



APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH ORIENTATION

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WISCONSIN PUBLIC HEALTH HISTORY

- 1848 WISCONSIN BECOMES A STATE
- 1876 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FORMED
- 1877 APPLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- 1883 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS REQUIRED FROM TOWNSHIP HEALTH OFFICER

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WISCONSIN PUBLIC HEALTH HISTORY

- 1913 STATE HEALTH OFFICER POSITION CREATED
- 1929 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AUTHORIZED
- 1993 PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES REVISED (WI ACT 27)

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BOARD OF HEALTH STRUCTURE

- PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES ARE CONSOLIDATED INTO 6 CHAPTERS
 - CH. 250 - ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION
 - CH. 251 - LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS
 - CH. 252 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
 - CH. 253 - MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH
 - CH. 254 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
 - CH. 255 - CHRONIC DISEASE

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BOARD OF HEALTH COMPOSITION

- LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP
 - NOT MORE THAN 9 MEMBERS
 - AT LEAST 3 MEMBERS ARE NOT ELECTED OFFICIALS
 - “GOOD FAITH EFFORT” TO APPOINT A RN AND A MD
 - REFLECT DIVERSITY OF THE COMMUNITY

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STATUTORY DUTIES OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH



- GOVERN THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- ASSURE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES
- ASSURE THAT THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS LEVEL I, II OR III (APPLETON IS LEVEL III)
- ADOPT NECESSARY REGULATIONS THAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE HEALTH
 - ❖ THESE REGULATIONS MAY BE NO LESS STRINGENT THAN STATE STATUTE

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STATUTORY DUTIES OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH

- REPORT TO STATE HEALTH AGENCY
- MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY
- ASSESS PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS
- ADVOCATE FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY SERVICES
- DEVELOP POLICY

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STATUTORY DUTIES OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH

- PROVIDE LEADERSHIP THAT:
 - FOSTERS LOCAL INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT
 - EMPHASIZES PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS
 - ADVOCATES FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES AND
COMPLEMENTARY PRIVATE ACTIVITIES COMMENSURATE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS

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RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- **EXAMPLES:**
 - DHS 139: QUALIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
 - DHS 140: REQUIRED SERVICES OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEVELS

- LEVEL I HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - MUST HAVE: FULL TIME HEALTH OFFICER AND A BOARD OF HEALTH
- PLUS:
 - FIVE REQUIRED SERVICES OF ALL LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE
 - GENERALIZED PH NURSING PROGRAM
 - HEALTH PROMOTION
 - DISEASE PREVENTION
 - HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEVELS

- LEVEL II HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- FIVE REQUIRED SERVICES (LEVEL I) PLUS:
 - 7 PROGRAMS OR SERVICES THAT ADDRESS AT LEAST 5 HEALTH PRIORITIES IN THE CURRENT STATE HEALTH PLAN
 - HEALTH OFFICER WITH AT LEAST 3 YEARS OF SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE IN A FULL TIME POSITION WITH A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEVELS

- LEVEL III HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- FIVE REQUIRED SERVICES (LEVEL I) PLUS:
 - 14 PROGRAMS OR SERVICES THAT ADDRESS AT LEAST 7 HEALTH PRIORITIES IN THE CURRENT STATE HEALTH PLAN
 - AGENT FOR THE STATE (CONDUCT INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS, ISSUE PERMITS AND ENFORCE THE DEPARTMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION RULES)
 - HEALTH OFFICER WITH A MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OR SIMILAR FIELD AND 3 YEARS OF FULL TIME EXPERIENCE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY.

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LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER DUTIES

- ADMINISTER LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATUTES AND RULES
- ENFORCE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES AND RULES
- ENFORCE ANY REGULATIONS THAT THE BOARD OF HEALTH ADOPTS
- ADMINISTER ALL FUNDS
- APPOINT ALL NECESSARY SUBORDINATE PERSONNEL

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LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER DUTIES

- INVESTIGATE AND SUPERVISE THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF ALL PREMISES WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL AREA OF THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
- HAVE ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS.
- PROMOTE THE SPREAD OF INFORMATION AS TO THE CAUSES, NATURE AND PREVENTION OF PREVALENT DISEASES

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