



Wisconsin Public Health LabNetwork

Public Health Laboratories

- Brown County Health Department
- Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department
- Fond du Lac County Health Department
- Kenosha County Division of Health
- LaCrosse County Health Department
- Public Health Madison-Dane County
- Marathon County Health Department
- City of Milwaukee Health Department
- City of Oshkosh Health Services Division
- Outagamie County Public Health Division
- City of Racine Health Department
- Rock County Health Department
- Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use Environmental Health Div.

Partners in the Network

- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, Food Safety Division (WI DATCP)
- Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR)
- Wisconsin Department of Public Health (WI DPH)

Anticipated Activities

- Sharing information and discussing emerging issues
- Community Recognition/Understanding of Public Health Laboratories
- Training Opportunities
- Network Website Development
- Workforce recruiting and retention strategies
- Rapid testing and analytical response techniques/procedures
- Quality Improvement
- Laboratory Sustainability
- Use and Maintain ListServe for real-time laboratory discussions
- Consistency and mutual understandings of laboratory procedures and regulations

WALHDAB

- Q. What do we need from WALHDAB and why do we feel it's the right 'home'?
- A. (1) An 'organizational home' that acknowledges the laboratory component of public health departments. Currently, there is no professional organization aimed at public health laboratory staff and no forum that would offer the opportunity for public health laboratory staff to come together and share information. Since public health laboratories are located within public health agencies that are already members of WALHDAB, it would be a reasonable fit to become a sub-committee of WALHDAB.
- (2) A political voice for any political, regulatory or policy issues facing laboratories. It would be easier to bring such issues to the WALHDAB Board if there is an organized laboratory group to discuss this issues first.
- (3) The connection to WALHDAB can help strengthen the relationship of public health laboratories, which in turn will benefit the larger public health community, environment, and the people of Wisconsin.
- (4) We would like to attend the annual WALHDAB conference and have a face-to-face meeting on-site for those who could attend. Perhaps it would also be possible to plan and arrange presentations that would also provide training to public health laboratory staff.
- Q. What don't we need from WALHDAB?
- A. (1) We are not requesting any funding or financial support.
- (2) We are not requesting to have a seat on the Board of Directors.

Functional Design

- Similar Model to the Environmental Health Sub-committee
 - a. Chair
 - b. Sub-committee Liaison to WALHDAB (not a seat on the Board)
 - c. Formal Agendas
 - d. Formal Minutes
 - e. Meetings with State Representatives
 - i. State Laboratory of Hygiene
 - ii. WI DATCP
 - iii. WI DNR
 - iv. WI DPH
- Minutes and feedback on issues will be provided to the WALHDAB Board
- Network Resources/Sustainability
 - a. Provided by the group members and existing partner public health departments through existing budgets.
 - b. Applications for appropriate grants may occur, however, this would be done through one of the existing network health departments. The partnership grant funds were managed by Public Health Madison and Dane County.
- Membership
 - a. No formal membership required by ANY public health laboratory
 - b. Membership/involvement welcomed by any representative of the lab (staff, managers, health officer, etc.)