



MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 5, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Peer at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Gramke, Supervisor Rynes, Supervisor Homan, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Somaraju, and Mr. Gresens.

Board of Health Members Absent: Dr. Winter, Ms. Wade

Staff Members Present: Marie-Noel Sandoval – Health Officer; Michelle Bailey – Assistant Director; Rick Wietersen – Environmental Health Director; Risa Weisensel – Public Health Nurse; and Jessica Turner – Administrative Services Supervisor.

Others Present: Dawn Verhagen, RN – UW-Green Bay; Terri Carlson – Risk Manager-Rock County.

Adopt Agenda

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Gramke seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes – 5/1/19

Supervisor Gramke made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/1/19 Board of Health meeting. Supervisor Rynes seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Chair Peer welcomed the new board member, Supervisor Dave Homan.

New Business

Administrative Division

Review of Payments

The Board reviewed the Health Department's May payments in the amount of \$8,706.11.

Transfer of Funds over \$5,000

None at this time.

Health Department Report

In the News

Ms. Sandoval welcomed Supervisor Homan to the Board of Health.

According to Ms. Sandoval, there have been no cases of measles reported in Rock County or the State of Wisconsin. There have been 981 cases nationwide as of May 31. Ms. Bailey reported that the Rock County Public Health Department has been promoting vaccinations, writing press releases, collaborating with health educators, sending letters and educational fact sheets to businesses, schools, daycares, and county employees. The Public Health Department is encouraging everyone to check immunization records and get vaccinated if they are not covered. She stated that there are measles cases in the states bordering Wisconsin. Supervisor Gramke asked if one is still covered as an adult if one received childhood vaccines. Ms. Weisensel responded that it depends on when the vaccine was given and what type of vaccine it was. Ms. Sandoval added that measles is easily preventable, but also easily spread. Mr. Gresens asked if more people are getting immunized due to the media coverage. Ms. Sandoval replied that the Public Health Department has received more inquiries, but she was unsure of the number of people being immunized. Mr. Gresens asked if college students of anti-vaccination parents are becoming vaccinated once they are old enough. Ms. Sandoval and Ms. Bailey replied that they were not sure and an answer to that would only be anecdotal. Dr. Meyers asked how far back the immunizations go in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. Ms. Sandoval and Ms. Bailey responded that they could possibly go back 20-27 years, but other records have been entered historically.

Chair Peer asked the Board and staff members to introduce and tell a little about themselves for the benefit of Supervisor Homan.

Ms. Sandoval told the Board that the June Healthful Hints article will focus on men's health.

Surveillance

Ms. Sandoval reported that the Public Health Department is on alert for measles.

According to Ms. Sandoval, there was an enteric outbreak at a nursing home.

Ms. Bailey told the Board that the flu made up 51% of the reportable cases in March. In May, the flu only made up 5% of the reportable cases.

Ms. Sandoval told the board members that the Public Health Nurses work on other initiatives when surveillance is down. One initiative they are involved with is a school health collaborative that meets every month to discuss topics such as immunizations, waivers, surveillance for absences, and human growth and development curriculum.

Community Events/Outreach

Mr. Wietersen stated that he spoke at the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality at Blackhawk Technical College last week. The Governor and Speaker are going to different locations around the state to discuss the issues. Mr. Wietersen said he gave a presentation focused on nitrates in groundwater. The meeting consisted of 15-18 legislators and lasted six hours.

Ms. Sandoval said that the Public Health Department discussed beach and recreational water safety on the 15th. Mr. Wietersen is working with the Parks Department to post water quality warning signs at surface water testing sites.

Ms. Sandoval reported that a tick article was published in the Janesville Gazette. The Environmental Health Specialists conducted a test run for tick drags today. This entails dragging a special cloth through a defined area and then counting ticks and identifying the type. Mr. Wietersen added that the UW-Madison entomology department has agreed to test the ticks for diseases. He said that the student intern this summer will focus on tick and mosquito surveillance and will give a video presentation at the end of the internship.

Ms. Sandoval stated that West Nile virus surveillance has begun. Any dead blue jays and crows are reported to the State's dead bird hotline. Mr. Wietersen said that the first bird was sent to the State Lab of Hygiene this week.

Supervisor Homan noted that the new design for many parking lots include a pond. He asked if anything will be done to the stagnant water to keep the mosquito population down. Mr. Wietersen replied that some are designed to drain and dry so they do not have stagnant water. He is not aware of any treatment of water being done. He said this would be a good area to evaluate and explore options.

Ms. Sandoval told the Board that four staff members attended a seminar at Rotary Gardens sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR. The conference was titled, "Good Health Grows on Trees." One topic discussed was the use of trees and greenspace instead of concrete and fenced in holding ponds.

Ms. Sandoval announced that nine Public Health Department Staff and Board members attended the WPHA/WALHDAB conference through a scholarship. Mr. Zupan gave a presentation on the Rock County nitrate risk tool. Ms. Sandoval added that Rock County got shout outs at several of the sessions. Rock County Public Health Department employees have given presentations every year for the last few years. Chair Peer attended the conference and stated that Mr. Zupan does a good job bringing information to a level everyone can understand. Chair Peer also said that he met the new State Health Officer, Jeanne Ayers. He stated that she understands public health and the need to change the culture.

Budget

Ms. Sandoval told the board members that the 2020 budget process is underway. Various documents are due at different points in the process. She is working with the Public Health Department's Account Clerk to put everything together. She also stated that there is a new Information Technology Director. He is implementing many changes that will likely impact the budget. She said that 2019 revenues and expenses are being looked at in order to forecast for 2020. On July 1st she will give a presentation to the Staff Committee about what the Public Health Department does and why it should be given a budget.

Personnel

Ms. Sandoval reported that the Public Health Nurse and the Public Health Nurse Supervisor positions are open and will be closing on Friday. There has been low response.

Ms. Sandoval announced that the Rock High School intern will be starting on the 17th and the AHEC intern will be starting on the 19th.

Ms. Bailey introduced Ms. Dawn Verhagen. She is a student at UW-Green Bay pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Mr. Wietersen explained the Rock High School intern program to the Board.

Measles Update

Ms. Weisensel gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current measles outbreaks across the country and what the Rock County Public Health Department is doing to prepare (see attached).

Dr. Somaraju added that a pearl-like thing will appear on the first molar if one is exposed to measles and due to get the infection.

Communications and Announcements

Chair Peer suggested moving the July 3 meeting to July 10. All members were in favor of the change. No one was opposed.

Chair Peer relayed a message from Dr. Winter. She was unable to attend tonight's meeting because she is up north investigating swimmer's itch.

Ms. Sandoval provided the Board members with the NALBOH newsletter and a Wisconsin Visitor Activity Guide. <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/documents/WSPSVisitorGuide.pdf>

Chair Peer announced that June 11 is the Tour of the Parks.

Adjournment

Supervisor Rynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gresens seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Turner, Recorder
Not Official Until Approved by the Board of Health

Measles

Anne Weirich, BSN, RN

Risa Weisensel, BSN, RN
Rock County Public Health Department
6/5/2019



Measles Schmeasles?

Many years ago it was considered a "normal" childhood illness

The decade before the vaccine was brought to market, hundreds of children died

The disease was considered eliminated in the US in 2000

One dose is 93% effective in preventing disease

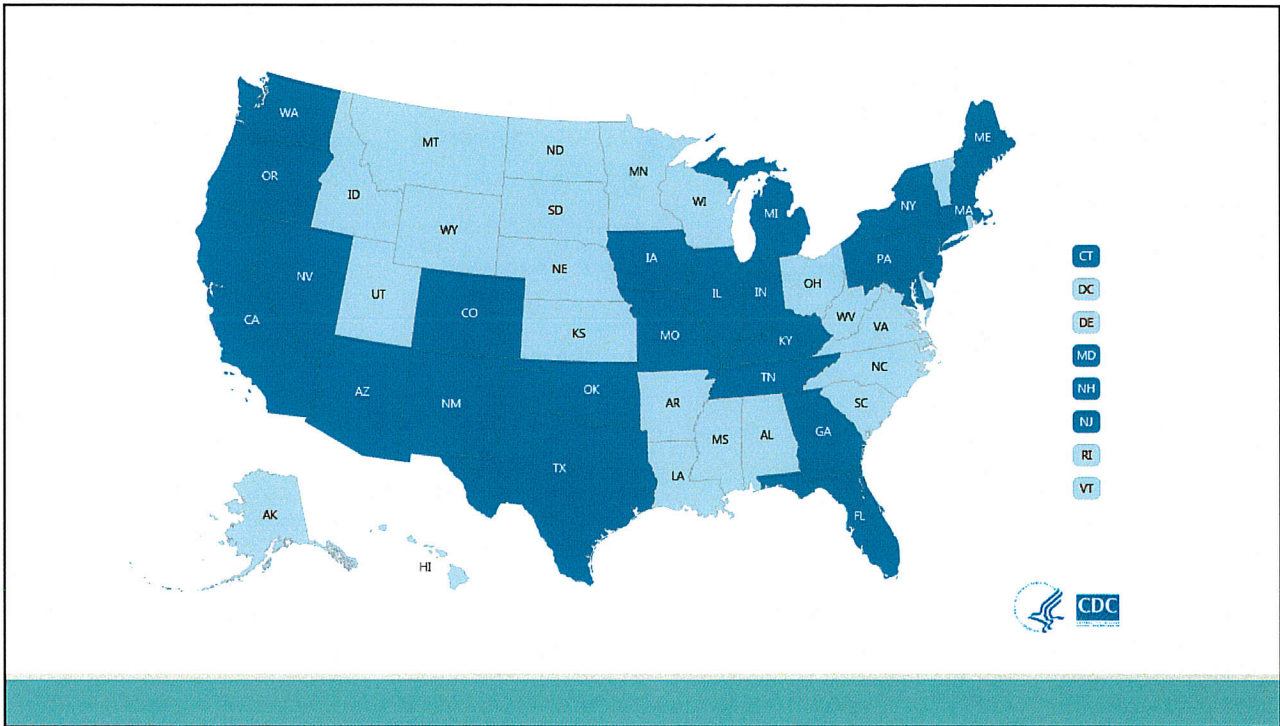
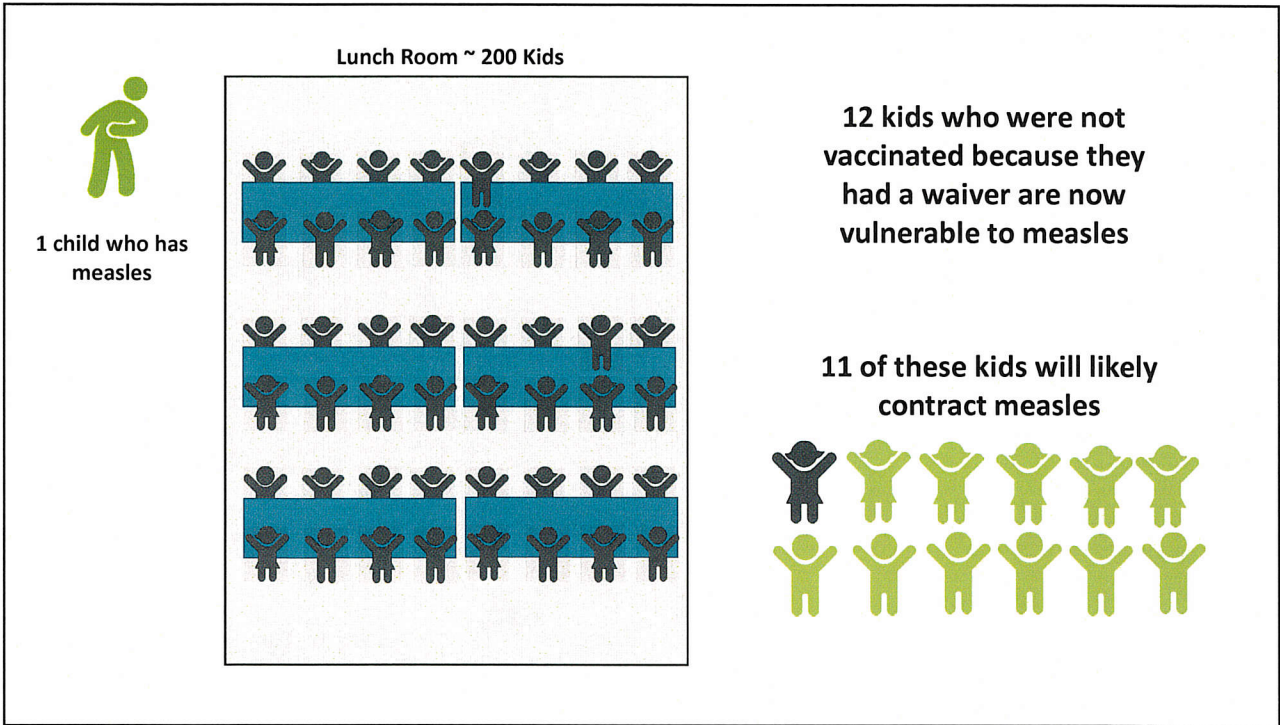
Two doses are 97% effective

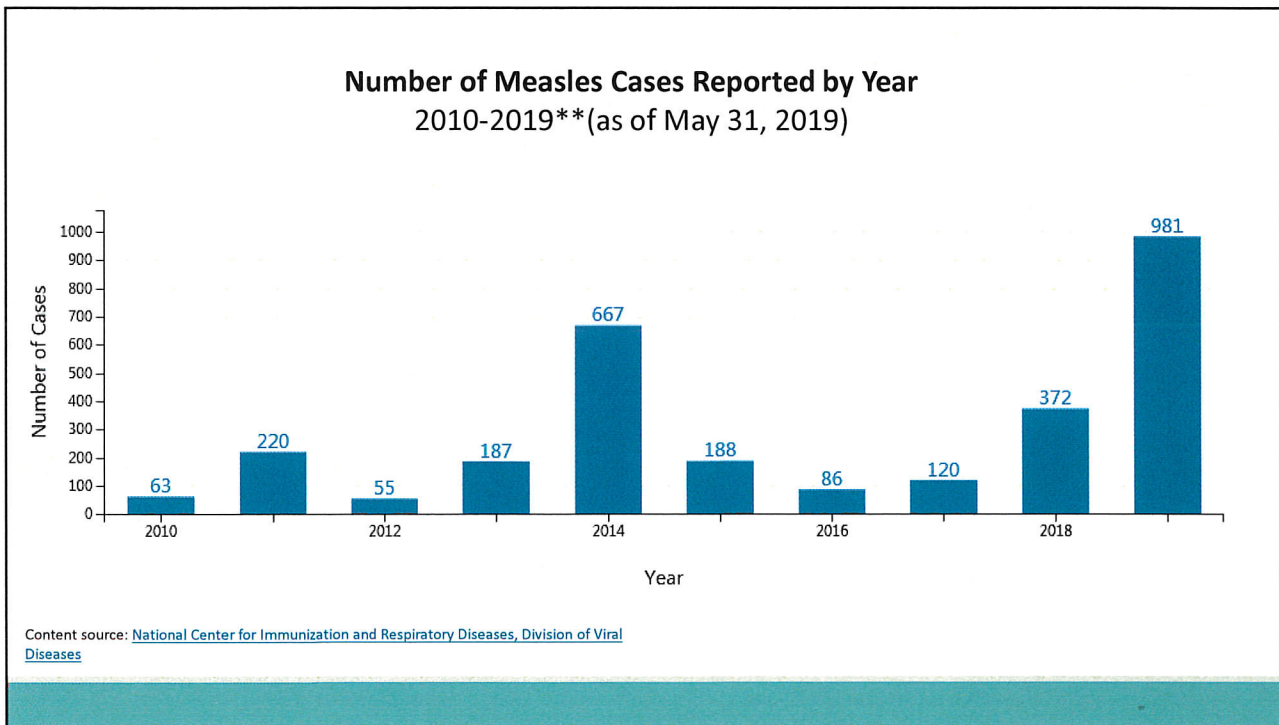


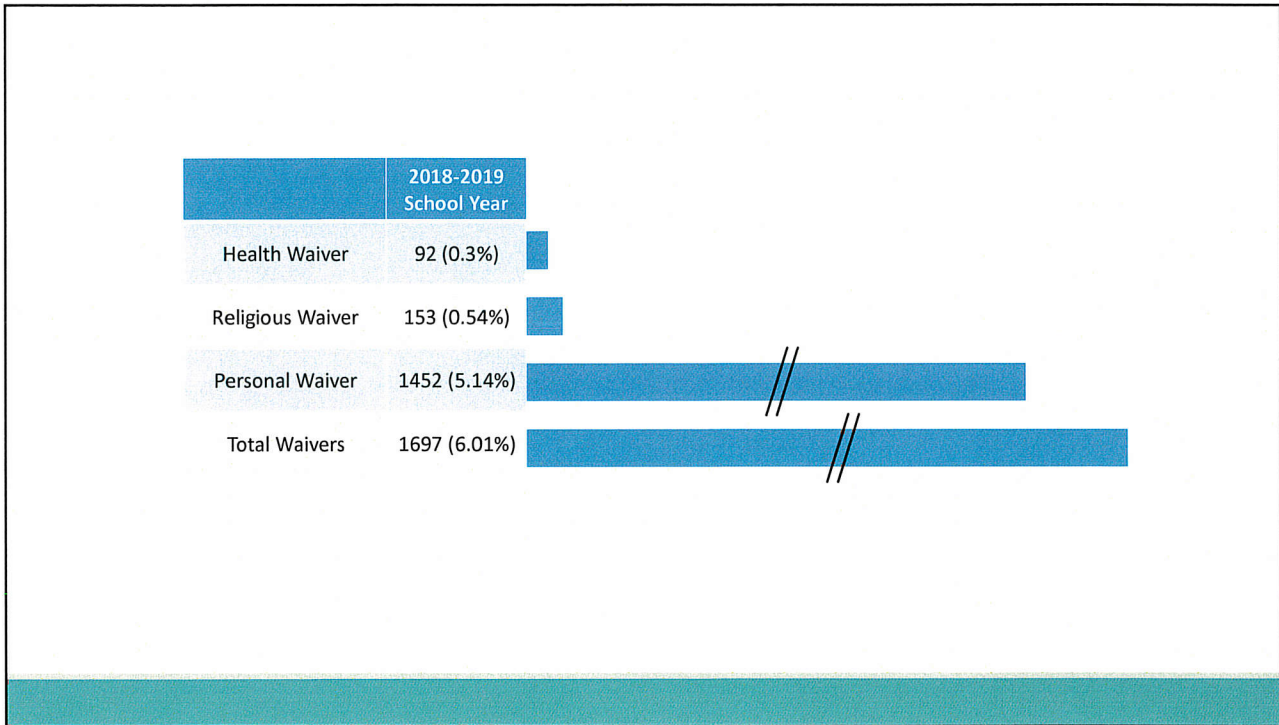
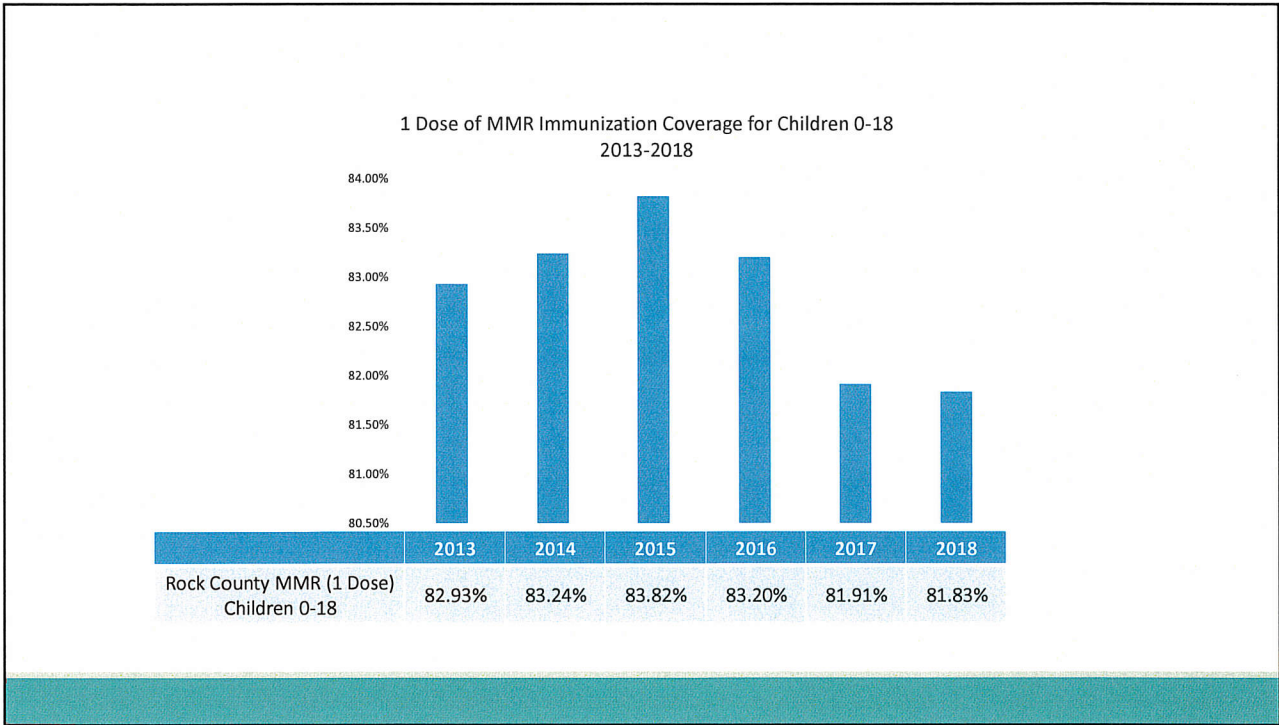
Due to current outbreak, the status of elimination may be in

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Disease Investigation

The Public Health Nurse is the one in charge of the investigation

- Specifically trained to understand disease process
- Communicates effectively with the medical staff, and the Department of Health Services
- Able to speak with and provide education to the patient and family

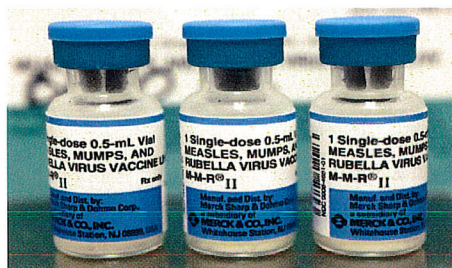
All suspect cases are treated as confirmed until they are ruled out
 That means **A LOT** of work!!
 Contacts need to be identified, called and vaccine status verified
 Those who need to will be either isolated or quarantined



For some people it could be up to **21** days

Disease Investigation

If the case becomes large, the ICS structure could be initiated
 Potentially the entire Department could be brought in to help with the Public Health Nurse as lead
 Sometimes we need to go out to vaccinate people who have unknown immune status

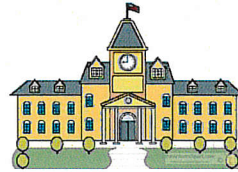


Ready, Set, Go!

Reached out to area health systems and providers



Drafted letters to schools, daycares, providers and businesses



Reminded providers to contact the Health Department at first inkling of disease



Ready, Set, Go!



Discussed among PHN's and updated policy regarding follow up on a case should we get one – so we can act as quickly as possible

Internally assessed measles immunity of our staff
Immunization Coalition



In the News



What can you do?

Share correct information with family, friends and community groups you are a part of

Hang posters in public areas you or your community members frequent



Remind everyone that the vaccine is the safest and best way to protect yourself from measles

Make sure you know your immune status



Thank You

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