

Manitowoc County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

Attendance: Randy Vogel, Michele Frozena, Mark Kopecky, Rita Metzger, Dave Nickels, Shannon Wanek Mary Jo Capodice and Shirley Fessler. Also Attending: Amy Wergin and Mary Halada

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Randy Vogel. The minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Shirley Fessler, seconded by Mark Kopecky. There was no public comment.

WIC final caseload for January was 1100 participants, 628 families. February initial caseload is 1040 participants, 601 families. Contracted caseload is 1266 participants. Based on the caseload the last few months we will probably have a caseload reduction.

Amy Wergin provided the board with information on the 2015 beach testing season. It was generally a good year for beaches with the exception of Blue Rail Marina Beach with 13 Advisories and 18 Closures. The other beach with more closures was Red Arrow, but it was much better than past years because of the remediation. There will be improvements at Blue Rail this spring including the addition of a rain garden and changes to the sand topography. The Blue Rail model needs to be adjusted for the upcoming Beach Season.

Mary Halada provided the 2015 Communicable Disease report and trends over the last 5 years. Chlamydia continues to be the most commonly reported disease, although rates are stable. The rates of gastrointestinal diseases are also stable. There has been an increase in reports of gonorrhea, 4 cases in 2011 to 19 cases in 2015, with 12 cases reported already in 2016. The number of Hepatitis C cases are again increasing, most likely related to IV drug use.

Mary Halada reported that Manitowoc County Births for 2015 were the lowest reported in recent history, 777 births. The reduction occurred ages under 24. There were minimal differences in the other age groups.

Age	2014	2015
Less than 18	10	8
18-19	47	30
20-24	187	167

The next meeting of the Board will be April 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Kopecky, seconded by Rita Metzger at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley Fessler
Secretary
(Minutes compiled by A. Wergin)