



Waukesha County Public Health Annual Report 2025



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MISSION

The mission of the Waukesha County Public Health division is to champion innovative programs and partnerships to foster optimal health and well-being for our community.

SERVICE AREA

Waukesha County Public Health (WCPH) provides services to the residents of Waukesha County and the broader community of people who live, work, and play here every day.

Waukesha County Public Health maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Environmental Health, located in the Administrative Building across the county campus.

Eligibility criteria for acceptance and participation in the programs of this agency are administered on a nondiscriminatory basis regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion or disability.

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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

Photo taken at the Waukesha County Community Health Partner Summit on November 11, 2025, at WCTC, in Pewaukee, WI.

While not all staff are pictured, the success of this event reflects the contributions of employees across the entire Public Health division. Balloon arch by Courtney Nathan.



A Letter from the Health Officer

DEAR COMMUNITY PARTNERS,

We are pleased to share the Waukesha County Public Health Annual Report. In 2025, Waukesha County Public Health moved from planning to implementation, advancing initiatives that strengthen how we serve our community. Through stronger infrastructure, expanded partnerships, and quality improvement, we continued our role as the Waukesha County's chief health strategist while preparing for emerging public health needs. Here are some of the highlights of our work from 2025:

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Continued our Public Health Strategic Plan, advancing Public Health 3.0
- Implemented our Performance Management and Quality Improvement Plan, and started a Quality Council
- Submitted documentation to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
- Hosted our first Community Health Partner Summit to align cross-sector strategies

EXPANDING INNOVATION AND ACCESS

- Expanded telehealth services in Tuberculosis and Maternal Child Health programs
- Implemented WISHIN (Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network), a secure system that allows healthcare providers and public health agencies to share patient health information electronically, which has improved data integration and efficiency
- Introduced a digital check-in system to enhance client experience in the WIC clinic
- Completed the state Immunizations and Partner Services visit, with no issues identified

ADVANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES

- Strengthened and enhanced the Overdose Fatality Review initiatives
- Completed the CHIP ARPA award cycle supporting community health improvement
- Expanded memory screenings in our clinic
- Recognized as an Age-Friendly Public Health System
- Hosted our first HHS Preparedness Day

As we move forward, our focus remains clear: build stronger systems, deepen trusted partnerships, and ensure every decision is grounded in data and impact. Together, we will continue strengthening the foundation that protects and improves the health of every resident in Waukesha County.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BJ', written over a light blue horizontal line.

BENJAMEN JONES

Public Health Manager & Health Officer

PUBLIC HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

In 2025 our Community Health Team investigated

MORE THAN 6,530

communicable disease referrals. Over 2,000 of the referrals were category 1 (high priority) meaning **a serious threat to the public.**



138 COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENTS

76 ARTICLES PUBLISHED



828



VACCINES ADMINISTERED



156 
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLIENTS

SEE PAGE 6 FOR NUMBER CONTEXT / PRIOR YEARS



260 CHRONIC DISEASE SCREENINGS COMPLETED IN THE CLINIC



643 TUBERCULOSIS DIRECTLY OBSERVED THERAPY VISITS



3,109 PHONE CALLS FOR INFORMATION/TRIAGE OR REFERRALS



WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

2,658 

WIC PROGRAM CLIENTS

\$3,424,938
WIC LOCAL GROCER REVENUE

WIC FARMERS MARKET REVENUE **\$10,075**

IN ACTION AS

Chief Health Strategist



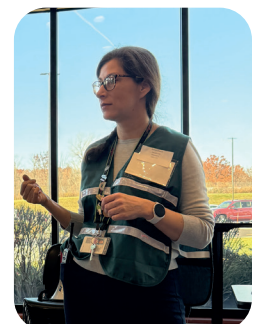
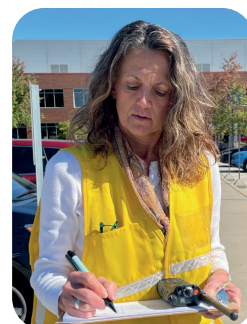
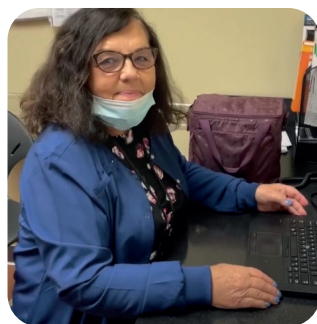
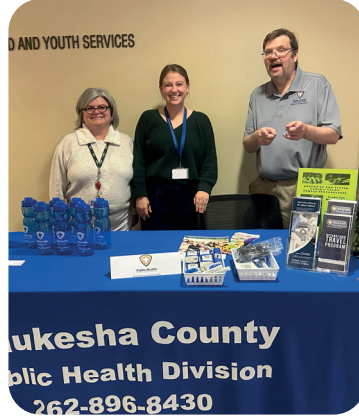
Population health is at the heart of a thriving community. Waukesha County Public Health serves as a neutral convener, bringing partners together to improve health outcomes across the county.

In 2025, through the Waukesha County Community Health Partner Summit, the department convened nearly 250 leaders from diverse sectors across the county and beyond. Together, participants strengthened partnerships and focused on addressing our most pressing health priorities, including Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) focus areas, mental health, substance use prevention, and healthy aging.

A highlight of the summit was the collaborative engagement of county healthcare systems alongside public health leadership, sharing insights on the state of community health and how assessment efforts are translating into meaningful implementation. Through keynote presentations, cross-sector discussions, and breakout sessions, the event fostered connection, energized partners, and advanced shared strategies to improve health outcomes. This collective impact approach continues to drive meaningful progress and lasting change for our community.

KEY IMPACT BEYOND THE SUMMIT

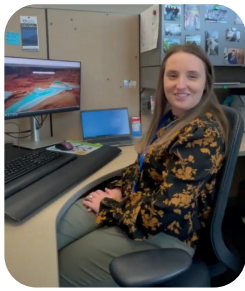
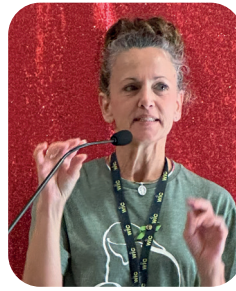
Following the summit, staff received reports that first-time connections made during the event evolved into active partnerships within just three months, demonstrating the lasting value of convening and collaboration.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

WCPH in the Community

PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.



In 2025, Waukesha County Public Health remained active throughout the community, working alongside residents, partners, and organizations to improve health and well-being across the county. Staff participated in community events, educational

programs, coalition meetings, and outreach opportunities. Through trainings, screenings, local initiatives, and public awareness campaigns, Public Health maintained a strong presence in the places where people live, work, learn, and gather.

DIVISION REPORTING

Program Numbers

	2023	2024	2025
ADMINISTRATION			
Telephone calls for information/ triage or referral	3,271	3,312	3,109
Walk-in clients	724	918	944
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND PREPAREDNESS			
Communicable disease referrals investigated*	3,919	6,131	6,538
Category 1 communicable diseases investigated*	363	2,105	2,024
Communicable disease identified*	2,464	3,189	3,373
Communicable disease outbreaks/complaints investigated*	87	100	100
Tuberculosis directly-observed therapy visits	393	759	643
Tuberculosis skin tests	118	138	86
Vaccines administered	808	713	828
Children immunized	122	91	105
Adults immunized	256	232	214
International travel clients	161	155	156
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH			
Children tested in the division for lead poisoning	146	178	242
Lead-poisoned children case managed	151	151	116
Children-at-risk (medical/physical neglect) case managed	14	13	14
Women case managed	17	17	12
Chronic disease screenings	35	193	260
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)			
WIC program clients	2,537	2,668	2,658
Appointments completed	2,646	3,437	3,506
High-risk follow-up visits completed	2,144	2,252	2,247
Breastfeeding initiation rates	79.7%	83.4%	82.6%
WIC grocer revenue	\$2,882,100	\$3,193,751	\$3,424,938
Farmers market revenue	\$13,524	\$19,136	\$10,075
Unhoused participants served	24	39	32
STRATEGY			
Partnership/initiatives to advance towards Public Health 3.0	35	106	146
Average Facebook engagement rate (by reach)	1.66%	2.40%	2.68%
Average Facebook interaction rate (by reach)	6.19%	7.22%	7.70%
Facebook post interactions*	21,690	10,729	4,989
Student interns	3	7	7
Comprehensive Public Health education and outreach events	81	113	138
Public Health articles/publications	8	59	76
Overdose fatality cases reviewed	n/a	7	10
Next of kin interviews & outreach	n/a	5	14
Bereavement outreach	n/a	51	31

*(1) Beginning in 2024, COVID-19 cases are included in communicable disease totals only if associated with hospitalization, reflecting reporting changes effective November 1, 2023; prior years were adjusted for consistency.

*(2) Beginning in 2025, referral counts exclude system-generated reports not requiring staff investigation (e.g., automated Hepatitis B chronic and Lyme disease imports) to better reflect staff workload and evolving automation of surveillance reporting; prior years were adjusted accordingly.

*(3) Data are sourced from Wisconsin Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) and may be subject to retroactive updates.

*(4) Due to reporting changes in WEDSS or backlog adjustments, some data may be retroactively added in the system, which could result in slight discrepancies in numbers year over year.

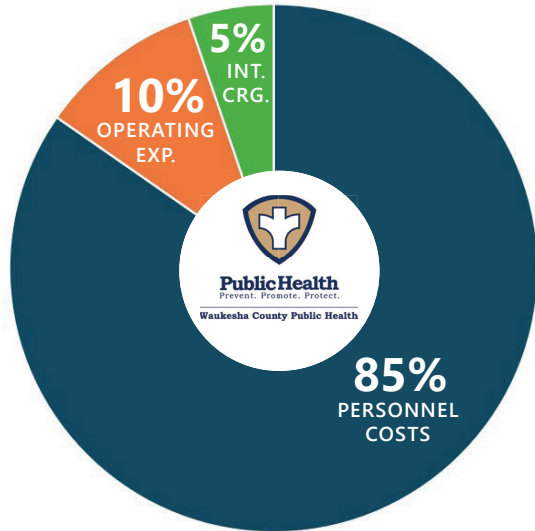
*(5) Facebook interaction metrics in 2023 and 2024 include both organic and paid (grant-funded) promotion. 2025 reflects primarily organic performance due to reduced grant funding.

Engagement rate includes reaction reactions, comments, shares. Interaction rate includes all engagement actions plus clicks (link clicks & photo views).

DIVISION REPORTING

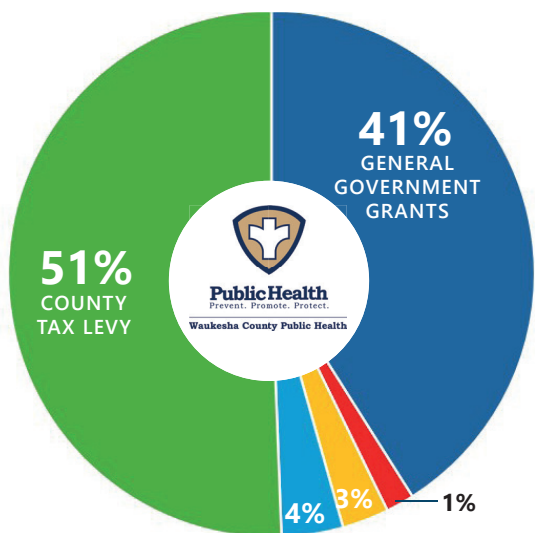
2025 Operations

2025 PUBLIC HEALTH COSTS
\$3,779,270



- **PERSONNEL COSTS**
\$3,200,388
- **OPERATING EXPENSES**
\$381,339
- **INTERDEPARTMENT CHARGES**
\$197,543

2025 PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING
\$4,174,814



- **COUNTY TAX LEVY**
\$2,112,906
- **GENERAL GOV GR**
\$1,712,291
- **OTHER REVENUE**
\$119,865
- **OPIOID SETTL. FUND**
\$157,720
- **CHARGES FOR SERVICES**
\$72,032

2026 Prospective

2026 PUBLIC HEALTH COSTS (BUDGET)
\$3,792,873

Public health funding supports a wide range of essential services, from disease response to prevention and community health programs. While current funding allows us to meet many needs, even a single complex case, such as measles, can exceed available grant funding for communicable disease response. Sustained and flexible funding is critical to ensure we can respond quickly and effectively to emerging public health threats.

2026 GENERAL GOV GRANTS

Communicable Disease	\$20,110
Immunization	\$47,971
Maternal/Child Health	\$75,038
Lead	\$15,484
HIV/Partner Services	\$16,448
WIC	\$477,226
Preparedness	\$265,576
Prevention	\$20,005
Infrastructure	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$1,187,828

2026 CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Immunization Services	\$80,680
Tuberculosis Services	\$23,830
Maternal & Child Health	\$18,834
Lead testing	\$7,668
Screenings	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$132,032

2026 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Opioid Settlement Funds	\$216,984
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DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Care that Doesn't Stop

CARE YOU CAN COUNT ON

When a Waukesha County resident began tuberculosis treatment, their mother traveled to Waukesha, to help with anticipated care needs. Through daily, in-person directly observed therapy visits, where a Public Health Nurse verifies each dose is taken safely, our team provided consistent monitoring and support. As treatment progressed, the family gained confidence knowing care would continue without interruption, allowing the resident's mother to return home reassured.

INNOVATION REMAINED A PRIORITY IN 2025

Telehealth was implemented within our Tuberculosis and Maternal Child Health

programs, expanding access and flexibility for residents. Through the Healthy Brain Initiative, we expanded awareness of cognitive health and integrated memory screenings into our clinic following a successful HHS staff screening event.

We also implemented WISHIN (Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network), a secure system that allows healthcare providers and public health agencies to share patient health information electronically, improving data integration and efficiency. Together, these efforts positioned our team to deliver more connected, data-informed services.



Public Health nurses play a key role in outreach and advocacy, helping elevate community needs and share trusted information that supports informed decision-making.



105 # OF CHILDREN IMMUNIZED

204 # OF ADULTS IMMUNIZED

NURSE'S DAY AT THE CAPITOL
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Hello! I'm Abby Vander Ploeg.
Public Health Nurse @ Waukesha County Public Health
avanderploeg@waukeshahealth.com | 262-896-8439 (main phone line)

What makes a public health nurse different from a hospital nurse?
Public Health Nursing is the practice of promoting the health of communities using knowledge from nursing and public health sciences. We help people make informed choices to stay healthy.

The role of a public health nurse: Advocate, Educate, Protect.

Our mission is to champion innovative programs and partnerships to foster optimal health and well-being for our community. Our recent Partner Summit (Nov 11, 2025) helped us bridge gaps and strengthen our role as the **Chief Health Strategist in Waukesha County.**

We help people make informed choices to stay healthy.

CLINICAL

Services Offered

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www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth | 262-896-8430 | publichealth@waukeshacounty.gov



VACCINE SERVICE

The Public Health Division provides immunizations for adults and children. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program offers vaccines for those 18 and under who are:

- Medicaid Enrolled
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Insured, but it doesn't cover vaccines



TRAVEL VACCINES

If traveling to a foreign county, the qualified staff at Public Health can provide:

- Up-to-date information on disease risks
- Guidance on safety measures, including food, water, and insect precautions
- Recommended vaccines and medications



WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN

WIC helps low-to-moderate income families access healthy foods, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support. It serves pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five with monthly benefits for a strong start.

Participants receive a monthly benefit of nutritious foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding support services.

- There is NO FEE for this program
- Appointments needed for services



COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

- Advanced Care Planning
- Better Brain Health
- Better Sleep
- Breast Health
- Coping with Stress Through Journaling
- Emergency Preparedness
- Gynecological Cancers
- Healthy Bones, Healthy You
- Heart Disease & Stroke
- Mental Health:
 - What if we Talked About It?
- Nutrition
- Pirates of Your Health (for kids)
- Preventing Diabetes
- Self-Care
- Substance Use Disorder Education
- Suicide Prevention
- Zombie Preparedness



SCREENINGS OFFERED

- Anemia
- Blood Pressure
- Childhood Blood Lead (9 month - 5 years)
- Cholesterol
- Glucose (Blood Sugar)
- Head-lice
- HIV Testing
- Memory Screening
- Pregnancy
- Tuberculosis Skin Reads
- Well Child

DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Received an Award of Excellence from the USDA



WAUKESHA COUNTY WIC RECEIVED THE USDA BREASTFEEDING GOLD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN 2025

Waukesha County WIC received the USDA WIC Breastfeeding Gold Award of Excellence in 2025. This recognition highlights the strength of our breastfeeding education and peer counseling program, which provides both professional and peer lactation support to families. The award acknowledges best practices that go beyond foundational requirements and reflects the dedication of our Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. WIC continues to pursue even higher levels of excellence to further enhance breastfeeding success and long-term family health.



"When families have access to nutritious food, breastfeeding support, and trusted guidance, communities thrive. Our WIC team is proud to lead with compassion, innovation, and a commitment to helping families succeed."

- MARY JO HAMMAN, WIC SUPERVISOR



IMPLEMENTING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WIC FOOD UPDATES SINCE 2009

In 2025, WIC implemented the most substantial Food Rule changes in over a decade. Rolled out in three phases, the updates align food packages with the latest Dietary Guidelines for Americans and National Academies recommendations. The changes expand food variety, strengthen support for breastfeeding, encourage fruit and vegetable consumption, and better reflect cultural preferences and dietary needs. Participant feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with minimal concerns, a testament to the preparation and guidance provided by WIC staff throughout the transition.

DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Strengthening Readiness

In 2025, Waukesha County strengthened readiness for public health threats through advanced training, real-world response, and cross-sector collaboration. Public Health staff played a central role in building coordinated systems that enhance preparedness across agencies, municipalities, and community partners. A major milestone was participation in FEMA's Integrated Emergency Management Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, an opportunity offered to fewer than 25 jurisdictions nationwide. More than 70 leaders from municipalities, hospital systems, county departments, emergency management, law enforcement, fire/EMS, utilities, and community partners completed a four-day functional exercise simulating a cyberattack during severe winter weather, strengthening Emergency Operations Center readiness and cross-agency coordination.

Preparedness efforts also focused locally, including HHS's first Preparedness Day, which engaged over 200 staff in hands-on activities with community partners to reinforce response roles and strengthen a culture of readiness. During historic flooding in August, Public Health supported Emergency Operations Center coordination, recovery efforts, distribution of more than 80 cleanup kits, and connection of residents to assistance through Impact 211. Additional initiatives included launching the countywide Extreme Weather Resource Map and participating in regional radiological response training.



8 HHS EMPLOYEES WENT TO TRAINING IN EMMITSBURG



Training was at the forefront of Preparedness in 2025.



Historic flooding happened in August 2025 in Waukesha County

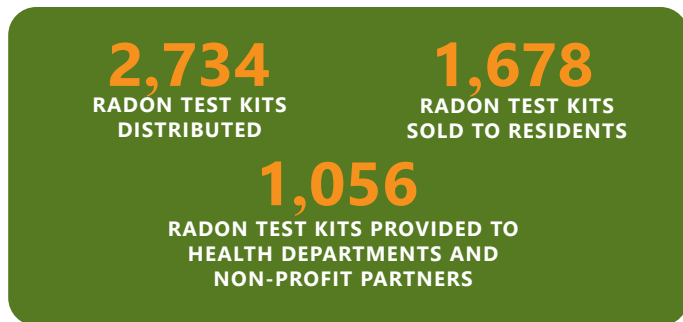


DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Risk & Safety Prevention

A RECORD YEAR FOR RADON

Environmental Health achieved a record-breaking year for radon outreach and awareness. As one of 17 Radon Information Centers in Wisconsin, Waukesha County serves residents and health departments across Waukesha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties by providing education, guidance on testing and mitigation, and low-cost screening kits.



Two strategic improvements contributed to this success. First, Environmental Health launched the online sale of radon test kits, making testing more convenient and accessible. Nearly all kits purchased by the public in 2025 were ordered online. Second, targeted outreach efforts focused on areas with fewer documented radon test results, using data to direct education and advertising resources where awareness was lowest.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and a significant but preventable environmental health risk. By expanding access, modernizing distribution methods, and using data to guide outreach, Environmental Health demonstrated how prevention, technology, and strategic communication work together to protect residents across southeastern

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOCUSED ON PROTECTION RESOURCES

To better align resources with core public health responsibilities and human safety, Environmental Health discontinued the Countywide Humane Officer Program. This decision followed a comprehensive review of funding, staff safety, program activity, and operational capacity. Wisconsin law allows law enforcement agencies to investigate animal welfare concerns without a county humane officer.

Reports of animal bites through the Rabies Control Program have increased by approximately 30 percent in recent years. At the same time, funding from the dog license surcharge that supports animal-related programming has declined.

By transitioning responsibility for animal welfare complaints and dog-versus-dog incidents to local law enforcement, Environmental Health has strengthened its ability to focus on priorities that directly impact human health and safety. The department continues to provide consultation to law enforcement partners while concentrating on rabies control, dangerous animal incidents involving

human victims, and emerging public health risks.

This shift reflects disciplined prioritization, responsible resource management, and a continued commitment to essential public health functions.



Animal safety messaging was posted on social media.

Community Health Improvement Plan

STRATEGIC HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR WAUKESHA COUNTY | 2022-2026 CHIP CYCLE

HEALTHY AGING

MENTAL HEALTH

SUBSTANCE USE

ABOUT CHIP

Our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a comprehensive, collaborative framework that brings together community partners, public health, and dedicated individuals to improve health outcomes. Guided and facilitated by our Public Health team, and aligned with state statute requirements, the CHIP serves as a tangible, data-driven plan for action. It focuses on three priority areas: mental health, healthy aging, and substance use prevention, ensuring a coordinated and strategic approach to advancing community health.

HEALTHY AGING ACTION TEAM

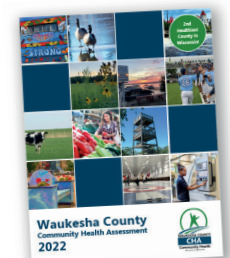
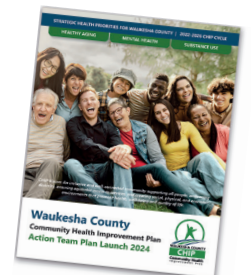
Social isolation and fall prevention are two key focus areas for the Healthy Aging Action Team. Among many strategies, initiatives such as Ballroom Basics, a social dance class, and efforts to connect older adults through the ERAS community calendar help foster engagement and promote safety. This collaborative approach enables partners to reach older adults across the community, strengthening social connection while reducing the risk of falls.

MENTAL HEALTH ACTION TEAM

Youth mental health remained a central focus of the Mental Health Action Team, with efforts centered on raising awareness and expanding access to supports. Key initiatives included promoting the 988-crisis line, offering Ending the Silence presentations, supporting Mental Health Day activities, and more. Through a coordinated, systems-level approach, the team works to increase awareness, reduce stigma, and improve outcomes for youth experiencing mental health challenges.

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION ACTION TEAM

Substance use prevention has been a priority for the County, with our Substance Use Prevention Team leading collaborative efforts to reduce substance-related deaths. The team takes a multidisciplinary approach, implementing peer specialists, leveraging nationally recognized prevention training, and addressing key environmental and community factors. Through these coordinated strategies, the team works to tackle the complex and widespread impacts of substance use.



DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Rooms That Matter

In 2025, Waukesha County Public Health strengthened its role as a trusted convener and collaborator by actively serving on more than 25 committees, councils, and coalitions across the community.

HEALTH SYSTEMS & HOSPITALS

Aurora Summit Community Steering Council
ProHealth Care Advisory Committee
Froedtert Community Outreach Committee

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

Carroll Nursing Advisory Board
Carroll Public Health Advisory Committee

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BioWatch
Local Emergency Planning Committee
SE WI Healthcare Emer. Readiness Coalition

SOCIAL SERVICES

CHIP Steering Committee
Hispanic Health Collaborative Network
Safe Kids Coalition
Water Safety Work Group
Waukesha County Breastfeeding Coalition



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & COORDINATED CARE

Heroin Task Force (HTF), Suicide Prevention Initiative, Coordinated Services Treatment (CST), Children's Community Options Program (CCOP), Child Fatality Review

PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATION

PHN Network Meeting, Southeastern WI Association of Local Health Departments & Boards, Public Health Generalist Meetings

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF DRIVES COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT THROUGH COALITION WORK



HEROIN TASK FORCE

Continues to advance prevention, education, and recovery efforts through cross-sector collaboration, expanding access to resources and community-based support.

FALLS PREVENTION COALITION

Since launching in 2024, the Falls Prevention Coalition has engaged 31 members to expand prevention efforts, distributing over 1,000 toolkits and conducting over 100 fall risk screenings.

SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS COALITION

Has grown to 35 members, expanding access to community resources and reaching over 1,300 residents to reduce isolation and strengthen belonging.

In 2025, WCPH received advanced recognition for being an Age-Friendly Public Health System.



SOMETHING TO SEE:

The Eras Community Calendar connects older adults and adults with disabilities to local events, activities, and opportunities to stay engaged and connected. www.eras.org/community

DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Leadership Team

In 2025, we prioritized staff development, providing every employee with opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen their skills.

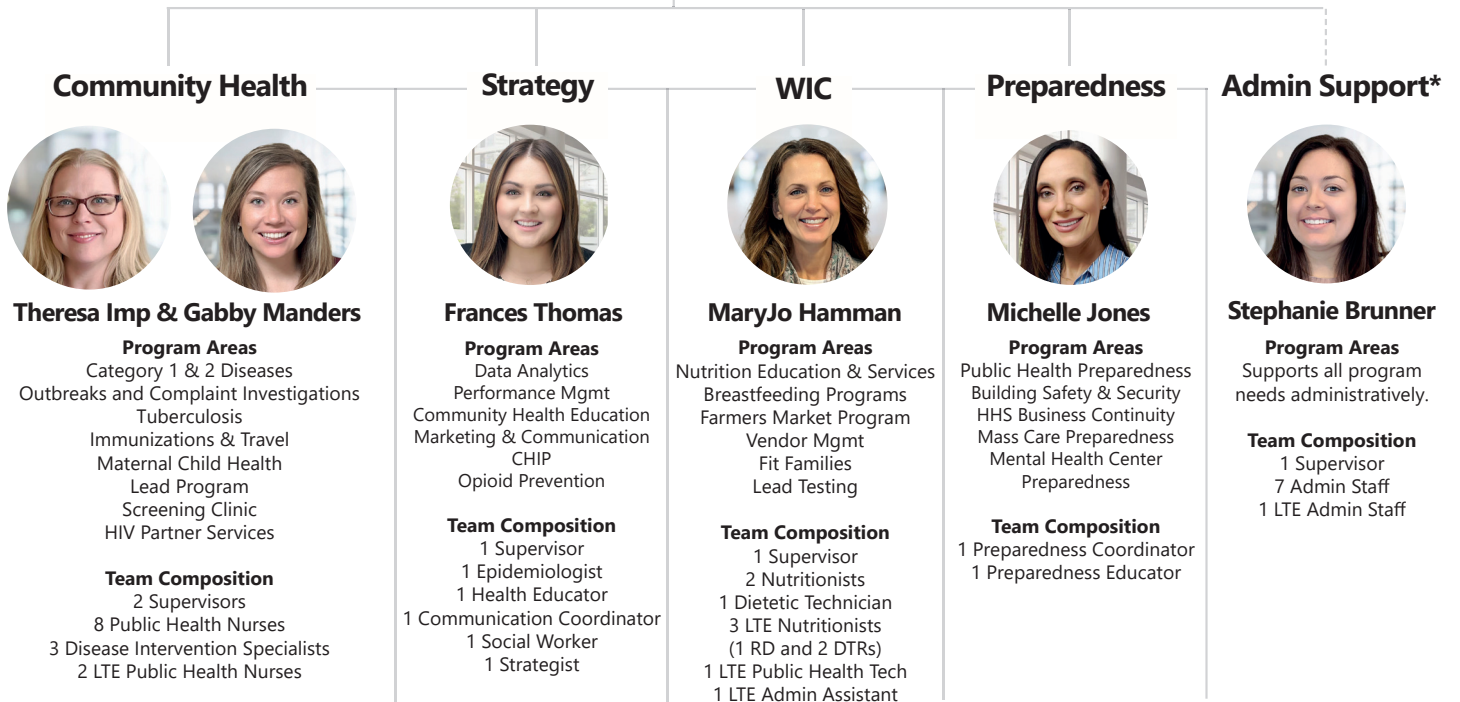


Benjamin Jones
Public Health Manager, Health Officer
Length of Service: 18 Years



Sarah Ward
Environmental Health Manager
Length of Service: 25 Years

Elizabeth Laatsch
Public Health Coordinator
Length of Service: 24 Years



2026 Health & Human Services Board Mission & Members

Elizabeth Aldred
HHS Director

Lisa Roberts
HHS Deputy Director

HHS Board Mission:

In partnership with our community, we provide, purchase, and coordinate a wide range of high-quality prevention, intervention and protective services. We are committed to making the best use of resources available to promote health, self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life. We honor the dignity of individuals and families in all of our work.

Health & Human Services Board

- Mary Baer, Citizen Member
- Christine Beck, Citizen Member
- Mark Thompson, Citizen Member
- Vicki Dallmann-Papke, RN, Citizen Member
- Joel Gaughan, County Board Supervisor
- Christine Howard, County Board Supervisor
- Dr. Kim McElroy, Citizen Member
- Robert Menefee Jr., Citizen Member
- Larry Nelson Board Chair / Co. Brd. Supervisor



LOOKING INTO 2026

PHAB Pathways



In 2025, our team collaborated across divisions to complete Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Pathways documentation, aligning policies, performance measures, and partnerships to demonstrate our commitment to quality, accountability, and continuous improvement.

DIVING DEEPER INTO PARTNERSHIPS AS THE

Chief Health Strategist



We developed and launched our first Public Health Partnership Survey as a deliberate step toward strengthening how we engage, align, and grow with our community partners. By asking partners about communication, collaboration, shared priorities, and opportunities for improvement, we signaled that relationships matter and that continuous improvement applies to partnership as much as programs.

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW FOCUS

From 88 Recommendations to 6 Key Priorities

In 2025, the OFR program significantly expanded and strengthened its infrastructure, reaching their full operational capacity. The team met key national standards, by incorporating recommended disciplines into each review and establishing a reporting system for each team. These improvements enhanced coordination across systems, strengthened consistency in documentation and communication, and positioned the county and its partners to more effectively advance overdose prevention priorities.



Partnerships to Advance toward Public Health 3.0

35	106	146
(2023)	(2024)	(2025)

2026 Public Health Advisory Committee

Voting Members

- Barbara Beck**, Carroll University
- Sarah Butz (Chair)**, ProHealth Care Community Benefit
- Sarah Connor**, Rogers Behavioral Health
- Andy Dresang**, Froedtert ThedaCare
- Jessica Kadow, RN**, ProHealth Care & Hispanic Resource Ctr
- Hailey Nenonen (Vice Chair)**, Aurora Health Care
- Audra O'Connell**, Lake Area Free Clinic
- Elizabeth Sheehan**, Community Smiles
- Julie Schuller, MD**, 16th Street Clinic
- Amy Vega**, Waukesha Free Clinic

Non-Voting Members

- Benjamin Jones**, Health & Human Services, PH Manager, Health Officer
- Michelle Jones**, Health & Human Services, Preparedness Coordinator
- Mary Jo Hamman**, Health & Human Services, WIC Supervisor
- Debbie Heinowski**, Health & Human Services, PH Administrative Specialist
- Theresa Imp**, Health & Human Services, PH Supervisor
- Elizabeth Laatsch**, Health & Human Services, PH Coordinator
- Gabrielle Manders**, Health & Human Services, PH Supervisor
- Frances Thomas**, Health & Human Services, PH Strategy Supervisor
- Mark Thompson**, Health & Human Services Board Member
- Jenny Wrucke**, Health & Human Services, ADRC Manager
- Sarah Ward**, Health & Human Services, Environmental Health Manager

DATA POINTS ARE NOT THE ONLY MEASURE OF IMPACT

To capture the collaborative voice of our community partners, we asked for feedback at the Waukesha County Community Health Partner Summit, and translated those insights into artwork representing perspectives from across the county. Elements shown in gray highlight areas for growth, while the colored sections represent community strengths and assets. Incorporating these perspectives alongside traditional data provides a richer understanding and strengthens our advocacy for the community's needs.



WAUKESHA COUNTY WISCONSIN



ARTWORK BY: LAUREN MARVELL



Public Health
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Waukesha County Public Health

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