

**DATE:** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TO:**

Dean Robert N. Golden, MD, UW-SMPH – Dr. Jon Audhya, Designated Representative  
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Steven Little, Deputy Secretary, DNR – Greg Pils, Designated Representative  
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Dr. Mark Werner, Member  
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Anna Benton, DHS Alternate  
Paula Tran, DHS Alternate  
Dr. Sheryl Bedno, DHS Alternate  
Andrea Poehling, UW-Madison Alternate

**FROM:** Dr. James Schauer, Secretary  
Director, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

**RE:** Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors Meeting  
Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene  
In-Person/Online Meeting  
June 26, 2024, 1:00 PM. – 4:00 PM

**CC:** Dr. Errin Rider  
Allen Benson  
Kevin Karbowski  
Jan Klawitter  
Nancy McLean  
Steve Strebel  
Dr. Al Bateman  
Mark Conklin  
Camille Danielson  
Tip Vandall

Jim Sterk

**WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING NOTICE**

**for**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION**

**2601 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718**

**Notice is hereby given** that the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors will convene in person and via teleconference at **1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.**

**Notice is further given** that matters concerning Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene issues, program responsibilities, or operations specified in the Wisconsin Statutes, which arise after publication of this notice may be added to the agenda and publicly noticed no less than two hours before the scheduled board meeting if the board Chair determines the matter is urgent.

**Notice is further given** that this meeting may be conducted partly or entirely by teleconference or videoconference.

**Notice is further given** that questions related to this notice, requests for special accommodations, or requests for a public appearance are addressed by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Administrative Offices by phone at (608) 890-0288 or in writing to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, 2601 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** See agenda.

Respectfully submitted,



James J. Schauer, PhD, P.E., M.B.A.

Secretary, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors  
Director, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene  
2601 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718

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**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

**Item 1. ROLL CALL**

**Description of Item:**

Roll call of attendance at Board Meeting led by Board Chair

**Suggested Board Action:**

Submit roll call

**Staff Recommendation and Comments:**

Board Secretary will record the roll call

## **PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

### **Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Description of Item:**

The draft minutes of the March 20, 2024, board meeting are submitted for approval

#### **Suggested Board Action:**

Motion: Approve the draft minutes of the March 20, 2024, board meeting as submitted

#### **Staff Recommendation and Comments:**

Approve draft minutes

*Once approved, minutes become part of the public record and are posted on the WSLH website:*

<http://www.slh.wisc.edu/about/board/board-meetings-agendas-and-minutes/>.

APPROVED MINUTES

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

<1:00 pm – 4:00 pm>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman Dr. Robert Corliss, | <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Green-Harris                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary Dr. James Schauer, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gil Kelley,                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Pils (WDNR);            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffery Kindrai,            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jon Audhya (SMPH);       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zana Sijan (WDNR alternate) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mark Werner (DHS),       | <input type="checkbox"/> Paula Tran (DHS alternate)             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christopher Strang,      | <input type="checkbox"/> Anna Benton (DHS alternate)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Buchholz                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sheryl Bedno (DHS alternate)       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Blahnik              | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Poehling (SMPH alternate)       |

WSLH STAFF PRESENT:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Errin Rider              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Sterk |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allen Benson      |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Karbowski   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Klawitter                |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy McLean      |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Strebel     |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Al Bateman    |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Conklin      |   |
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GUESTS PRESENT: Megan Flowers (in place of Jan Klawitter), DNR Director of Air Management Program Gail Good and DNR Air Quality Planning and Standards Section Chief Briana Dank

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

**Item 1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Dr. Robert Corliss called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM.

At, 12:58 PM Dr. Robert Corliss initiated and conducted the roll call of the Board members. All Board members or their designated representatives were present except for those excused. INDICATED ABOVE

**Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

At 1:00 PM, Dr. Robert Corliss entertained a motion to approve the December 20, 2023 minutes as submitted. Jeffery Kindrai moved for approval and Dr. Christopher Strang seconded. A voice vote to approve the minutes for the record was passed and accepted as amended.

**Item 3. REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA**

No requests made.

**Item 4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

No formal public appearances were present at this meeting.

**Item 5. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS**

Board members discussed the measles vaccine.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Item 6. ATMOSPHERIC PARTICULATE MATTER (PM) NAAQS – GAIL GOOD**

Gail Good introduced herself as the Director of the Wisconsin DNR's Air Management Program. Ms. Good began by informing the Board that EPA sets standards that the Air Management Program implements based on the latest science with public health at the forefront. Ms. Good provided a definition of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the six criteria pollutants. She explained that Particulate Matter is one of the criteria pollutants and explained that PM10 and PM2.5 are the regulated sizes of particulate matter. She then provided a history



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of the standards of particulate matter as well as the various PM monitoring technologies. She previewed annual PM2.5 measurements via a trends report that can show how air pollution in the state has changed over time and stated that since the 2000s Wisconsin has seen a good decline in PM2.5 concentrations. The concept of nonattainment areas – referring to regions that did not meet a NAAQS - was discussed. There were no nonattainment areas for the 1997 standard, one area for the 2006 standard, which did include Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha counties. For the 2024 standard, EPA made the annual standard more stringent at 9 micrograms per cubic meter. Ms. Good shared the preliminary 2023 PM2.5 Annual Values across the state, with the reminder that 2023 was heavily impacted by wildfire smoke. Based upon that data Potosi, Waukesha, Madison, and two regions in Milwaukee are all measuring levels above the new annual standard. Ms. Good wrapped up the presentation by sharing the next steps which include the designation process that accompanies a revised NAAQS where the EPA determines the areas of the country that are in ‘attainment’ and ‘nonattainment.’ Recommendations first need to be made by the Governor to the EPA which are due on February 7, 2025. The EPA will propose designations and then finalize them by February 6, 2026. Questions and answers with the Board pertained to vehicle emissions standards (of which new standards had been passed) and PM2.5 in relation to agriculture.

**Item 7. STRATEGIC PLAN – Dr. JAMES SCHAUER**

WSLH Director Dr. Jamie Schauer discussed the latest draft WSLH Strategic Plan. A general timeline for the Strategic Plan was shared with the proposal being presented at the current board meeting, engagement and feedback from staff in March/April, a rough draft presentation in May and a final discussion at the June Board meeting. With WSLH programs being driven by Wisconsin State Statute, Dr. Schauer informed the board that the strategic plan is not intended to revise the overarching mission and programs of the WSLH but rather to improve how the WSLH implements its programs and efforts to achieve our mission. Dr. Schauer explained the strategic plan’s seven initiatives; Data and Informatics Modernization, Scientific Investment, Advance the Public Health Missions of SMPH and UW Madison, Clinical Biomonitoring, Outreach, Culture and Belonging, and Space.

Dr. Schauer discussed Space issues with the Board, explaining that lack of space leaves little room for expansion of WSLH programs or projects. Space accommodation will be made through renovation of the Hill Farms building, re-evaluation of current space use in all buildings, planning for an additional Agriculture Drive wing, and new spaces for labs currently located at Henry Mall. DOA has been allocated \$4 million for renovation of the Hill Farms building that would free up some space at Henry Mall. The rent will be \$375,000 a year, of which half is provided by the state. Dr. Schauer called for the Board to make a motion on this proposal. Jeff

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Kindrai initiated the first motion of approval, and Dr. Chris Strang seconded. A voice vote led by Dr. Robert Corliss to approve the Hill Farms proposal was passed and accepted as amended.

**Item 8. FINANCIAL REPORT – KEVIN KARBOWSKI**

WSLH Chief Financial Officer Kevin Karbowski introduced the Financial Report through an initial look and discussion on the Statement of Income for the period of July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. WSLH bottom line for the first seven months was \$639,885, compared to a budgeted loss of \$333,924. Most of this variance was related to receiving additional funding for newborn screening in the State of Wisconsin Budget. Mr. Karbowski provided a preliminary look at next year's budget ending on June 30, 2025. He explained that if the WSLH were to spend the assumed \$1.8 million in capital expenses, it would break even on cash. Mr. Karbowski wrapped up his portion of the discussion by advising the Board that the accountants do not budget for grants that they are unaware of; even though there is general knowledge of grant arrival in the future. WSLH Procurement Manager Mark Conklin discussed the next slide pertaining to the WSLH share of rent increasing from 50 to 60 percent. He shared with the Board that there was an agreement that DOA would share 50/50 on the rent. As additional facilities and spaces (such as 2nd AG Drive wing and Hill Farms) were added, our total dollar amount stayed at the range that was originally established by the DOA. Because of this, WSLH is paying about 60% of the rent, rather than the agreed 50%. It is due to these additions that WSLH is picking up a larger portion of the rent, and therefore more money is needed. To wrap up the Financial Report discussion, Mr. Karbowski shared the following requested board motion: The WSLH Board of Directors approves a WSLH Biennial Budget Request for a recurring increase in the General Purpose Revenue (GPR) to cover additional WSLH Rent expense. After a brief discussion regarding the rent structure of DOA being square footage and the rent/utilities being included, a motion was initiated. Chair Dr. Robert Corliss entertained a motion to approve the biennial budget as requested. Jeffery Kindrai moved for first approval and Dr. Mark Werner seconded. A voice vote to approve the biennial budget was passed and accepted.

**Item 9. CONTRACTS REPORT – TIP VANDALL**

WSLH Accounts Receivable Manager Tip Vandall presented the Contracts Report that has been executed since the December 2023 Board meeting. Ms. Vandall informed the Board that the WSLH has signed a total of two new contracts and a total of four renewal contracts since December 2023. The new contracts include the APHL – MT Drug Testing and the Laboratory Data Exchange. The renewal contracts include TB 2024, RHFP GPR 24, STI 2024, and WINN24. Ms. Vandall stated that the WSLH has several ongoing contracts in the works.

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**Item 10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Key Public Health Notices – Camille Danielson**

WSLH Environmental Chemistry Program Director Camille Danielson discussed key public health and environmental notices for the period of January 1, 2024 through February 21, 2024, including a discussion of radon in homes, DNR's potential changes to E-Cycle in Wisconsin, Wisconsin's 12-month continuous health insurance coverage for children, DHS' recommendation for children ages 1 through 5 to receive a blood lead test if they have not received one already, DNR's new Water and Wastewater Sector Incident Response Guide, DHS' new online tool to encourage citizens of Wisconsin to report food or water sickness when symptoms occur, DNR's acknowledgement of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to focus on a national wolf recovery plan, DNR and DHS issuing an updated safe fish consumptions guideline via the 2024-2026 Choose Wisely booklet, DNR's approximately \$6 million grant program to help restore and protect the state's surface water resources, and DNR's new Walleye project that will be tagging an estimated 5,000 walleyes in order to gather crowd sourced information.

**Public Relations Report – Megan Flowers**

WSLH PT Communications Specialist Megan Flowers presented the public relations report in place of Jan Klawitter and initiated the report with the outbreaks and incidents. Most notably Ms. Flowers informed the Board that Wisconsin cases of reportable multidrug-resistant organisms increased in 2023 including in public health regions where there was previously little to no MDRO activity detected. Because of this, health care providers and facilities need to ensure prevention and control efforts through infection prevention practices. Additional items covered in the report included: the WSLH Forensic Toxicology department collaborating with the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education in Pennsylvania to test samples where drug testing was canceled due to high blood alcohol concentration; the Wisconsin Wastewater Surveillance Program being awarded an additional \$ 6.2 million from the CDC's National Wastewater Surveillance System program; the winter issue of the Association of Public Health Laboratories *Lab Matters* magazine including multiple articles about WSLH activities; peer-reviewed journal articles authored by WSLH scientists; the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine appointing WSLH Newborn Screening Laboratory Director and UW Professor of Pediatrics Dr. Mei Baker to its ad hoc Committee on Newborn Screening: Current Landscape and Future Directions; WSLH scientists and the WSLH Communicable Disease Division being featured in a series of videos about CDC's national Antimicrobial Resistance

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Laboratory Network; WSLH Chemical Emergency Response staff members Meshel Lange, Karyn Blake and Brandon Shelton presenting at the National Biomonitoring Meeting on the PFAS Show study; the University of Wisconsin Department of Pediatrics, in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, UW Health, and Prevention Genetics, producing a video highlighting the unique features of the Laboratory Genetics and Genomics Fellowship program in Wisconsin.

**Update on WSLH School of Cytotechnology – Dr. James Schauer**

WSLH Director Dr. Jamie Schauer provided an update on the Cytotechnology Certificate program. The UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, which provided the academic home for the program, has cut back on its lower enrollment programs and has decided to close the Cytotechnology Certificate program at the conclusion of this program year. Discussions will proceed with the School of Medicine and Public Health on the future of the program.

**LIMS Update – DR. ERRIN RIDER, STEVE STREBEL, AL BENSON**

WSLH Associate Director for Clinical Testing Dr. Errin Rider, WSLH Interim Associate Director for Non-Clinical Testing Steve Strebel, and WSLH Chief Information Officer Al Benson shared a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) update. LIMS software is crucial to lab operations including processing orders, interacting with instruments, and generating report results. The commercial software systems include Beaker from Epic Systems, WindoPath from Psyche, and Horizon from CliniSys. The custom software systems include NADP software components and EMMIT LIMS.

**Item 11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The annual Election of Officers was held. A motion was made to nominate the following for officers of the WSLH Board of Directors: Greg Pils for the position of Chair, Dr. Chris Strang for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Dr. Jamie Schauer for the position of Secretary for the 2024 term. Jeffery Kindrai moved for approval and Bob Corliss seconded the motion. A voice vote to approve the election of officers for the 2024 term was passed and the motion carried.

**Adjourning**

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At 2:54 pm, Chair Dr. Robert Corliss entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn offered by Jeffery Kindrai and seconded by Dr. Chris Strang. All present approved the closing of this meeting. The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.



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**Item 3. REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA**

**Description of Item:**

Board members may suggest changes in the order in which agenda items are discussed

**Suggested Board Action:**

None

**Staff Recommendation and Comments:**

Reorganize the agenda if requested by the Board

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**Item 4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

**Description of Item:**

Under the board's *Policies and Procedures*, non-members are invited to make presentations

**Suggested Board Action:**

Follow *WSLH Policies and Procedures*:

**Staff Recommendation and Comments:**

Follow *WSLH Policies and Procedures*

*Per Policies and Procedures of the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors:*

§6.12 *Speaking privileges.* When the board is in session, no persons other than laboratory staff designated by the director shall be permitted to address the board except as hereinafter provided:

- (a) A committee report may be presented by a committee member who is not a member of the board.
- (b) A board or committee member in the course of presenting a matter to the board may request staff to assist in such a presentation.
- (c) If a board member directs a technical question for clarification of a specific issue to a person not authorized in this section, the Chair may permit such a person to respond.
- (d) The board may by majority vote or by decision of the Chair allow persons not otherwise authorized in this section to address the board if the situation warrants or the following criteria is followed:
  - (1) Written requests for public appearances on specific current agenda items shall be made to the Board Secretary no later than two working days prior to the meetings. The request shall outline the reasons for the request including the subject matter to be discussed in as much detail as is feasible prior to the meeting of the board. Those requesting an appearance may, at or prior to the board meeting, provide board members copies of any written materials to be presented or a written statement of a position.
  - (2) Individual presentations will be limited to five minutes, unless otherwise authorized by the Chair.
  - (3) To schedule an appearance before the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors, contact the Board Secretary, c/o Director, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, 465 Henry Mall, Madison, Wisconsin 53706. Telephone (608) 890-0288. The subject or subjects to be discussed must be identified.
  - (4) The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene "Guidelines for Citizen Participation in WSLH Board Meetings" are published on its website: <https://www.slh.wisc.edu/> and printed copies are available on request. (See Appendix 5) [Section §6.12 approved 5/27/03 board meeting.]



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**Appendix 5**

**Guidelines for Citizen Participation at WSLH Board Meetings**

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene board provides opportunities for citizens to appear before the board to provide information to the board on items listed on the agenda. Such appearances shall be brief and concise. In order to accommodate this participation in the allotted time, the guidelines are as follows:

- A. Items to be brought before the board:
  - 1. The board Secretary and Chair will assign a specific time on the agenda to hear public comment when a request to speak has been received from a member of the public.
  - 2. Individuals or organizations will be limited to a total of five (5) minutes to make a presentation to the board. Following the presentation board members may ask clarifying questions.
  - 3. An organization is limited to one (1) spokesperson on an issue.
  - 4. On complex issues, individuals wishing to appear before the board are encouraged to submit written materials to the Board Secretary in advance of the meeting so the board may be better informed on the subject in question. Such information should be submitted to the board Secretary for distribution to all board members no later than seven (7) working days before the board meeting.
  - 5. No matters that are in current litigation may be brought before the board.
  
- B. The board encourages individuals to confine their remarks to broad general policy issues rather than the day-to-day operations of the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.
  
- C. Citizens who have questions for board members should ask these questions prior to the board meeting, during any recess during the board proceedings, or after board adjournment.
  
- D. Written requests to appear before the WSLH Board of Directors should be submitted no later than two (2) working days prior to a scheduled board meeting.
  
- E. Submit written requests to:  
Secretary, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors

C/O WSLH Director  
465 Henry Mall  
Madison, WI 53706  
Telephone: (608) 890-0288  
Email: [sara.anderson@slh.wisc.edu](mailto:sara.anderson@slh.wisc.edu)

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**Item 5. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS**

**Description of the Item:**

Board Members' Matters will present board members with the opportunity to ask questions and/or discuss issues related to the Wisconsin Laboratory of Hygiene

**Suggested Board Action:**

Receive for information

**Staff Recommendations and Comments:**

Receive for information.

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**Item 6. FY25-FY27 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Description of the Item:**

Dr. James Schauer, WSLH Director, will present an overview of the FY25-FY27 Strategic Plan draft.

**Suggested Board Action:**

Review and provide input.

**Staff Recommendations and Comments:**

Receive for information.

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**Item 7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Description of the Item:**

- Kevin Karbowski, WSLH Chief Financial Officer, will provide an update on the Financial Report to the Board.
- Dr. Errin Rider, Director of Clinical Laboratory Services, will be discussing the Biennium Budget Request

**Suggested Board Action:**

Review and provide input.

**Staff Recommendations and Comments:**

Receive for information.

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**Financial Report**

**Fiscal Year 2024**

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**WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE  
Statement of Income  
For the period July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024**

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Variance Over/(Under)	Variance % of Budget	Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>					
Clinical	\$17,237,841	\$14,946,611	\$2,291,230	15.3%	\$18,166,016
Newborn Screening	6,061,948	5,506,676	555,272	10.1%	6,671,895
Driver Improvement Surcharge	2,095,442	2,018,181	77,261	3.8%	2,494,200
Environmental	8,385,380	7,926,593	458,787	5.8%	9,568,054
Proficiency	3,426,143	3,473,364	(47,221)	-1.4%	4,398,055
Occupational Health	1,755,496	1,685,618	69,878	4.1%	2,014,342
Laboratory Services	38,962,250	35,557,044	3,405,206	9.6%	43,312,562
Grants Indirect Reimbursement	0	712,500	(712,500)	-100.0%	855,000
WI DHS Employee Contracts	734,682	718,973	15,709	2.2%	862,767
Cytotechnology Program	0	166,400	(166,400)		250,000
Other	(16,638)	0	(16,638)		0
Earnings - Investment Income	47,290	74,000	(26,710)	-36.1%	98,000
Other Revenue	765,334	1,671,873	(906,538)	-54.2%	2,065,767
Grants	5,243,466	4,684,258	559,208	11.9%	5,598,880
Program Revenue	44,971,050	41,913,175	3,057,875	7.3%	50,977,209
State General Program Revenue (GPR)	11,121,623	10,839,537	282,086	2.6%	12,720,000
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>56,092,673</b>	<b>52,752,712</b>	<b>3,339,961</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>63,697,209</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Salaries	22,161,663	22,437,228	(275,565)	-1.2%	26,643,458
Fringe Benefits	8,396,832	8,585,264	(188,432)	-2.2%	9,857,670
Supplies & Services	19,006,789	16,903,891	2,102,898	12.4%	20,848,310
Building Rent	2,711,470	2,658,017	53,452	2.0%	3,295,060
Grants Indirect	825,104	787,689	37,415	4.7%	943,805
Depreciation	2,156,145	2,157,589	(1,444)	-0.1%	2,598,463
Bad Debt Expense	5,149	3,000	2,149	71.6%	3,600
Interest Expense	14,060	0	14,060		0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>55,277,211</b>	<b>53,532,678</b>	<b>1,744,533</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>64,190,366</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$815,462</b>	<b>(\$779,967)</b>	<b>\$1,595,429</b>		<b>(\$493,157)</b>

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**WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE**  
**Comparative Income Statement**  
**For the 10 months ended April 30, 2024 and April 30, 2023**

	Year to Date Actual	Prior Year Actual	Variance Over/(Under)	Variance % of Prior Year
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
Clinical	\$17,237,841	\$15,210,157	\$2,027,684	13.3%
Newborn Screening	6,061,948	3,770,925	2,291,023	60.8%
Driver Improvement Surcharge	2,095,442	1,352,357	743,085	54.9%
Environmental	8,385,380	8,037,600	347,780	4.3%
Proficiency	3,426,143	3,071,181	354,962	11.6%
Occupational Health	1,755,496	1,674,801	80,695	4.8%
Laboratory Services	38,962,250	33,117,021	5,845,229	17.7%
Grants Indirect Reimbursement	0	710,000	(710,000)	-100.0%
WI DHS Employee Contracts	734,682	655,044	79,638	12.2%
Other	(16,638)	128,064	(144,702)	
Earnings - Investment Income	47,290	88,257	(40,967)	-46.4%
Other Revenue	765,334	1,581,365	(816,031)	-51.6%
Grants	5,243,466	5,265,224	(21,758)	-0.4%
Program Revenue	44,971,050	39,963,610	5,007,440	12.5%
State General Program Revenue (GPR)	11,121,623	10,066,352	1,055,271	10.5%
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>56,092,673</b>	<b>50,029,962</b>	<b>6,062,711</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries	22,161,663	20,206,504	1,955,159	9.7%
Fringe Benefits	8,396,832	7,690,813	706,019	9.2%
Supplies & Services	19,006,789	17,775,349	1,231,440	6.9%
Building Rent	2,711,470	2,618,015	93,455	3.6%
Grants Indirect	825,104	751,452	73,652	9.8%
Depreciation	2,156,145	2,035,947	120,198	5.9%
Bad Debt Expense	5,149	129	5,020	
Interest Expense	14,060	24,010	(9,950)	-41.4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>55,277,211</b>	<b>51,102,219</b>	<b>4,174,992</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$815,462</b>	<b>(\$1,072,257)</b>	<b>\$1,887,719</b>	<b>-176.05%</b>

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**WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE**  
**Comparative Balance Sheet**  
**As of April 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023**

**ASSETS**

	April 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash-unrestricted	\$2,336,774	\$0
Cash-restricted (Note 2)	1,890,776	1,466,313
Net accounts receivables (Note 3)	8,095,037	8,240,004
Other receivables	0	922,600
Inventories	12,876	23,827
Prepaid expenses	0	0
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>12,335,463</b>	<b>10,652,743</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Equipment	41,215,384	38,621,264
Building improvements	2,357,769	6,878,228
	43,573,153	45,499,492
Less accumulated depreciation	(30,439,255)	(32,803,570)
<b>Total net fixed assets</b>	<b>13,133,898</b>	<b>12,695,922</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$25,469,361</b>	<b>\$23,348,665</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	822,740	\$659,602
Obligations under capital leases	59,524	0
WI DHS neonatal surcharge payable	571,023	235,743
Proficiency testing deferred revenue	1,890,776	1,349,482
Newborn screening deferred revenue	1,345,932	1,345,932
Compensated absences (Note 4)	1,013,249	1,093,215
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>5,703,244</b>	<b>4,683,973</b>

**LONG TERM DEBT**

Obligations under capital leases	340,477	0
Compensated Absences (Note 4)	1,768,334	1,827,012
<b>Total long term debt</b>	<b>2,108,810</b>	<b>1,827,012</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$7,812,055</b>	<b>\$6,510,985</b>

**EQUITY**

Net Operating Income (Loss)	815,462	(162,239)
Retained earnings	15,551,005	11,365,404
Contributed capital	1,286,676	5,634,516
<b>Total retained earnings</b>	<b>17,653,143</b>	<b>16,837,681</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>17,653,143</b>	<b>16,837,681</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$25,465,197</b>	<b>\$23,348,666</b>



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**WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE**  
**Statement of Cash Flow**  
**For the 10 months ended April 30, 2024 and the 12 months ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$815,462	(\$162,239)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,156,145	2,435,811
Changes in working capital components:		
Decrease/(Increase) in net accounts receivables	144,966	(1,955,933)
Decrease/(Increase) in other receivables	922,600	(67,600)
Decrease/(Increase) in inventories	10,951	44,160
Decrease/(Increase) in prepaid expenses	0	258,864
(Decrease)/Increase in salaries payable	0	0
(Decrease)/Increase in accounts payable	163,138	(446,729)
(Decrease)Increase in accrued expenses	0	0
(Decrease)Increase in deferred revenue	0	0
(Decrease)/Increase in neonatal surcharge payable	335,281	(263,753)
(Decrease)Increase in proficiency testing deferred revenue	541,294	394,899
(Decrease)/Increase in newborn screen deferred revenue	0	(996,340)
(Decrease)/Increase in obligation on capital lease	400,000	0
(Decrease)/Increase in compensated absences	(138,644)	46,451
	5,351,193	(712,408)
<b>Net cash provided (used) in operating activities</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
	(2,526,269)	(2,718,703)
Purchase of equipment and physical plant improvements		
	(2,526,269)	(2,718,703)
<b>Net cash provided (used) in investing activities</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
	(63,687)	-
Principal payment on Capital Lease		
	(63,687)	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) in financing activities</b>		
	2,761,237	(3,431,110)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>		
<b>Cash:</b>		
Beginning	1,466,313	4,897,423
Ending	\$4,227,550	\$1,466,313

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the period July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024**

**Note 1 - Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies**

Nature of Business:

- The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) is a governmental institution which provides medical, industrial and environmental laboratory testing and related services to individuals, private and public agencies, including the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Health Services (DHS). Approximately 80% of the WSLH operating revenues are program revenues, including contracts, grants, and fee-for-service billing. The remainder are general purpose revenues (GPR), which are Wisconsin state general fund dollars.

Budgetary Data:

- Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budget amounts were approved by the WSLH Board on July 18, 2023.

Basis of Presentation:

- The financial statements have been prepared on a modified accrual basis.

Basis of Accounting:

- Revenues are recognized at the completion of the revenue generating processes. Fee-for-service revenues are generally recognized in the period services are completed.
- Revenues from GPR, OWI, Grants, and expense reimbursement contracts for salaries, fringe benefits, capital, and supplies are recognized as expended.
- Expenses are recognized and accrued when the liability is incurred.

Estimates and assumptions:

- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts

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reported in the financial statements and accompanying footnotes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Assets

- Accounts receivable are reported at net realizable value. Net realizable value is equal to the gross amount of receivables less an estimated allowance for uncollectible amounts.
- Inventory is stated at cost (first in, first-out method).
- Equipment and building improvements are carried at cost. Expenditures for assets in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method.

Liabilities

- A liability for unearned revenue is recognized for the proficiency testing programs and for the newborn screening program.

**Note 2 –Cash Restricted**

- As of April 30, 2024 cash is restricted to the proficiency testing deferred revenue.

**Note 3 – Net Accounts Receivable**

- Accounts receivable and allowance for uncollectible account balances as of June 30, 2023 and April 30, 2024 are as follows:

	<u>April 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Accounts Receivable Total	\$8,181,400	\$8,326,345
Allowance for bad debt	<u>(86,363)</u>	<u>(86,341)</u>
Net Receivables	\$8,095,037	\$8,240,004

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**Note 4 – Compensated Absences**

- GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences," establishes standards of accounting and reporting for compensated absences by state and local governmental entities for which employees will be paid such as vacation, sick leave, and sabbatical leave. Using the criteria in Statement 16, a liability for compensated absences that is attributable to services already rendered and that is not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the State and its employees has been accrued. The table below details the liability by benefit category:

	Total	Vacation	Personal Holiday	Legal Holiday	Sabbatical
Current	\$1,013,249	\$848,901	\$38,894	\$24,066	\$101,388
Long Term	1,768,334				1,768,334
	\$2,781,583	\$848,901	\$38,894	\$24,066	\$1,975,968

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Item 8. CONTRACTS REPORT**

**Description of the Item:**

Tip Vandall, WSLH Accounts Receivable Financial Manager, will provide a brief update on Contracts to the Board.

**Suggested Board Action:**

Review and provide input.

**Staff Recommendations and Comments:**

Receive for information.

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**Item 9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Dr. James Schauer, Director, WSLH

- **FDA LDT Rule on Lab Developed Tests**
  - Dr. Errin Rider, Director of Clinical Laboratory Services
- **Key Public Health Notices**
  - Camille Danielson, Environmental Chemistry Director
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- **Public Relations Report**
  - Jan Klawitter, WSLH Communications Manager

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**Key Public Health and Environmental Notices 3/25/2024 to 6/11/24**

*Please note: Press releases have been abbreviated from original announcements*

**March 28, 2024 DNR Press Release**

**New Law Changes E-Cycle Manufacturer Target Formula, Expands Eligible Electronics**

On March 14, Gov. Tony Evers signed [2023 Wisconsin Act 108](#) into law. This bipartisan law makes changes to E-Cycle Wisconsin. The law does the following:

- Changes the formula used to set electronics manufacturers’ annual recycling targets. Instead of being 80% of the weight of covered electronics manufacturers sold in Wisconsin during a previous year, the targets are now based on a manufacturer’s market share percentage of all the weight of electronics received for recycling under E-Cycle Wisconsin during a previous program year.
- Expands the definition of “peripheral” to include devices used for input to/output from video display devices. Currently, the definition only includes devices used with computers. This would make more devices eligible for recycling under E-Cycle Wisconsin.
- Increases manufacturer registration fees beginning with the registration due March 1, 2025.
- Directs DNR to create rules for “good faith progress” toward meeting a manufacturer’s recycling target.

**March 29, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**Department of Health Services Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge’s Statement about Wisconsin Act 249, that expands emergency detention and urgent crisis care facilities**

“One of our top priorities is access to mental health services for all Wisconsinites who need them. Act 249 will help us address a significant gap in Wisconsin’s system of care and ensure people experiencing mental health emergencies get the right care, at the right time, in the right place. Crisis urgent care and observation facilities will provide staff and services to de-escalate and treat young people and adults experiencing a mental health crisis without long wait times or family having to travel for hours. And when law enforcement is involved, they no longer need to decide between an emergency room or jail. This no wrong door approach provides appropriate care without adding additional stress to the patient and that patient’s family and community.

**April 8, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**Wisconsin COVID-19 Treatment Telehealth Program Ends April 10**

*Wisconsinites can continue to access antiviral treatment through clinics and programs*

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) reminds Wisconsinites that its COVID-19 Treatment program will end on April 10. The program, initially planned to end in 2023, was [extended to April 2024](#)

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due to the success of the program and high cases of COVID-19 circulating at the time. Since it launched in November 2022, the program completed 8,819 consults, providing health guidance and access to COVID-19 antiviral treatments to people across Wisconsin at no cost.

**April 10, 2024 DNR Press Release**

**DNR, DHS Respond To EPA’s Announcement Of Maximum Contaminant Levels For PFAS In Drinking Water**

MADISON, Wis. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced new enforceable federal standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. This includes a new enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) individually for PFOA and PFOS and 10 ppt individually for PFNA, PFHxS and GenX. Additionally, the EPA finalized an MCL at a hazard index of 1 when a combination of PFNA, PFHxS, GenX and PFBS are present in a mixture. The EPA’s enforceable standards acknowledge the importance of limiting exposure to PFAS in total and the role that drinking contaminated water plays in the potential for negative health impacts from PFAS.

“Overall, Wisconsin’s public water systems are well positioned to comply with the EPA’s enforceable standards,” said Steve Elmore, Director of the DNR’s Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater. “The DNR set enforceable standards for two types of PFAS in public drinking water in 2022. Over the last year, public water systems throughout Wisconsin have sampled at least once for these and other PFAS.”

The current enforceable standard of 70 ppt for PFOA and PFOS in public drinking water will remain in effect until the DNR completes rulemaking to comply with the EPA’s drinking water standards. This may take up to three years to complete based on Wisconsin’s statutory requirements. Additionally, the DNR will formally request that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) update their health-based recommendations for the six PFAS included in EPA’s finalized MCLs to account for new scientific findings. Wisconsin DHS anticipates their updated recommendations will be available during the second half of 2024.

Of Wisconsin’s nearly 2,000 public water systems, approximately 95% have PFAS levels below the EPA’s standards. Sampling results for municipal public drinking water systems are available to view in the PFAS Interactive Data Viewer. The specific actions taken by any public water system will depend on their circumstances and could include treating water to remove PFAS or finding a different water source. These MCLs do not apply to drinking water from private wells.

**April 3, 2024 DNR Press Release**

**Previously Undetected Parasite Discovered In Wild Wisconsin Trout - *Anglers, Please Clean Your Gear***

**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges anglers to properly clean their gear after discovering the parasite *Myxobolus cerebralis* in Elton Creek in Langlade County. Elton Creek is a Class 1 trout stream that recently tested positive for *Myxobolus cerebralis* below Elton Springpond and at Highway 64. *Myxobolus cerebralis* is a microscopic parasite that damages the cartilage and nerve tissue of trout and salmon and has been known to cause whirling disease.



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“It’s unknown how *Myxobolus cerebralis* will impact our local trout populations at this time,” said Justine Hasz, DNR Fisheries Management Bureau Director. “In some states where the parasite has been found, trout and salmon have developed whirling disease, which has negatively impacted their local populations. However, other states with the parasite have seen no evidence of fish with whirling disease nor have they seen their trout and salmon populations impacted.”

Although no fish have been discovered in Wisconsin with clinical symptoms of the disease, the DNR is implementing a surveillance program to determine if any additional trout populations have been affected.

Anglers should watch for trout or salmon displaying any signs of whirling disease like blackened tails, skeletal deformities or swimming in circles, and report sightings to their [local fisheries biologist](#). These signs are not exclusive to whirling disease. *Myxobolus cerebralis* is only capable of infecting trout and salmon, with rainbow and brook trout thought to be the most susceptible. It cannot infect other fish species and poses no threat to humans or household pets like cats and dogs. Though cooking harvested fish according to the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s food safety guidelines](#) is always recommended, anglers are encouraged to never consume fish that appear sick or diseased. This parasite is nearly impossible to eradicate once it has been established, but steps can be taken to limit the spread. The DNR reminds anglers of the importance of cleaning and disinfecting their gear after fishing.

Anglers are encouraged to wear rubber-bottomed boots or waders. All water, aquatic vegetation, and/or mud that might contain the parasite should be removed from their fishing equipment streamside before being thoroughly cleaned. All fishing equipment, including boats, trailers, boots, waders, nets and float tubes should then be dried completely before being used again.

It’s also important to remember to not dispose of fish tissue or by-products into bodies of water to prevent the spread of [aquatic invasive species](#) and other [fish diseases](#).

**April 16, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health Releases Fact Sheet on Mental Health Impact of School Shootings**

School shootings have a traumatic effect on the entire school community and can cause long-term harm to youth mental health and well-being. Children who survive shootings have twice as many pain disorders, are 68% more likely to have a psychiatric diagnosis, and are 144% as likely to develop a substance use disorder than those who did not experience a shooting. According to the latest fact sheet from the Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health (OCMH), anxiety, depression, and PTSD, along with hypervigilance and fear are common mental health conditions of shooting survivors. In addition to utilizing the SUSO tipline, OCMH highlights three strategies experts say can help reduce school violence: school belonging, safe storage, and school safety drills. The fact sheet also includes a number of actions that parents, schools, physicians, and policymakers can take. Resources on safe storage, bullying

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prevention, school safety, school safety drills, behavioral threat assessment, and violence prevention are included in the fact sheet.

**April 17, 2024 DNR Press Release**

**The DNR announced approval of Stewardship funding for Friends Grants to 24 nonprofit organizations for improvement at DNR properties across the state.** Governor Evers' State Building Commission approved the funding for 29 projects for a total of \$373,900 in Stewardship grants, leveraging \$392,700 in matching contributions and \$4.2 million in total project costs. The following projects were approved and will move forward in the grant award process:

- Friends of Blue Mound State Park – Amphitheater Phase II
- Friends of Buckhorn State Park – Boardwalk Replacement
- Friends of the Cedarburg Bog, Inc. – Buckthorn Control Phase I
- Friends of Copper Falls State Park – Copper Falls Pavilion Phase III
- Friends of Crex – Crex Rest Area Well Phase I
- Friends of Devil's Lake State Park – East Bluff Trail Upgrades
- Friends of the Fox River Trail – Fox River Trail Rebuilding
- Friends of High Cliff State Park – Lime Kiln Trail Remediation and Rerouting Phase I
- Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education and Visitor Center – Patio Map Restoration
- Friends of Interstate and Straight Lake State Parks – ADA Accessible Sidewalk to Shelter
- Friends of Interstate and Straight Lake State Parks – Silverbrook Interpretive Signs
- Friends of Lapham Peak – New Lodge Building Phase III
- Friends of the Kettle Moraine Inc. – Accessible Drinking Fountain
- Kettle Moraine Natural History Association – Pollinator and Prairie Habitat Development
- Friends of Kohler Andrae State Park – Beach Parking Lots Safety Path Phase III
- Friends of Lake Wissota State Park – Interpretive and Informational Signage
- Friends of Mirror Lake State Park – Beach Shower
- Friends of Mirror Lake State Park – Firewood Shed
- Friends of Mirror Lake State Park – Outdoor Drinking Fountain
- Friends of Navarino Nature Center, Inc. – Accessible Bog Boardwalk at the Navarino Wildlife Area
- Friends of Peninsula State Park – Fire Rings and Picnic Tables Phase II
- Ice Age Trail Alliance – Ice Age Trail Updates at Plover River State Fisheries Area
- Friends of Potawatomi State Park – Accessible Kayak Launch
- Friends of Rib Mountain State Park – Paved Walking Path Expansion

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- Friends of Mirror Lake State Park – Rocky Arbor Campground Host Site Phase II
- Friends of Mirror Lake State Park – Rocky Arbor Gate
- Friends of Whitefish Dunes – Trail to Cave Point County Park
- Friends of Wildcat Mountain State Park – Emerging Woody Invasives Control
- Friends of Yellowstone State Park – ADA Accessibility Kayak Launch Phase II

Learn more about the Stewardship grant and Friends Group programs at the Grants to Friends Groups and Friends Group webpages.

**April 18, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**Law Enforcement Agencies Awarded Grants from State Opioid Settlement Funds**

Funded projects focus on prevention, intervention, and treatment activities

Twelve Tribal nations, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies have received grants from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for projects to prevent and reduce the dangers of opioid use. The projects include community drug disposal systems; programs that keep people with an opioid use disorder out of jail; education and training for staff on the medications for opioid use disorder, including how the medications are used as part of a treatment program; and treatment for jail residents with an opioid use disorder.

"Here in Wisconsin, we've seen rates of substance use disorders and opioid-related deaths on the rise, and families and communities in every corner of the state have experienced the devastation of this epidemic firsthand," said Gov. Tony Evers. "Through these grants and with the help of our local partners, we're investing in evidence-based solutions to expand treatment, prevention, and recovery efforts across our state to help folks get the support they need and build a safer, healthier Wisconsin for everyone."

"The projects funded by these grants will save lives," said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. "We're pleased to partner with these law enforcement agencies to support efforts to address the health and safety needs of their communities."

**April 19, 2024 DNR Press Release**

**DNR Responds To EPA's Designation Of PFOA And PFOS As Hazardous Substances**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced the designation of PFOA and PFOS, including their salts and structural isomers, as hazardous substances under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, also known as "Superfund." The EPA is taking this action because significant evidence demonstrates that when released into the environment, these chemicals may present substantial danger to public health and the environment.

PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) and PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid), two PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) compounds, now become two of more than 800 contaminants regulated under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. "The vast majority of contamination sites in Wisconsin are addressed under state authority rather than this federal law," said Christine Sieger, Director of the DNR's Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment. "As such, ensuring

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the DNR has all the regulatory tools available to respond to contamination as well as support Wisconsin communities struggling with contamination with funding and resources remains crucial. For the limited group of sites that are in the Superfund program, the federal program is important. Two sites in Wisconsin are in the early stages of evaluation for Superfund status based upon contamination." This designation may facilitate this effort, provide much-needed resources, and open the door to exploring Superfund designation as a means of addressing contamination of these PFAS at other sites.

With this announcement, the EPA has also stated that it will focus on holding responsible those who significantly contributed to the release of certain PFAS into the environment. The EPA intends to exercise enforcement discretion and does not intend to pursue entities, including farmers, water utilities, public airports or local fire departments. Known sites impacted by PFAS are available to view in the PFAS Interactive Data Viewer.

**April 26, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**DHS Confirms Case of Measles in Dane County**

Health officials investigating to identify possible exposures. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has confirmed a case of measles in an individual living in Dane County, with travel and employment in Rock County. DHS, in coordination with Public Health Madison & Dane County and Rock County Public Health, are working to identify and notify people who may have been exposed to the measles virus. Additional information will be shared as the investigation continues. Cases of measles have been rare in Wisconsin due to high vaccination rates, but measles is highly contagious and can cause serious health complications for those who are not vaccinated. The best way to protect yourself from measles is to get the measles vaccine (MMR). Two doses of the measles vaccine are 97% effective at preventing the disease. Wisconsin residents can find their immunization records using the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). Instructions are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong. If you are unable to access your records, please contact your doctor's office or your local health department.

**May 9, 2024 DNR Press Release**

**DNR Publishes 2023 Fish Stocking Summary - *Over 6 Million Fish Stocked Across Wisconsin Waters***

The following summaries provide total fish stocked by species in Wisconsin waters in 2023:

**Inland Waters**

- 204,467 brook trout
- 324,422 brown trout
- 90,565 lake trout
- 80 largemouth bass
- 35,786 muskellunge
- 108,969 northern pike
- 251,508 rainbow trout
- 1,964,192 walleye

**Lake Michigan**

- 49,998 brook trout
- 455,253 brown trout
- 1,386,492 Chinook salmon

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- 500,189 coho salmon
- 591 lake sturgeon
- 7,681 muskellunge
- 522,852 rainbow trout

**Lake Superior**

- 174,906 brown trout
- 73,251 lake trout
- 40,816 splake
- 100,000 walleye

**May 30, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**DHS Expands Stroke Prevention Campaign - Highlights risk factors and signs of stroke**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is continuing to raise awareness about prevention, treatment, and recovery from stroke by launching an expanded statewide public awareness campaign to teach people how they can reduce their stroke risk, how to know if someone is having a stroke, and to act quickly if they or someone near them is having a stroke. This expanded campaign comes as data show stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. Each year in Wisconsin, about 11,000 people will have a stroke, and 2,700 will die.

Find information and resources to help prevent and respond to strokes at [Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke Program: BE FAST](#).

**June 5, 2024 DHS Press Release**

**Five Crisis Stabilization Facilities Now Open Across Wisconsin - Regional centers will serve those with mental health and substance use needs**

Wisconsin has taken another step forward to help people with mental health and substance use emergencies with the opening of five crisis stabilization centers for adults. Crisis stabilization facilities support people who can't stay in their community safely, but don't need to be hospitalized. Funded by the Department of Health Services (DHS), the centers provide a dedicated location for this level of care for most counties. DHS set aside \$10 million in 2021 to support the development of five crisis stabilization facilities for adults, with each location serving multiple counties. The funding is part of Wisconsin's share of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds reserved for mental health and substance use services. The five facilities service

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separate regions or groups of counties:

Region/Counties Served	Facility Operator	Facility Location
Dodge, Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha	Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services	Waukesha
Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, and Marquette	Elevate	Beaver Dam
Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, and Vilas	North Central Health Care	Wausau
Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Washburn	Tellurian	La Crosse
Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock, Sauk, and Vernon	Tellurian	Madison

People can access these centers by referral through the mental health and substance use emergency hotline for their county of residence. These hotlines are known as [county crisis lines](#).

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**Report to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board  
Representative Public or Environmental Health Incidents of Educational Interest  
February 22 – June 13, 2024**

Approx. Date	Agent or Event Name	Description	Current Status
<b>OUTBREAKS and INCIDENTS</b>			
April 2024	Measles	On April 25, WSLH Communicable Disease Division (CDD) confirmed a PCR-positive measles case in a Wisconsin resident. This initiated a very large public health response. WI Department of Health Services (WDHS) coordinated the overall response, multiple local health departments performed massive amounts of contact tracing (hundreds of people were deemed contacts), and WSLH CDD performed an increased number of measles PCR and measles IgM testing. Thankfully, no additional cases were found and the response has now been stood down.	Complete
March 2024	Avian Influenza H5N1	In late March 2024, the USDA announced that H5N1 avian influenza had been detected in cattle herds in multiple states. As of June 6, this is known to have affected >60 herds across 9 states, with 3 known human infections. <b>WSLH CDD</b> has done multiple things to prepare for and respond to this development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the WI Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) to stay abreast with recent findings in cows.</li> <li>• At the request of USDA, work with WVDL and WDHS to initiate H5N1 testing of cats with neurologic symptoms who test negative for rabies.</li> <li>• Act as a subject matter expert on national APHL/CSTE thought leaders group.</li> <li>• Validate a higher-throughput nucleic acid instrument for testing, and prepare for</li> </ul>	Ongoing

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		<p>validating conjunctival swabs (an important avian influenza specimen type)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep abreast of happenings with multiple APHL and CDC calls per week.</li> <li>• Discuss a national approach to increasing influenza subtyping surveillance, to find any H5N1 that may be circulating in humans.</li> <li>• Coordinate with DHS to test any workers who have had contact with birds, pigs, or cows and who are symptomatic.</li> </ul> <p><b>WisCon occupational health onsite safety and health consultation program</b> performed outreach in early June to 1,653 Wisconsin employers who may be impacted by Avian Influenza (H5N1). WisCon provided educational resources, to include CDC guidance on how to protect affected workers. Employers were also provided with a link to apply to receive free PPE (personal protective equipment) from WDHS. The total number of employees impacted by this outreach is conservatively estimated to be 96,000 employees.</p>	
<b>RECENT EVENTS and FINDINGS</b>			
February 6, 2024	<i>Microbiology Spectrum</i> journal article	<p>Ann Valley and Megan Lasure with the Antimicrobial Resistance program were co-authors on –</p> <p><b>Descriptive analysis of targeted carbapenemase genes and antibiotic susceptibility profiles among carbapenem-resistant <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> tested in the Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network-United States, 2017-2020</b></p> <p><i>Microbiology Spectrum</i>, 2024 Feb 6, DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1128/spectrum.02828-23">10.1128/spectrum.02828-23</a></p>	Complete



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February 21, 2024	Quality and Safety Awards	<p>On Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> the WSLH honored 27 staffers with Quality and Safety Awards. The QAS awards are given out twice a year to WSLH staff who meet one or more of the following criteria –</p> <p>Criteria 1: Good in-house quality/safety program – For broad implementation of quality/safety throughout the workplace.</p> <p>Criteria 2: Active role in quality/safety – For being a strong advocate of quality and safety.</p> <p>Criteria 3: Improvement – For demonstrating significant improvement over previous conditions.</p> <p>Criteria 4: Product or process development and implementation – For special effort given to a specific aspect of quality/safety in the workplace. Award winners are nominated by their peers.</p>	Complete
February 22, 2024	Texas Traffic Institute, Austin, TX	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles presented on impaired driving and national drug trends.	Complete
February 22, 2024	<i>Veterinary and Comparative Oncology</i> journal article	<p>WSLH Environmental Health Division scientists Erin Mani, Christa Dahman and Camille Danielson were co-authors on –</p> <p><b>Urinary and household chemical exposures in pet dogs with urothelial cell carcinoma</b></p> <p><i>Veterinary and Comparative Oncology</i>, 22 February 2024, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/vco.12968">https://doi.org/10.1111/vco.12968</a></p>	Complete
February 26, 2024	Pittcon annual conference, San Diego, CA	Dr. Heather Barkholtz with WSLH Forensic Toxicology and UW School of Pharmacy presented “Detection of Substances Relevant to Forensic Toxicology via an Untargeted LC-QToF-HRMS Screening Method” and Forensic Toxicology Supervisor Dan McManaway attended the annual Pittcon conference.	Complete

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		Pittcon is an international conference and exposition on laboratory science, a venue for presenting the latest advances in analytical research and scientific instrumentation, and a platform for continuing education and science-enhancing opportunity.	
March 1, 2024	Marquette University	Forensic Toxicology Forensic Scientist Lindsey Vosters presented to students at Marquette University about the basics of Forensic Toxicology.	Complete
March 6 and March 19, 2024	Treatment Courts of Georgia, Atlanta and Athens, GA	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles presented to judges and staff of drug and alcohol treatment courts on the role of forensic toxicology and drug/alcohol treatment.	Complete
March 14, 2024	Wisconsin Municipal Judges Seminar, Wisconsin Dells	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles presented to WI municipal judges on THC and isomers in impaired driving.	Complete
March 26-28, 2024	Regional Toxicology Liaisons (RTL) virtual training	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles and the RTLs provided 3 half day workshops on method development and validation for laboratories across the U.S.	Complete
April 4, 2024	<i>Chemical Research in Toxicology</i> journal article	Dr. Heather Barkholtz with the WSLH Forensic Toxicology Section and UW School of pharmacy and her graduate students Maia N. Bates and Abby E. Helm co-authored –  <b>Screening for Forensically Relevant Drugs Using Data-Independent High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry</b>  <i>Chemical Research in Toxicology</i> . 2024, 37, 4, 571–579. <a href="https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.chemrestox.3c00379">https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.chemrestox.3c00379</a>  Their manuscript was highlighted as the cover art for the journal.	Complete

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April 5-9, 2024	Lifesavers Annual Conference, Denver, CO	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles presented to NHTSA liaisons and partners on drug trends in impaired driving and another presentation on the RTL program.	Complete
April 26, 2024	Medical College of Wisconsin Grand Rounds	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles was on a panel to cover the myths behind current drug trends such as marijuana laced with fentanyl.	Complete
April 29-May 4, 2024	National Atmospheric Deposition Program	NADP held its Spring 2024 Business Meeting in Madison, with approximately 75 people in attendance. Discussions included normal operation of the networks through NADP subcommittees, as well as an “Integrated Mercury Review Workshop” with the NADP Total Deposition Subcommittee that focused on the state of knowledge of mercury deposition, and NADP’s role in addressing the UN’s Minamata Convention on Mercury and its Effectiveness Evaluation requirements.	Complete
May 5, 2024	<i>Aerosol and Air Quality Research</i> journal article	Dr. Ross Edwards, Muge Yaşar, Dr. David Gay and Dr. Jamie Schauer were co-authors on -  <b>Investigation of Black Carbon Wet Deposition to the United States from National Atmospheric Deposition Network Samples</b>  <i>Aerosol Air Qual. Res.</i> 24, 230089. <a href="https://doi.org/10.4209/aaqr.230089">https://doi.org/10.4209/aaqr.230089</a>	Complete
May 6-9, 2024	APHL annual conference, Milwaukee	The Association of Public Health Laboratories held its annual scientific conference in Milwaukee with 30+ WSLH scientists giving presentations and/or posters at the event. On May 9 <sup>th</sup> , the WSLH hosted a tour of the AG Drive facility for conference attendees. The WSLH also worked with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District to provide a separate wastewater surveillance focused tour.	Complete
May 21, 2024	Current Trends in Forensic Toxicology International Symposium, virtual	Forensic Toxicology Project Manager Amy Miles presented to an international audience on the importance of forensic toxicology and public health collaboration.	Complete

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May 22, 2024	Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day	<p>Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers proclaimed May 22, 2024 “Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day”. The proclamation and statewide communications were the result of joint efforts by wastewater surveillance and communications staff at the WSLH and the WI Department of Health Services to laud the efforts of wastewater professionals who submit samples for testing. A celebratory event was also held at the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Wastewater Surveillance Program is one of four CDC Centers of Excellence in the U.S. The program started in 2020 testing wastewater for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID. It has expanded to testing for influenza, and RSV and norovirus.</p>	Complete
May 30, 2024	University Staff Recognition Award	<p>WSLH Communicable Disease Division (CDD) Specimen Receiving Technician Mike Hawk was selected as one of UW-Madison’s 2024 University Staff Recognition Award winners.</p> <p>Mike began his career at the WSLH in 1993 working in environmental sample receiving, eventually transferring to CDD specimen receiving and clinical orders. Mike manages the CDD Clinical Supplies section and is part of the CDD specimen receiving team.</p>	Complete
June 3-4, 2024	Ohio State Lab visit – AR Lab Network	<p>WSLH Communicable Disease Division (CDD) Antimicrobial Resistance Lab network (ARLN) personnel hosted representatives from the Ohio Department of Health Lab to learn about WSLH CDD lab processes, structure and space usage to aid in their laboratory planning strategies.</p>	Complete
June 4 and June 7, 2024	LRN-B and LRN-C partner visits	<p>Two tour groups visited the LRN-B and LRN-C labs at the WSLH for network building purposes. The United State Postal Inspection Service visited June 4<sup>th</sup> and the Wisconsin Emergency Management group and the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care groups visited June 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>	Complete