



Minutes - April 1, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Peer called the April 1, 2026 Board of Health meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present: Chair Lou Peer, Dr. Blaine Nowak, Eric Gresens, Supervisor Christine Fugelseth (virtual), Dr. Rachel Bergstrom (virtual), Supervisor Kathy Schulz (virtual).

Board members absent: Debra Kolste, Kimberly Ward, and Vice Chair Kimberly Schneider.

Staff Present: Rick Wietersen, Interim Health Officer; Carrie Clark, Business Supervisor; Jill Camber-Davidson, Public Health Supervisor; Holly Bowers, Public Health Strategist (virtual).

Others Present: Colin M. Big Radio (virtual).

Adopt Agenda: Item 6 of the April 1, 2026 agenda was moved for discussion following item 3A. Agenda adopted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schulz, second by Bergstrom. Minutes approved.

BOH Minutes 3/4/26:

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

New Business:

Administrative Division:

Review of Payments: March payments in the amount of \$46,592 were reviewed.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Public Health Department Report:

Interim Director's Report: In the Director's Report: Rick Wietersen informed that there was a very detailed Continuity of Operations Plan that he and Katrina had developed and is being implemented in the interim; announced Public Health Week from April 6 to April 10; distributed a water laboratory topic report; and noted the 2025 Annual Report submission.

Thrive by 5 Overview: Holly Bowers, Public Health Strategist in the Maternal Child and Family Health Unit, presented information and an update on Thrive by 5, a Rock County Coalition with a mission to build a strong foundation for children through age 5 by uniting systems of support under one umbrella.

Review & Approval of Committee Actions:

Selecting Flourish & Thrive Labs to Develop a Regional Public Health Strategic Plan: Motion by Supervisor Schulz, second by Dr. Rachel Bergstrom to select Flourish and Thrive Labs to develop a regional Public Health Strategic Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members: *This item was moved from the agenda order to occur following 3A. County Administrator John Light presented an updated Health Officer recruitment plan to reflect the steps completed. He informed that 13 applicants responded, and he has been working with the State of Wisconsin to ensure that all applicants who move forward in the process meet the requirements of a health officer leading a Level 3 Health Department. He also noted that 4 applicants will undergo a screening interview, to be followed by a recommendation to the Board of finalist candidates. The Board will hold finalist interviews the week of April 20.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Schulz to adjourn, Chair Peer called for objections. Seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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