

**Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
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DATE: September 9, 2026

TO: Dean Nita Ahuja, MD, UW-SMPH – Dr. Jon Audhya, Designated Representative
Kirsten Johnson, Secretary-designee, DHS – Dr. Mark Werner, Designated Representative
Dr. Karen Hyun, Secretary, DNR – Greg Pils, Designated Representative
Randy Romanski, Secretary, DATCP – Gilbert (Gil) Kelley, Designated Representative
Dr. Mark Werner, Chair
Hasmik Mkrtchyan, Vice Chair
Dr. Jon Audhya, Member
Dr. Leah Schuppener, Member
Dr. Robert Corliss, Member
Gina Green-Harris, Member
Gilbert (Gil) Kelley, Member
John Larson, Member
Greg Pils, Member
Becky Rowland, Member
Dr. Christopher Strang, Member
Zana Sijan, DNR Alternate
Rebecca Fahney, DNR Alternate
Anna Benton, DHS Alternate
Paula Tran, DHS Alternate

FROM: Dr. Rudolph Johnson, Secretary
Director, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

RE: Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors Meeting
Location: Marathon County Health Dept.
In-Person/Online Meeting
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CC: Dr. Errin Rider Nate Lepak
Steve Strebel Dr. Al Bateman
Allen Benson Sheila Jager
Sara Anderson
Martina Allen
Jan Klawitter
Nancy McLean

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WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING NOTICE
for**

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION

**Marathon County Health Department
1000 Lake View Dr. Ste 100, Wausau, WI 54403**

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, September 9, 2026.**

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 Secretary, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors, C/O WSLH Director, 465 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706

ORDER OF BUSINESS: See agenda.

Respectfully submitted,



Rudolph C. Johnson, PhD
Secretary, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors
Director, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
465 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706

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AGENDA

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- Item 1. ROLL CALL**
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BUSINESS ITEMS

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Caitlin Suginaka - Marathon County Health Officer
Kate Florek - Environmental Health & Safety Director, Marathon County Health Dept.
- Item 7. FINANCIAL REPORT**
Martina Allen – WSLH Director of Finance
- Item 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Public Relations Report – **Jan Klawitter** – WSLH Communications Manager
- Item 9. MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAB TOUR**
Jill Malecki - Marathon County Lab Technician

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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

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Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Description of Item:

The draft minutes of the June 17, 2026 board meeting are submitted for approval

Suggested Board Action:

Motion: Approve the draft minutes of the June 17, 2026 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/>.

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APPROVED MINUTES

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

<1:00-4:00 PM>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- | | |
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| ☒ Chair, Dr. Mark Werner (DHS) | ☒ John Larson |
| ☒ Vice Chair, Hasmik Mkrtchyan | ☒ Greg Pils (DNR) |
| ☒ Secretary, Dr. Rudy Johnson | ☒ Dr. Christopher Strang |
| ☒ Dr. Jon Audhya (SMPH) | ☒ Zana Sijan (WDNR alternate) |
| ☒ Jessica Blahnik | ☒ Becca Fahney (WDNR alternate) |
| ☒ Dr. Robert Corliss | ☐ Paula Tran (DHS alternate) |
| ☒ Gina Green-Harris | ☐ Anna Benton (DHS alternate) |
| ☒ Gil Kelley (DATCP) | |
| ☐ Rebecca Rowland | |

WSLH STAFF PRESENT:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☒ Dr. Errin Rider | ☒ Sheila Jager |
| ☒ Steve Strebel | ☒ Nate Lepak |
| ☒ Sara Anderson | ☒ Erin Mani |
| ☒ Allen Benson | ☒ Marty Collins |
| ☒ Martina Allen | ☒ Dr. Jocelyn Hemming |
| ☒ Jan Klawitter | |
| ☒ Nancy McLean | |
| ☐ Dr. Al Bateman | |

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GUESTS PRESENT: Kate Florek, Sara Balge and Rachel Klemp North from Marathon County Health Department. Leah Schuppener attended on behalf of Board Member Jessica Blahnik at beginning of meeting.

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Item 1. ROLL CALL

Chair Dr. Mark Werner called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

At, 1:03 PM Chair Werner asked Sara Anderson to conduct the roll call of the Board members. All Board members or their designated representatives were present except for those excused.

Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 1:06 PM, Chair Werner entertained a motion to approve the March 18, 2026 and May 11, 2026 minutes as submitted. Dr. Chris Strang moved for approval and Hasmik Mkrtchyan seconded. A voice vote to approve the minutes for the record was passed unanimously at 1:07 PM.

Item 3. REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

None

Item 4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

Item 5. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 6. FINANCIAL REPORT AND FY27 BUDGET

Martina Allen was introduced as the new WSLH Director of Finance, having joined the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene on June 1, 2026. WSLH IT Director Allen Benson presented the financial statement through May 31, 2026, noting that the "All Funds Income Statement" showed an excess of revenue over expenses totaling approximately \$10,028,634. He explained that as this is the first year-end close using the Workday system, some items were still being processed through the end of June. WSLH Finance Manager Nate Lepak confirmed

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that the laboratory expects to close out Fiscal Year 2026 with a small surplus. Al Benson then presented the *Projected FY27 Budget*, which includes a total projected revenue of \$69,209,155 (factoring in a proposed price increase of \$950,000) and total expenses of \$72,202,925. While this indicates a projected deficit of \$2,993,770, Mr. Benson reiterated that the WSLH has sufficient reserves to cover this gap. At 1:15 PM, WSLH Board of Directors Chair Dr. Mark Werner requested a motion to approve the budget. Hasmik Mkrtchyan moved for approval, seconded by Dr. Chris Strang; the motion passed unanimously at 1:16 PM.

Item 7. MARATHON COUNTY: MAXIMIZING THE WELLTAP PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Kate Florek, Sara Balge, and Rachel Klemp-North presented on Marathon County's implementation of the WellTap program for fee-exempt private well water testing. As the largest county by land mass in Wisconsin, Marathon County focused its efforts on reaching rural residents who rely on private wells. The presentation included a demonstration of the Monday.com software utilized by the health department to develop the implementation plan and track progress.

Key points of the presentation included:

- **Strategic Outreach:** The county modified materials from the DHS and WSLH to tailor them to local audiences and partnered with numerous community organizations for public engagement.
- **Operational Challenges:** The team addressed hurdles such as software adoption, correcting improper sampling techniques that required re-shipping kits, and the logistical difficulty of reaching remote rural populations.
- **Sustainability:** Long-term goals involve continued monitoring of program data and costs, which are primarily driven by the significant staff time required for administration and external communications.

Item 8. CONTRACTS REPORT WSLH IT Director Al Benson provided a brief update on the Contracts Report for June 2026, referring the Board members to the detailed information provided in their meeting packets for specific contract figures and renewals.

Item 9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter presented the Public Relations Report, highlighting significant lab activities and achievements from March through June 2026; all of which can be located in the WSLH Board Meeting Packet.

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ADJOURNMENT At 2:07 PM, WSLH Board of Directors Chair Dr. Mark Werner entertained a motion to adjourn. Hasmik Mkrtchyan offered the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Chris Strang. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 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

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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. MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Description of the Item:

Marathon County Health Officer Caitlin Suginaka and Environmental Health & Safety Director Kate Florek will provide an overview of Marathon County Health Department activities and the communities they serve.

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:

Martina Allen, WSLH Director of Finance, will provide an update on the Financial Report to the Board.

Suggested Board Action:

Review and provide input.

Staff Recommendations and Comments:

Receive for information.

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University of Wisconsin-Madison Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene All Funds Income Statement (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) Fiscal Year 2026)		
		FY26 YTD
	Revenues	\$ 79,771,958.20
	Expenses	
	Salaries	\$ 29,210,394
	Fringe Benefits	10,374,758
	Total Compensation Expense	\$ 39,585,152
	Supplies & Services	\$ 25,678,664
	Internal Services	1,240,471
	Capital	2,176,256
	Total Expenses	\$ 68,680,544
	Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 11,091,414
Source: Workday		

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Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene All Funds Income Statement (July 1, 2026 - August 28, 2026) Fiscal Year 2027)				
		FY27 YTD	FY27 Budget	Actual to Budget %
	Revenues	\$ 8,433,552	\$ 69,209,155	 12%
	State Appropriation	\$ 13,964,606	\$ 13,964,608	 100%
	Expenses			
	Salaries	\$ 5,073,343	\$ 30,344,973	 17%
	Fringe Benefits	1,837,963	\$ 10,972,302	 17%
	Total Compensation Expense	\$ 6,911,306	\$ 41,317,275	 17%
	Supplies & Services	\$ 4,436,870	\$ 30,885,650	 14%
	Internal Services	151,880		
	Capital	544,044		
	Total Expenses	\$ 12,044,100	\$ 72,202,925	 17%
	Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 10,354,057	\$ (2,993,770.00)	
Source: Workday				

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Item 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Rudolph Johnson, Director, WSLH

- **Public Relations Report**
 - Jan Klawitter, WSLH Communications Manager

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**Report to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Board
Representative Public or Environmental Health Incidents of Educational Interest
June 4 – August 27, 2026**

Approx. Date	Agent or Event Name	Description	Current Status
OUTBREAKS AND INCIDENTS			
August 2026	Measles outbreak	The WSLH Communicable Disease Division identified measles virus in multiple patients the week of August 10-14. As of September 1, there have been 102 confirmed and 6 probable measles cases in Southwest Wisconsin, and the number is expected to continue growing. This is the largest measles outbreak in Wisconsin in over a decade. The WSLH CDD supports DHS and local health departments by performing measles PCR, measles vaccine strain PCR, and sequence-based genotyping. The WSLH wastewater surveillance team supports DHS and local health departments by testing for measles in wastewater.	Ongoing
RECENT EVENTS and FINDINGS			
June 2026	APHL-CDC Public Health Laboratory Internship Program	This summer the WSLH welcomed its largest class of APHL-CDC Public Health Laboratory interns – • 18 interns from • 7 different universities/colleges studying • 15 different majors	Ongoing
June 5, 2026	State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) meeting	Forensic Toxicology Director Kayla Neuman gave a presentation to the SCAODA group about Forensic Toxicology and its role in Impaired Driving Investigations.	Complete
June 9-12, 2026	National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) held its Spring Meeting and Scientific Symposium at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. The theme of the meeting was “Thinking Outside the Bucket: Innovation in a Changing Environment.”	Complete

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	Science Symposium	Several WSLH staff members provided scientific and technical updates for stakeholders during the Spring Business Meeting. More information about the Symposium can be found at: https://nadp.slh.wisc.edu/nadp2026/	
June 24, 2026	Wisconsin Crime Lab Meet & Greet with Tour	Forensic Toxicology Director Kayla Neuman and WSLH Director Dr. Rudy Johnson met with WI Crime Lab leadership to discuss mutual interests and take a tour of the Madison Crime Lab.	Complete
June 29, 2026	UW Archives and Libraries Staff tour	WSLH Director Dr. Rudy Johnson and WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter provided a tour of the WSLH's Agriculture Drive facility for staff from UW Archives and Libraries.	Complete
June 30, 2026	WVDL Interns and Staff tour	WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter and WSLH scientists hosted a group of interns and staffers from the UW-Madison Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab for a tour of the WSLH's Environmental Health Division labs at the Agriculture Drive facility.	Complete
July 2026	<i>Emerging Infectious Diseases</i> journal article	Dr. H. Auguste Dutcher, Dr. Dagmara Antkiewicz, Dr. Adélaïde Roguet, and Dr. Martin Shafer authored – Implementation and Early Outcomes of Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program for National Wastewater Surveillance System, United States, 2024. <i>Emerg Infect Dis.</i> 2026;32(13). https://doi.org/10.3201/eid3213.251612	Complete
July 9, 2026	DNR Interns tour	WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter and WSLH scientists hosted a group of interns from DNR's Drinking Water Program for a tour of the WSLH's Environmental Health Division labs at the Agriculture Drive facility.	Complete
July 15, 2026	ATSDR visit	Representatives from the national Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the WI Department of Health Services visited the WSLH's Agriculture Drive facility to discuss the Equipment Loan Program jointly managed by the WSLH's Chemical Emergency Response program and DHS, as well as other topics. They also toured the Environmental	Complete

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		Health Division Inorganic and Organic Chemistry labs at AG Drive.	
July 16, 2026	UW Badger Pre-College Class visit	The WSLH Communicable Disease Division (CDD) hosted high school students enrolled in UW's Badger Precollege Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) Microbiology class. The Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) admits high school students from Wisconsin, across the United States, and around the globe to engage in three immersive weeks of fast-paced, rigorous, and hands-on learning at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. At the WSLH, students met with CDD scientists and a WI Dept. of Health Services epidemiologist to learn about the lab's work and the role of epidemiologists, using case studies and stories to demonstrate how testing and data support epidemiological work. The students also went on a window tour of CDD.	Complete
July 16, 2026	MMWR journal article	Dr. Adélaïde Roguet, Dr. H. Auguste Dutcher, Dr. Dagmara Antkiewicz, Erica Henning, Devin Everett, and Dr. Martin Shafer, were co-authors with Wisconsin Department of Health Services colleagues on - Genotype-Specific Detection of Measles Virus Using Wastewater Surveillance — Wisconsin, February 2026. <i>MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep</i> 2026;75:344–348. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7527a1	Complete
July 22, 2026	DNR Water Quality Staff tour	WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter and WSLH scientists hosted a group Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Water Quality staff for a tour of the WSLH's Environmental Health Division labs at the Agriculture Drive facility.	Complete
July 27-29 2026	ANSI National Accreditation Board Audit of Texas Department of Public Safety	Forensic Toxicology Director Kayla Neuman assisted with the ANAB ISO17025 Laboratory Audit for the TX DPS as a technical assessor. She visited labs in Tyler, TX and Garland, TX to technically review their Blood Alcohol Testing program.	Complete
July and August 2026	Communicable Disease Division (CDD) Workshops	The WSLH Communicable Disease Division, in conjunction with the Association of Public Health Laboratories, hosted public health laboratorians from around the country at two multi-day workshops.	Complete

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		- On July 28-30, the WSLH CDD Bioinformatics unit taught “Advanced AMD Academy: Nextflow and nf-core” at the new Morgridge Hall on the UW-Madison campus. The 21 attendees learned Nextflow and the nf-core framework for bioinformatics pipeline development through live coding and hands-on exercises. - On August 5-6, CDD hosted an AR Lab Network Midwest Regional meeting in the WSLH AG Drive lunchroom and Fishbowl. They hosted 30+ representatives from CDC and Midwest public health labs and public health departments. The WSLH is a regional reference center for the AR Lab Network program and provides antimicrobial testing for six states in the Midwest region.	
August 2026	Governor Evers Year of the Neighbor Celebration	Dr. Allen Bateman and Dr. Alana Sterkel, the Director and Associate Director of the WSLH Communicable Disease Division, were both invited by Governor Evers to a Year of the Neighbor Celebration at the Executive Residence as a thank you for their work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.	Complete
August 3, 2026	UW ICTR Pilot Program Funding	Two WSLH-connected pilot projects were among five announced by the UW-Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) on August 3rd. The ICTR Pilot Awards Program funds innovative projects that help move clinical discoveries into practice while advancing investigators’ careers. In addition to supporting experienced researchers, the program supports early career investigators as well as researchers who are new to clinical and translational research as they establish and advance their research careers. The WSLH projects are: Impact of GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Therapy on Alcohol Pharmacokinetics Contact PI: Heather Barkholtz, School of Pharmacy and WSLH Forensic Toxicology	Ongoing

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		Co-PI: Michael Chen, SMPH-Family Medicine & Community Health Improving Blastomyces Diagnosis and Treatment: A Pilot Study Contact PI: Alana Sterkel, Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene Co-PI: Alexandra Linz, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute	
August 17 – 21, 2026	ANSI National Accreditation Board Audit of Malaysia Crime Lab System	Forensic Scientist Supervisor Kristin Drewieck assisted with the ANAB ISO 17025 Laboratory Audit of the Malaysia Crime Lab System as a Technical Assessor.	Complete
August 20, 2026	Hemp Field Day	Three Forensic Scientists (Traci Reese, Kristina Martinet, and Elexi Horvath) attended Hemp Field Day held at the UW-Madison Arlington Agricultural Research Station. The Day was presented by the Ellison Lab at UW-Madison. Students presented on their various research projects related to hemp and hemp products. A tour of the hemp fields was also provided.	Complete
Aug 20-24, 2026	International Association of Chiefs of Police – Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Meeting in Anaheim, CA	Forensic Scientist II Abby Houliston attended the IDTS conference and presented a breakout session titled: Two Methods, One Mission: “Weeding” Out the Truth of Cannabis Impairment. Key audience is Law Enforcement Officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts.	Complete
August 24-25, 2026	Wisconsin Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety	Dr. Heather Barkholtz and Kalila Daveron presented “Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Assessments Compared to TOXicology Test Results From Biological Specimens (DRE-TOX)” project. Amy Miles (Program Project Manager) presented “Understanding Wisconsin’s NEW Roadside Oral Fluid Law” along with Melissa Kimball of the Chemical Test Section and Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors Tara Jenswold and Emily Thompson. Kayla Neuman attended the conference as an attendee.	Complete

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August 26, 2026	Impaired Driving Workgroup Meeting at the WI Gov. Highway Safety Conference	Forensic Toxicology Director Kayla Neuman attended the workgroup meeting in Wisconsin Dells.	Complete
August 27, 2026	DNR Water Quality Staff tour	WSLH Communications Manager Jan Klawitter and WSLH scientists hosted a group Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Water Quality staff for a tour of the WSLH's Environmental Health Division labs at the Agriculture Drive facility.	Complete
August 27-28, 2026	CDC FoodCORE visit	The WSLH Communicable Disease Division, in conjunction with WI Department of Health Services, hosted representatives from CDC as part of a FoodCORE site visit to discuss testing and epidemiologic surveillance and response to foodborne outbreaks.	Complete

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Item 9. MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAB TOUR

Description of the Item:

Jill Malecki, Marathon County Lab Technician, will provide a tour of the Marathon County Health Department laboratories to the WSLH Board of Directors.