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Grand Forks Public Health

AGENDA

Board Members: Dr Joel Walz (Chair), Rebecca Osowski (Vice Chair),
Cynthia Pic, Dr. David Bradley, Chris Harsell

Notice is hereby given that the Grand Forks Board of Health will meet at the above date and time. Members of Grand Forks Board of Health may be attending this meeting electronically or in person.

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Walz Osowski Bradley Pic Harsell

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 10th, 2025

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

None
Other Old Business

V. New Business

Women's Way- Tiffany Boespflug
Remembering Polio Project- Shaylee Miller
Funding Update- Tess Wall
Director's Report -Tess Wall
Other New Business

VI. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 9th, 2025

VII. Adjournment

Virtual Meeting Information:

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Director's Report and Activity Highlights for April-July 2025

Communications: Led the creation of "Remembering Polio," project, a community-based initiative to preserve public health history. Collaborated with Polk County Public Health, Heritage Foundation, Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission, Grand Forks Historical Society, and UND Special Collections.

Supported the Environmental Management Department to inform the public on the presence of West Nile.

Attended Government Social Media Convention.

Precepted for the summer intern who worked alongside the policy committee to review, revise, and update department policies.

Emergency Preparedness & Response: Attended 2025 NACCHO Preparedness Summit in San Antonio, TX.

Assisted UND leadership with questions/concerns on measles for summer camps and fall enrollment.

Participated in a walk-through and review of emergency response plans with USPS on their Bio Detection System.

Environmental Health: All Environmental Health staff attended the NDPHA Conference in May.

Hosted an after-hours preseason education session for Town Square Farmers Market coordinators and vendors.

Partnered with NDDEQ on the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) program; conducted sampling upon request.

During Radon Awareness Month, radon kits became the #1 checked-out item at the public library, per the *Grand Forks Herald*. During Radon Awareness Month, radon kits became the #1 checked-out item at the public library, per the *Grand Forks Herald*.

All inspectors attended and passed a certification course on odor investigation in Fargo.

Nursing & Nutrition & Public Health Professionals: Partnered with Northwood Public Schools (NPS) to secure youth attendance at the Fargo Youth Action Summit. In follow up, provided a mini grant to NPS to implement PSE strategies and evidence-based curriculum.

Wrapped up Women's Way mentorship with the Fargo Cass Public Health to enhance their community outreach.

Partnered with Central High School's woodworking class to expand the Head Start Gardens.

In collaboration with Global Friends Coalition, the Immunization Program has begun accepting referrals and scheduling appointments for the I-693 process.

Completed an MMR Reminder recall.

GFPH school liaison supported Manvel Migrant School summer session with health curriculum information. The summer school session ran from June through mid-July. This year, 4 presentations were provided and topics including Dental Hygiene, Hand Washing, and Summer Safety - Bug Bites.

On the Move Jr. curriculum was implemented in rural schools.

Engaged in Quit Week education and media campaigns in June.

Collaborated with Blue Zones on the Bicycle Benefits Program.

Department-wide: Multiple programs attended the community LIVEGrand event in June.

Multiple staff members attended the ND Public Health Conference in May.

Staffing:

Welcomed Kursten Kennedy, Administrative Specialist, Rodney Benefield, Correctional Nurse, Joelle Fettig, Summer Intern, and Julia Matthews, Harm Reduction Advocate

Resignations included: Claire Fenske, Corrections Nurse