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## **Rock County Board Chair Seeking Persons Interested in Serving on the Rock County Board of Health**

Rock County Board Chair Rich Bostwick is seeking persons interested in serving on the Rock County Board of Health. State law requires that public members of the Board of Health have a demonstrated interest or competence in the field of public or community health, including health care professionals, and that the Board of Health reflects the diversity of the community.

The Board of Health supports the advancement of public health by providing policy supervision to the Rock County Public Health Department that is aligned with the department's vision that everyone in Rock County has an opportunity to reach their full health potential.

As outlined in Wis. Stats. 251.04, the Board of Health is responsible for:

- Assuring the enforcement of state public health statutes
- Assessing public health needs
- Advocating for reasonable and necessary public health services
- Developing policy and providing leadership that fosters local involvement and commitment, emphasizes public health needs, and advocates for the equitable distribution of public health resources
- Assuring that measures are taken to provide an environment in which individuals can be healthy

Rock County residents are encouraged to submit their interest to serve as a community representative on the Board of Health by March 6, 2023, through the newly created online portal on the Rock County website. The portal can be found at this link <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/join-a-committee> or by clicking on "Residents" at the top of the County's website and following the link to join a committee. This portal can be used residents to express their interest in serving on any County committee that has community representatives.

The Board of Health consists of nine members, including five public members whose terms are expiring. Newly appointed public members serve two-year terms beginning April 1. The Board of Health currently meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Meetings are currently hybrid, with the in-person option being held at the Health Department's Janesville location.

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Health can be directed to Rock County Health Officer Katrina Harwood at [Katrina.Harwood@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:Katrina.Harwood@co.rock.wi.us).

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