

September 10, 2026 – Board of Health Minutes

Attendance: Annette Kamnisky, Shirley Fessler, Catherine Wagner, Supervisors: Rita Metzger, Chris McDonell, Bonnie Shimulunas. Absent: Dr. Brian Konowalchuk, Supervisors: Mike Grambow (excused), Brad Busse (excused). Also in attendance: Korina Aghmar, Heather Feest

Regular Business: Sup. Metzger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. August 2026 meeting minutes reviewed, Motion by Annette Kaminski to approve, seconded by Shirley Fessler. No public comment.

Health Officer Report (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)

- Grants update-WI DHS Public Health Infrastructure (PHI) Grant-
 - Notified recently that the state will be awarding health departments additional funds. This grant is set to end November 2027, and since 2025 has supported staff time for things such as community health improvement, and workforce development activities.
 - Competitive RICE Grant: MCHD is looking into applying for the competitive RICE grant again this year. If awarded, the funds would be used for promoting childhood immunizations, including staff time.
- Performance Measure Highlight-
 - In Quarter 2, achieved a 100% service rate for children requiring a nursing home visit due to elevated blood lead levels. Completed full in-home environmental assessment to identify lead sources, implement mitigation steps, and successfully reduce lead exposure.

Public Health Nursing Report: (Heather Feest, Nursing Manager)

- *Communicable Disease:* Monthly Report reviewed. Respiratory illnesses in the state & NER are low and increasing.
- Measles Presentation-
 - Reviewed information on measles, noting 159 total cases in Wisconsin concentrated in 3 southwest counties, among mostly those who are not vaccinated. Local MMR vaccination trends show Manitowoc County vaccination rates for the vaccine that protects against measles (MMR), are above the state average but still below ideal rate of 95%. The vaccine is 97% effective with 2 doses.
 - Staff continue to monitor the situation and have been engaging in preparedness and education activities.
 - Anyone who is interested in checking their vaccination status can look it up online in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, or call the Health Department, and ask to speak with a nurse.

Environmental Health Report: (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)

- Beach monitoring program has concluded. Data will be available from WI DNR soon.
- *School inspections:* With the start of school, EH has begun scheduling and conducting food inspections for all schools that receive breakfast or hot lunch funding from the USDA. These food programs are required to receive two annual onsite inspections each year. One inspection is a traditional health inspection and the other is an audit of their required food safety SOPs and records.
- Inspections were conducted of the food stands at the county fair.

WIC Report: (Korina Aghmar, Health Officer)

- The final July WIC caseload was 1,118 participants and initial August caseload was 1,133 participants The assigned caseload for 2026 is 1,205 participants.
- The last part of the WIC State Management Evaluation was completed on September 1st. The final report is expected to be available in the next couple weeks.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: The next meeting date: 10/8/26, at 5:00 PM in the public health building. Motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Fessler, seconded by Supv. Shimulunas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by, Korina Aghmar