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Rock County Board of Health Recognized as Board of Health of the Year

Rock County, WI – The Rock County Board of Health has been recognized as the 2024 Board of Health of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB). Rock County’s Board of Health was recognized for its commitment to protecting and promoting public health, which has been demonstrated by actions that include:

- Supporting the adoption of Rock County’s [Opioid Settlement Implementation Plan](#) to address the opioid crisis locally through prevention, treatment, and support.
- Supporting increased access to harm reduction supplies, including NARCAN® and fentanyl test strips through a partnership with the Beloit Public Library.
- Ensuring the sustainability of medical, dental, and behavioral health services to uninsured individuals by supporting a resolution to provide ARPA funding to HealthNet.
- Supporting public health tools to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
- Championing innovative public health approaches to addressing violence and adverse childhood experiences.

“We are transforming health challenges into opportunities for a brighter, healthier future in Rock County for health is truly one of our greatest treasures,” said Lou Peer, Rock County Board of Health Chair.

“The support we have received from our Board of Health enables us, as a department, to focus on improving population health outcomes and removing barriers to health,” confirmed Katrina Harwood, Rock County Public Health, Health Officer.

The Rock County Board of Health is a committee of the Rock County Board of Supervisors and has policy supervision and oversight of Rock County Public Health. The Board of Health is responsible for ensuring the enforcement of state public health statutes and public health rules, assessing public health needs, and advocating for reasonable and necessary public health services.

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Rock County Public Health serves Rock County residents by improving population health outcomes and removing barriers through community partnerships to provide everyone the opportunity to reach their full health potential. Visit the Rock County Public Health [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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