

May 14, 2026_ Board of Health_Minutes

Attendance: Shirley Fessler, Catherine Wagner, Supervisors: Rita Metzger, Mike Grambow, Chris McDonnel, Brad Busse, Bonnie Shimulunas. Absent: Dr. Brian Konowalchuk. Also in attendance: Sara Kamyszek, Korina Aghmar

1. **Regular Business:** Sup. Metzger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. April 2026 meeting minutes reviewed. Motion by Sup. Grambow to approve, seconded by Shirley Fessler. Motion carried. No public comment.
2. **Election of Vice Chair & 2nd Vice-Chair:** Sup. Metzger nominated to elect Sup. Grambow as Vice Chair. Nomination unanimously approved. Supervisor Grambow nominated Sup. McDonnel as 2nd Vice-Chair. Nomination unanimously approved.
3. **Health Officer Report:** (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)
 - a) **2025 Annual Report:** Highlights of report reviewed. This report is available on the MCHD website.
 - b) **Public Health PM Update:** Q1 metrics reviewed. WIC no show rate reduced from 28% in 2023, to 16%.
 - MCHD PM system meets state requirements for Level III health dept. Other requirements of Level III health departments reviewed and will be discussed more at the June meeting.
4. **Public Health Nurse Presentation: Stroke Awareness** (Sara Kamyszek, PHN)
 - Sara presented information on Strokes including risk factors, signs of stroke, and activities MCHD is engaging in as a partner of the Coverdell Stroke Program. Materials for businesses or individuals available.
5. **Public Health Nursing Report:** (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)
 - *Communicable Disease-* Overall respiratory illness levels in state & in the NER are very low and decreasing.
 - Rhinovirus/enterovirus (common cold) is the most frequently detected and increasing, along with human metapneumovirus (causes cold-like and resp. symptoms and common this time of year).
 - Manitowoc County Monthly CD Report for April: **4** RSV associated hospitalizations
 - *Hantavirus Outbreak on cruise ship:* Currently monitoring information from the state
 - 11 cases identified, as of May 2nd, no cases from the U.S were reported.
 - Risk to public is very low. The type of Hantavirus seen on the cruise ship was from the Andes virus which can spread person to person when there is prolonged close contact.
 - In Wisconsin, hantavirus of any strain is very rare.
 - There was an outbreak of Old-World Hantavirus in Manitowoc County around 2016/2017 that was linked to pet rats. This type is not spread person to person.
 - *Health Promotion-*
 - Preparedness: Nursing staff have been reaching out to communal living facilities to offer information and resources in the event there was a measles case, including onsite assessments.
 - May-Mental Health Awareness Month: Highlighting youth wellbeing through the "One Card at a Time" campaign and state theme, "Wired to Belong."
6. **Environmental Health Report:** (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)
 - In April, staff completed annual training which is part of being on the state radiation response team. MCHD keeps specialized equipment onsite for field activities and supports the technical response needed to respond quickly in the event of a radiation related emergency.
 - UW-Oshkosh students coming onsite starting end of May through the summer. The students collect and analyze samples for the Beach monitoring program, and drinking water samples as part of the Transient Non Community Water System program.
7. **WIC Report:** (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)
 - Final March WIC caseload was 1,166 participants. The initial April caseload was 1,172 participants. The assigned caseload for 2026 is 1,205 participants

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Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting date: 6/11/26, at 5:00 PM in the public health building. Motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Fessler, Sup. seconded by Sup. McDonnel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar