

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

3 Newburg Village Hall
4 Newburg, WI

September 8, 2023
8:30 a.m.

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6 Present: Jeffrey Schleif, Doreen Buntrock, Linda Gurath, Nitish Bangalore, Doug McManus,
7 Donald Clark
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9 Also Present: Kim Buechler (Washington Ozaukee Public Health Director/Health Officer), Julie
10 Driscoll (Washington County Chief Health & Human Services Officer)
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12 Excused: Jodi Schulteis, Steven Zils, James Krane, Travis Dowden
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14 Chairperson Schulteis called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Notice of Posting was given.
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16 **MEETING MINUTES**

17 Moved by Doreen Buntrock, seconded by Linda Gurath to approve the May 12, 2023 minutes.
18 Motion carried.
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20 **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE**

21 Health department Director Buechler gave a brief overview of the report. The health department
22 has seen an anticipated increase in GI cases throughout the summer, which is expected to
23 decrease in the upcoming months. There has also been an increase in Legionnaire's with no
24 known connections between cases.
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26 **WIC PROGRAM UPDATE**

27 Ms. Buechler reported that WIC's waiver status ended in August and the department has begun
28 to implement a new hybrid model for both in-person and remote services. WIC has also
29 experienced a rise in caseloads over the summer while working through this transition.
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31 **PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATES**

32 The health department is preparing for a DHS 140 review in October, during which the State of
33 WI DHS will confirm local health department level of service through an in-person discussion
34 with health department staff. Ms. Buechler will follow up with the board at a future meeting to
35 share results of this review, which occurs once every five years.
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37 WOPHD is working on a new website, which will go live soon. Ms. Buechler gave an overview
38 of the new layout and self-help features the department is working on implementing.
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40 The department's health strategy team is working with community partners to find locations for
41 harm reduction vending machines in both counties. Discussion followed.
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43 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

44 The next Joint Board of Health meeting is scheduled for November 10th, 2023, at 8:30 am.
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46 **ADJOURNMENT**

- 1 Chairperson Schulteis adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.