



TO: Supervisor Scott Maier
Chairman, Health and Human Development Committee
cc: Members of the Committee

FROM: Hope Otto, Human Services Director

DATE: April 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Creation of a Racine County
Public Health Division

In May 2020, the Board of Health for the Central Racine County Health Department (CRCHD) began a dialogue regarding the possibility of CRCHD becoming a department of Racine County. In response, County and CRCHD staff have been working to determine what such a transition would involve.

The Human Services Department anticipates presenting an Intergovernmental Agreement in the coming months, with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2022, to facilitate the creation of a Racine County Public Health Division. Such an agreement will define the terms of the transition and ensure the continuation of existing public health services. In anticipation, below please find relevant bullet points for discussion and consideration.

- In Racine County, public health services are currently provided to all municipalities by two health departments: (1) the City of Racine Public Health Department and (2) the CRCHD. Racine County is one of only a few counties remaining in the State of Wisconsin that has separate full service municipally funded public health departments. If any municipality within the County was no longer served by one of these health departments, the County would be required by statute to provide public health services.
- The CRCHD provides public health services to the following municipalities: Village of Caledonia, Town of Dover, Village of Mt. Pleasant, Village of North Bay, Town of Norway, Village of Raymond, Village of Rochester, Village of Sturtevant, Village of Union Grove, Village of Yorkville, Town of Waterford, Village of Waterford, City of Burlington and the Town of Burlington. The City of Racine Public Health Departments provides public health services to the City of Racine, Village of Elmwood Park, and Village of Wind Point.
- The CRCHD and the County have worked together both before and during the global pandemic to serve residents effectively and anticipate the transition of public health services to a County department would continue to benefit residents.