID-19. Mr. Weber stated that WIC participants began to steadily increase due to the demand
34 from COVID-19 and WIC staff were able to provide virtual appointments to their clients.
35 Discussion followed regarding the Health Department's COVID-19 response.

37 **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE**

38 Mr. Weber reported that the Category II Reportable Disease Cases in both counties have dropped
39 due to COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Mr. Weber stated that some people can be resistant to
40 STI antibiotics which is why the number could be increasing. Mr. Weber noted that the reason
41 why the Health Department has seen a decrease in influenza cases in 2020 compared to previous
42 years is because only hospitalized influenza cases are reported and that the mitigation strategies
43 that are in place secondary to COVID-19 have helped reduce the spread of influenza.

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

1 Mr. Weber reported that the Health Department is hoping to receive the Johnson & Johnson
2 COVID-19 vaccine to allow us to administer the vaccine to homebound community members in
3 Washington and Ozaukee counties. Mr. Weber stated that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has a
4 more stable shelf life compared to the other vaccines and also only requires one dose for
5 administration. Mr. Weber also reported that the Health Department is continuing to vaccinate
6 the 65 and older population along with healthcare members and school staff. Discussion
7 followed.

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9 **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

10 Mr. Weber reported that the Health Department is continuing to work with contact tracers to
11 interview positive COVID-19 people in Washington and Ozaukee counties. Mr. Weber also
12 stated that WIC is continuing to see clients virtually but is hopefully going to start discussing
13 seeing families in person soon.

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15 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

16 The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2021.

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18 **ADJOURNMENT**

19 Chairman Kriefall adjourned the meeting at 9:13 am.