

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

3 Teams Meeting
4 Virtual

January 12, 2024
8:30 a.m.

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6 Present: Jodi Schulteis, Doreen Buntrock, Linda Gurath, Nitish Bangalore, Doug McManus,
7 Donald Clark, Steven Zils, James Krane
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9 Also Present: Kim Buechler (Washington Ozaukee Public Health Director/Health Officer), Julie
10 Driscoll (Washington County Chief Health and Human Services Officer)
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12 Excused: Travis Dowden, Jeffrey Schleif
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14 Chairperson Schulteis called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. Notice of Posting was given.
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16 **MEETING MINUTES**

17 Moved by Doug McManus, seconded by Linda Gurath to approve the November 10, 2023
18 minutes. Motion carried.
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20 **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE**

21 Ms. Buechler reported Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) has been added to the communicable
22 disease report under Category II since it is newly reportable to the health department. Also new
23 to this report is the reporting of Coronavirus, Novel 2019, under the same category.
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25 **WIC PROGRAM UPDATE**

26 Ms. Buechler discussed that Washington and Ozaukee County have a high breastfeeding rate
27 compared to other counties in Wisconsin. The health department has Lactation Consultants and a
28 Peer Counselor that provide breastfeeding support to WIC participants in our counties. WIC has
29 been seeing an increase in the number of participants coming into the office for their
30 appointments since the WIC waiver ended in August 2023. Overall, the WIC participant rate
31 continues to increase. Future reports will show current data over past data for comparison.
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33 **PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATES**

34 Ms. Buechler discussed the 2023 DHS 140 review results and expressed her gratitude for the
35 support shown by the Board of Health. Ms. Buechler also reported that the health department
36 was given a grant for infrastructure that goes through 2027. The health department has goals of
37 using this grant to create a new position that focuses on accreditation readiness and quality
38 improvement, which were identified as areas of opportunity for departmental growth and
39 development by DHS through the 140 review process.
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41 Ms. Buechler informed the Board members that the lead campaign was launched this week and
42 social media graphics will be posted throughout the campaign. The health department is planning
43 to host lead testing clinics beginning in February for individuals who want their children tested.
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45 Lastly, Ms. Buechler reported that the substance use coalition is still trying to find a location in
46 Ozaukee County for a vending machine. The health department is currently focusing on creating

1 social media graphics to inform the public about the vending machine located at Moraine Park
2 Technical College in Washington County. The substance use coalition also received a renewal of
3 an opioid grant that will allow for continued outreach related to substance use work, which will
4 be taken to the Ozaukee Health & Human Services Committee for approval later this month.
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6 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

7 The next virtual Joint Board of Health meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2024 at 8:30 am. After
8 the March meeting, future meetings will be in-person with the option for members to attend
9 virtually.
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11 **ADJOURNMENT**

12 Chairperson Schulteis adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am.