

**CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH
MARCH 10, 2026**

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division

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MONTH: *January & February 2026*

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
Jan/Feb 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 and contractors to review project parameters, including information technology, equipment, furniture, and overall construction progress. The current goal is to have the building completed by mid-October.
Jan/Feb 2026	Semi-Quincentennial Planning	Determine Festivities	Numerous community leaders and department administrators have begun discussions on how to recognize and celebrate the 250-year anniversary. Planning meetings are ongoing to identify potential events and activities. The most recent discussion took place during a town hall meeting held at the Racine Public Library.
Jan/Feb 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 would support two full-time positions.
Jan/Feb 2026	Employee Recruitment	Vacancies	The department currently has five vacancies. Leadership continues to work with Human Resources to revise job descriptions and conduct recruitment and interviews. The open positions include two Public Health Nurse positions, a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner, a Reimbursement Specialist, and a Public Health Educator.
February 2026	Wisconsin Operational Conference	Senior Leadership Program	Deputy PHA attended the Wisconsin Operations Conference, which provided opportunities for training, collaboration, and discussion of public health operations with partners across the state. Attendance also included participation in the first in-person Senior Leadership Program sessions held throughout the conference.