

## Board of Health Minutes: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Attendance: Supervisor Rita Metzger, Annette Kaminski, Supervisor Mike Grambow, Supervisor Nick Muench, Supervisor Tim Jadowski, Shirley Fessler. Absent: Dr. Brian Konowalchuk, Shannon Kanter. Supervisor Jon Neils (excused). Also in attendance: Korina Aghmar, Heather Feest.

**Regular Business:** Supervisor Metzger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the February 2025 meeting reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Muench to approve, seconded by Shirley Fessler. Motion carried unanimously. No public comment.

### Health Officer Report:

- a. Annual Report
  - Health Department Director, Korina Aghmar reviewed the MCHD 2024 Annual Report. This report is available on the Health Department website.

### Public Health Nursing Report:

- *Communicable Disease-*
  - The most frequently reported conditions in February were influenza-associated hospitalizations (**44**) and RSV-associated hospitalizations (**13**).
  - Predominant respiratory virus circulating is influenza which is very high and decreasing
  - RSV activity is high and COVID-19 activity is low.
- *Health Promotion-*
  - Supporting a local high school HOSA group to implement activities that promote health
  - Manitowoc County Immunization Coalition is undergoing strategic planning to evaluate community engagement and partnerships.
- *Measles Presentation-*
  - PHN Manager Heather Feest presented on measles, including current situation nationwide, and vaccination status in the county.
  - MMR vaccination rates in Manitowoc County are higher than the state average, but lower than the target for herd immunity which is 95%.

### Environmental Health Report:

- Health Department Director, Korina Aghmar shared a communication received about the EH Manager showing appreciation for presenting at the Progress Lakeshore "Food Bootcamp."

### WIC Report

- The target caseload for 2025 is 1,061 participants. The final January WIC caseload was 1,150 participants. The February caseload is projected to be similar with 1,152 participants.
- The state evaluation of the WIC program is now complete, and the next evaluation will be in 2027.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:** The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be April 10th, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Muench, and seconded by Supervisor Jadowski. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar