

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

3 Zoom Virtual Meeting

May 14, 2021
8:30 a.m.

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

9 Also Present: Kimberly Buechler (Public Health Dept. Interim Health Officer/Director), Anneke
10 Mohr (Public Health Dept. Interim Health Strategy Director), Brittany McClellan (Elevate Inc.
11 Washington County)

13 Excused: Steven Zils, Travis Dowden, Kathy Geracie, Doug McManus

15 Chairman Kriefall called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. Notice of Posting was given.

17 **MEETING MINUTES**

18 Moved by Kris Deiss seconded by Lois Krueger- Gundrum to approve the March 12, 2021
19 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

21 **INTRODUCTION – INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER KIM BUECHLER**

22 Ms. Buechler introduced herself as the new Interim Health Officer/Director for the Washington
23 Ozaukee Public Health Department. Ms. Buechler has been the Business Manager for the last 4
24 years and has been involved in the pandemic response since last year.

26 **WINS PROGRAM & TOBACCO 21 PRESENTATION**

27 Anneke Mohr, Interim Public Health Dept. Health Strategy Director, introduced Brittany
28 McClellan from Elevate Inc. Washington County to discuss youth tobacco use. Ms. McClellan
29 reported that overall there has been an increase in e-cigarette use in high school students in both
30 Washington and Ozaukee Counties. Washington County had the highest increase in vapor
31 product sales once e-cigarettes became available to youth. Discussion followed.

33 **COVID-19 UPDATE**

34 Ms. Buechler reported that overall Washington and Ozaukee Counties are experiencing a decline
35 in COVID-19 burden levels. Ms. Buechler also stated that the Health Department is working on
36 a social media campaign regarding the COVID-19 vaccine in hopes of reaching out to more
37 people in the community and encouraging anyone 12 and older to receive the COVID-19
38 vaccine. Discussion followed.

40 **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE**

41 Ms. Buechler reported that the Health Department is continuing to work with ongoing
42 Tuberculosis cases in the community. The Health Department is also continuing to monitor
43 Lyme Disease numbers due to the upcoming tick season.

45 **WIC PROGRAM UPDATE**

1 Ms. Buechler discussed that the WIC waiver has been extended through August 2021. The
2 number of WIC participants is continuing to increase and the Health Department is working on a
3 plan to transition participants back to the office for appointments safely. Ms. Buechler also
4 reported that the farmers market voucher amount has been increased this year compared to
5 previous years.

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7 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

8 The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2021
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10 **ADJOURNMENT**

11 Chairman Kriefall adjourned the meeting at 9:04 am.