

CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 14, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division

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MONTH: *April 2026*

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
April 2026	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center / Clinic	Construction of the New Building / Facility in the Lincoln King Neighborhood	Monthly site visits and weekly discussions continue with City consultants/contractors to review project parameters, including information technology, equipment, furniture, and construction progress. The current goal is to have the building operational by mid-October.
April 2026	Semi-Quincentennial Planning	Determine Festivities	Numerous community leaders and department administrators continue discussions on how to recognize and celebrate the Nation's 250-year anniversary.
April 2026	Grants	Funding Updates	Grant opportunities and federal funding continue to be monitored. The Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Supplemental Funding for syphilis case management is currently pending; the funding supports two full-time positions. Also, State notification in a \$4,000,00 reduction in the 2027 Lead Grant.
April 2026	Employee Recruitment	Vacancies	Currently there are five vacancies. Leadership continues to work with Human Resources on recruitment. The open positions include two Public Health Nurse positions, a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, a Reimbursement Specialist, and a Public Health Educator.
April 2026	Potential Relocation of the PHD Laboratory Division	Request From City Administration	First meeting was held with Water, Wastewater, and Parks Departments. Materials outlining current services, laboratory specifications, staffing, budget were presented. Further information such as timeline, budget, and expectations will be discussed with City Administration. The PHD has had a Laboratory Division since the 1930's.