

**CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH
MAY 13, 2025**

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division

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MONTH: *April 2025*

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
April 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center / Clinic	Construction of the New Building / Facility in the Lincoln King Neighbor	Discussions are ongoing with City consultants regarding the parameters of the project, as well as with community leaders about the establishment of Pillar Health Racine. Pillar Health Racine closed on the new building on April 4. Beginning this summer, Pillar Health Racine will start providing direct services out of the Julian Thomas Health Clinic.
April 2025	Website Consultants	New design and format of the City's Website	The vendor's design team presented a draft of the new website, followed by discussions on the project timeline and expectations. The Public Health Department (PHD) is serving as the pilot department for this initiative.
April 2024	Staffing Update	New Hires – Departmental Program Staffing	<p>To support expanding program needs and maintain vital services, five new employees have been hired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syphilis Case Management: Two Public Health Educator/Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) have been onboarded to strengthen case investigation and management efforts in response to rising syphilis rates. • YouFirst Program: One Public Health Nurse and one Public Health Educator have joined the team to enhance outreach and service delivery within the YouFirst women's health initiative. • Public Health Nursing: One Public Health Nurse has been hired to fill the position previously held by Jane Laurent, who retired after 37 years of outstanding service to the department. <p>These additions reflect the department's ongoing commitment to addressing emerging public health priorities and sustaining high-quality care across all programs.</p>

Highlights Cont'd.

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April 2025	UW Green Bay Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program	Professional Development	The Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program equipped leaders to inspire and guide teams through purpose-driven, ethical, and inclusive practices. Over six targeted courses, participants developed skills in leading change, managing diverse teams, supporting neurodiverse individuals, and fostering ethical, mentoring-based leadership. The program emphasized aligning personal values with the organization's vision to create a thriving, people-centered workplace.
April 2025	2024 Annual Report	City of Racine Public Health Department Annual Report	In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 251.06, the City of Racine is required to submit an annual report detailing the accomplishments achieved throughout the year.
April 17, 2025	Health Department Staff Meeting	Department Training	A training session on Human Trafficking was presented by Ascension All Saints. The training covered red flags, reporting procedures, and proper documentation from a clinic perspective.
April 24, 2025	Opioid Settlement Advisory Council	Community Collaboration	A presentation was given on the opioid prevention strategies the City of Racine Public Health Department is implementing to address the epidemic. The discussion engaged community leaders and stakeholders to explore ways to expand the use of opioid settlement funds in Racine County.