

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Resolution #2018-04

**Resolution to be a Recipient of the Targeted Screening and Testing for
Tuberculosis in Livestock Workers Grant**

This grant was established by the Wisconsin State TB program in 2017 in response to discussions at the state and local level regarding TB exposures to livestock on Wisconsin farms since TB can be spread to cattle. PHMDC's project proposal was selected in December 2017.

PHMDC, in partnership with Badger Partners in Health and Safety (BPHS) have been working on a project with a common goal of providing basic health care services to Wisconsin dairy farm employees, specifically underserved migrant workers who are crucial in maintaining day to day operations on Wisconsin dairy farms. BPHS is modeled after Partners in Health and Safety, a program that provides these services as a part of rural nursing courses under the direction of Dr. Lisa Shiller at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

PHMDC's Public Health Nurses (PHNs) in the TB program provide TB case management services to clients with latent and active TB in Dane County. PHNs also provide screening and testing services to clients who qualify based on risk factors. PHNs assure that clients with active TB take TB treatment until cured which protects the public from infection and disease.

This grant will allow the TB program to screen and test high risk farm workers for tuberculosis at six Dane County farms. This grant will pay for the cost of testing supplies (including butterfly needles, gloves, red boxes, alcohol wipes, tourniquet's, chux pads and scale paper), personnel expenses (including nurses and interpreters), office supplies and mileage expenses. Farmworkers who screen positive for TB will be assigned a TB case manager at PHMDC and will be offered TB treatment through the Wisconsin State TB program. The TB program will continue to partner with BPHS as it is their hope to screen dairy farm workers for other chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease. If able, BPHS will provide staff to conduct chronic disease assessments and follow-up with local providers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County, is authorized to accept Grant funding of \$5,000 from the State of Wisconsin TB Program to support the TB Program.

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