WALHDAB 2013 Board of Health Member of the Year
Donna Rozar
Committee Chair, Wood County Health and Human Services

Donna is the Chair of the Wood County Health and Human Services Committee and was also the Chair of the former Wood County Board of Health. Added together, she has been in this leadership position for 11 years.

Donna has also served on the National Association of Local Boards of Health and was elected President of that organization for the 2010 term. Wherever one finds Donna, it is evident that she is extremely committed to assuring comprehensive and high quality public health services, be it at a local, state, and national level.

To that end, she was an early and constant supporter of Wood County pursuing National Accreditation. It was duly noted in the exit conference that there was a strong relationship between the Health Department and the oversight committee. She facilitated local field testing of the new National Public Health Performance Standards Program Governance Assessment Tool, whereby the Wood County Health and Human Services Committee assessed their performance in carrying out their role in providing the 10 Essential Services. That process took a long time, but Donna saw it through!

As an involved member of a multi-county project, the Shared Services Learning Collaborative sponsored by the Robert Wood Foundation, Donna traveled to Kansas City this March, to further develop its goals.

And thanks to Donna’s advocacy, the Wood County Health Department was not merged into the recent reorganization of the social services, and now, the Health Department finds itself in a beautiful new facility-- a truly healthier environment in which to do the work of public health.

She looks to the future while participating in the Health Department’s Strategic Planning, and she touches the future of public health’s future workforce. She is an educator at UW Eau Claire School of Nursing, Marshfield Campus.