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McCallum appointed health officer, director of Eau Claire City-County Health Department

Eau Claire – November 12, 2026 – The Eau Claire City-County Board of Health is pleased to announce the hiring of Julie McCallum, RN, MPH, as health officer and director of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

The Board of Health conducted a national search and received input from community leaders and Health Department staff during the hiring process. Interviews were completed with four strong candidates.

"We're thrilled to welcome Julie to her new role," says Mark Kaeding, president of the Board of Health, which oversees the Health Department. "Her years of experience and leadership in Sawyer County, her passion for public health, and her commitment to collaboration within the community shone through during the hiring process."

McCallum has served as health officer and public health supervisor for the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Department since 2023. She brings more than 29 years of public health experience to the role. Her first day at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department will be Monday, January 4.

"I am deeply honored to serve our community and look forward working alongside the Board of Health, dedicated staff, and local partners to build a healthier community together," McCallum says.

McCallum holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Her experience also includes:

- Serving as accredited provider program director and lead nurse planner for the University of Michigan School of Public Health's Region V Public Health Training Center since 2007
- Working as a public health nurse for Sawyer County Health and Human Services from 2019 to 2023
- Serving as an adjunct faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan University's School of Integrated Health, Division of Nursing from 2009 to 2020

- Other previous positions include: regional tuberculosis nurse consultant for the American Lung Association of the Midland States; public health nurse at the Kent County Health Department in Michigan; and clinic coordinator at a Michigan community health agency.

McCallum will succeed Lieske Giese, who has served as health officer and director of the Health Department since 2012. Giese is retiring at the end of the year.

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is an accredited Level III health department that has 62 employees.

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