



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 5, 2025

1. Call to Order: The November 5, 2025 Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 6 PM.

Board of Health Members Present: Supervisor Lou Peer (Chair), Supervisor Christine Fugelseth (Virtual), Dr. Blaine Nowak, Kimberly Ward (Virtual), Eric Gresens, Debra Kolste, Supervisor Kathy Schulz (virtual), Dr. Rachel Bergstrom (virtual).

Board of Health Members Absent: Supervisor Kimberly Schneider

Staff Members Present: Katrina Harwood - Health Officer; Carrie Clark - Business Supervisor; Rick Wietersen - Environmental Health Manager; Jill Camber-Davidson - Public Health Supervisor; Michael Niles - Public Health Planner; Emily Murwin - Public Health Strategist; Claire Bess – Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellow.

Others Present: Chuck Flynn – Citizen.

Roll Call

At roll call, Chair Peer, Supervisor Fugelseth, Kimberly Ward, Eric Gresens, Debra Kolste, Supervisor Schulz, Dr. Rachel Bergstrom, and Dr. Blaine Nowak, were present.

2. Adopt Agenda

Chair Peer called for adoption of the agenda of the 11/05/2025 meeting, motioned by Nowak, seconded by Kolste. All members present voted in favor; agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes, Meeting 10/01/2025

Chair Peer called for approval of the October 1, 2025 Board of Health minutes. Motioned by Gresens, seconded by Kolste; all members present voted in favor; minutes approved.

4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements

None

5. New Business

A. Administrative Division

1. Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Public Health Department's October, 2025 payments totaling \$73,107.63.

2. Approval of Transfers

No transfer of funds to report.

3. Public Health Department Report

a. Director's Report

Health Officer (HO) Harwood announced the Board of Health's 90th Anniversary and indicated all were welcome to share in treats on the back counter of the room. Copies of a period article written about the Board were distributed. Harwood informed that the Department was hosting its first Beloit College Impact Beloit Fellow, and its focus on strengthening the relationship between the college and health department in alignment with an academic health department model.

b. Program Update – Nutrition Collaborative of Rock County Update

Emily Murwin, Public Health Strategist, provided an update to the work happening in the Nutrition Collaborative, a coalition of organizations and individuals focused on food and nutrition access founded in 2022. The group has held a Food for Thought focus group series in four Rock County communities to work with participants on identifying barriers they faced and they felt others faced gaining access to food and shared results of surveys taken to help identify some policy priorities to guide the work moving forward.

c. 2026-2028 Strategic Plan Presentation

Michael Niles, Public Health Planner, presented the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan, including the steps taken to date to develop the Plan with BOH input, and shared the specific project deliverables identified within the plan to address priorities to strengthen department infrastructure and support within four broad categories, including: Communications; Data & Technology; Workforce Development; Internal Processes; and briefly described specific deliverables identified within each category. The Board was asked for feedback on the plan, to be incorporated and brought back to the Board for approval in December, 2025.

B. Review and Approval of Resolutions & Committee Actions

- 1) Accepting Public Health Infrastructure Grant Funds and Amending the 2026 Rock County Public Health Budget. Motioned by Schultz, seconded by Kolste. All members present voted in favor. Motion passed.
- 2) Extending the Deadline for the Workgroup to Study the High Nitrate Levels in Rock County's Groundwater to 2030. Motioned by Kolste, seconded by Gresens. All members present voted in favor. Motion passed.
- 3) Awarding Opioid Settlement Funds for Youth Prevention Grants. Motioned by Fugelseth, seconded by Bergstrom. All members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

6. Communications and Announcements from Staff and Board Members

Chair Peer wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.



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7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Nowak, seconded by Gresens. All members present voted in favor. Motion passed. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Clark, Business Supervisor
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