



## Fond du Lac County Health Department

City/County Government Center  
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### **Fond du Lac County earns Silver Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation**

*31 communities in Wisconsin receive designations*

Fond du Lac – Fond du Lac County has been recognized for its work to improve local health by receiving a Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation.

This new program is intended to recognize and encourage achievements in health improvement in Wisconsin communities, and to promote cooperation across multiple sectors.

“Fond du Lac County is proud to be among the 31 Wisconsin communities that received designations this year,” said Kim Mueller, Fond du Lac County Health Officer.

The designation recognizes Fond du Lac County at the silver level for its work on numerous initiatives that advance the health of the community. Initiatives highlighted in the program designation include Healthy Fond du Lac County 2020, Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County, Well City Fond du Lac, Living Smart Cancer Screenings, Smoke-Free Housing, Food Forests, Fond du Lac Area YScreen and Destination Zero Suicide, as initiatives of Comprehensive Service Integration of Fond du Lac County, Save A Smile Dental Program, and the Living Well FDL Coalition. These initiatives demonstrate the collaborative partnerships in the community that work to ensure equal and fair opportunities for health while maximizing resources and implementing long-term solutions.

The Healthy Communities Designation program is designed to be accessible to communities of all shapes and sizes, both rural and urban. The definition of community is broad and can include counties, municipalities, neighborhoods and other self-defined, place-based communities in Wisconsin. The program uses a three-tiered approach – gold, silver and bronze – which are meant to provide a trajectory and serve as a guide for communities as they continue to strive toward better health.

“This designation is important to our community because it recognizes the collaboration among diverse stakeholders and their commitment to improving the quality of life for all Fond du Lac County residents. This program pushes communities to strengthen and build multi-sector collaborations that address the many factors that shape health.” said Mueller, “It is important to acknowledge that local communities can improve the health of their community when it is recognized as a collective responsibility.”

A Healthy Communities Designation sign will be installed at the Fond du Lac City/County Government Center.



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Pictured from left to right starting in the back row: Melissa Worthington, Jackie Runge, Chief Bill Lamb, Larry Richardson, Michelle Tidemann, Erin Brendelson, (front row) Erin Gerred, Sandy Bernier, Heather Schmidt, Kim Mueller, Lalitha Ramamoorthy, and Sarah Faust

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The Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation is a new initiative offered by the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) group of the UW Population Health Institute (UWPHI), in collaboration with diverse statewide groups. The Healthy Communities Designation program, funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, is designed to recognize and encourage achievements in health improvement in Wisconsin. To learn more about the program, visit the program website: [www.wihealthycommunities.org](http://www.wihealthycommunities.org)