

**CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH
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DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division

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MONTH: *May 2026*

Highlights

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcome
May 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.
May 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.
May 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. Also, State notification of \$19,221 reduction in the 2027 Immunization Grant.
May 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. PHD had one resignation and one hire of a public health nurse.
May 2026	Potential Relocation of the PHD Laboratory Division	Request From City Administration	Second meeting was held with Water, Wastewater, and Parks Departments. Materials outlaying Laboratory Services and Alternatives and the Feasibility Assessment were presented. Further information such as timeline, budget, and expectations will be discussed with City Administration. Third meeting will be held later in the month of June. The PHD has had a Laboratory Division since the 1930's.