



AGENDA

Eau Claire County
Committee on Administration
Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Claire County Government Center
721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire • Room 3312

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1. Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll call
3. Public Comment
4. Proclamation for National Public Health Week 2023 – **Discussion/Action**
5. Adjourn

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National Public Health Week Proclamation 2023

Whereas, the week of April 3, 2023, is National Public Health Week, the theme is “Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health”; and

Whereas, public health organizations use National Public Health Week to educate public policymakers and public health professionals on issues that are important to improving the health of the people of the United States, including the more than 106,000 residents of Eau Claire County; and

Whereas, in 2020, the life expectancy at birth for the population of the United States declined by 1.5 years, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943; and

Whereas, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health challenges; and

Whereas, there are significant differences in the health status of individuals living in the healthiest States and communities and those living in the least healthy States and communities, including differences in obesity rates, the prevalence of chronic disease, and the prevalence of infectious disease; and

Whereas, racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States continue to experience disparities in the burden of illness and death, as compared with the entire population of the United States; and

Whereas, women die from pregnancy-related complications in the United States at a higher rate than in many other developed countries, and an estimated 60 percent of these deaths in the United States are preventable; and

Whereas, there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during the 12-month period ending in April 2021, the highest level ever recorded during a 12-month period, a 28.5 percent increase from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before. There were 1,765 drug overdose deaths in Wisconsin in 2021 and 11 opioid overdose deaths in Eau Claire County in 2021; and

Whereas, studies show that small strategic investments in prevention can result in significant savings in health care, education, social service, and law enforcement costs, Wisconsin remains near the bottom of US states in investing in public health measures; and

Whereas, public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including city planners, transportation officials, education officials, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors can influence health outcomes across our community; and

Whereas, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness but workforce and funding remain significant issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Smiar, on behalf of the Eau Claire County Board, do hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2023, as **National Public Health Week 2023** and call upon the people of Eau Claire County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to better understand the value of public health, celebrate the power of cultural humility and prevention, advocate for healthy and fair policies, share strategies for increasing equity and champion the role of a strong public health system in light of this year’s theme, “**Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health.**”

4/5/2023

Nick Smiar, Chair
Eau Claire County Board

Date