

Board of Health Minutes: June 12th, 2025

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

Regular Business: Supervisor Metzger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. May 2025 meeting minutes reviewed. Motion by Annette Kaminski to approve, seconded by Supervisor Grambow. Motion carried unanimously. No public comment.

Health Officer Report: (provided by Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)

- Workforce Development Plan is being revamped. This plan is a requirement for health departments.
- Preparing for contract renewals for several grants. No changes expected in funding amount or activities for the next contract year.
- Received notice of additional funds for the WIC grant. Funds expected in July, 2025
- Department QI/PM newsletter highlighted transition to texting-based immunization reminder system. This has increased cost savings mostly from staff time.

Public Health Nursing Report: (provided by Heather Feest, PHN Manager)

- *Communicable Disease-*
 - WI-Respiratory Report- Parainfluenza activity is rising, Rhinovirus/Enterovirus and Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) are elevated. RSV, COVID-19 & influenza activity low.
 - Provided Monthly CD report for Manitowoc County- No significant changes from last month, continue to see enteric related illnesses, and anticipate there will be an increase in vector-borne diseases in the next couple months.
 - Question on HIV data. Cases are handled by the state through HIV Partner Services
 - Availability of vaccines through the VFA program has decreased. Staff have been assessing availability in the community and directing inquiries to available places.
- *Health Promotion-* Promoted Mental Health Awareness in May. Activities included participating in YMCA Healthy Kids Day event and collaborating with schools to promote youth mental health awareness & resources.

Environmental Health Report: (provided by Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)

- Beach monitoring has started, there are 3 UW-O students that perform testing at a set frequency based on WI-DNR protocols. MCHD website has been updated to include link to beach advisories & closures.
- Licenses & Renewals- The number of licenses renewals sent out this year was 831 which was an increase from 756 from last year (about 10%).

WIC Report: (provided by Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)

- The initial May caseload was 1,164 participants, which continues to be about 10% above the contracted caseload of 1,061 participants.
 - The WIC contract requires 95% participation of assigned caseload. Funds may be adjusted if caseload is more or less than assigned.
- WIC Farmers Nutrition Program will start issuance July 1, and go through September.
 - Participants will be getting \$25 to use through the season (50% less than last year).

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be August 14th 2025 at 5:00 PM in the public health building (no meeting in July). A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Muench, and seconded by Shirley Fessler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar