



Southwest Suburban Health Department Meeting Minutes

Ald. Pam Akers, Richard Dettman, Trustee Jane Edgar, Linda Grulke, Barbara Janusiak, Jessica Katzenmeyer, Mary Kitten, Holly Schmidtke and Ald. Ray Turner

Thursday, April 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Greenfield Location- 7325 W Forest Home Ave

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Alderperson Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

B. ROLL CALL

Others Present: Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Dr. Mark Roberts and Dr. Heather Paradis

**** Dr. Paradis was introduced, she will be replacing Dr. Roberts as Medical Advisor****

Present 7 - Linda Grulke, Holly Schmidtke, Ray Turner, Ald. Pam Akers, Richard Dettman, Mary Kitten, Jane Edgar

Excused 1 - Barbara Janusiak

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This matter was Approved.

[25-0149](#)

Minutes (draft) of the meeting of February 27, 2025

Attachments: [BOH Minutes 2.27.25 \(Draft\)](#)

Motion to approve by Ms. Grulke, seconded by Trustee Edgar. Minutes are approved.

D. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

[25-0150](#)

2024 Village of West Milwaukee Annual Report

Mr. Leischow gave an overview of the West Milwaukee Annual Report, which had been provided to the Board of Health in advance for review.

This matter was Discussed.

[25-0151](#)

2024 CHIP Progress Report

Mr. Leischow provided an update on the CHIP Progress report, which merged the West Allis and Greenfield existing CHIP plans together. The Board of Health was provided this document in advance of the meeting for review.

This matter was Discussed.

[25-0152](#)

Senior Center Updates

-Ms. Palen shared the continued growth in membership at the Senior Center as well as past and upcoming events including the April 11th Volunteer Party and the May 16th Rummage Sale.

-The Senior Center has new lobby furniture, with accessibility in mind, and new flooring will be installed soon.

This matter was Discussed.[25-0153](#)

Legislative Update

-Mr. Leischow shared Joint Finance Committee testimony at the State Fair listening session on April 4th, advocating for public health funding.

-SWSHD is staying engaged with other health departments and state agencies regarding funding changes at the federal level.

-We are considering hosting a Legislative Breakfast or gathering for the future to share public health issues and focuses with our representatives. More information to come as plans come together.

-Federal funds we had previously been awarded we pulled back, however due to a current judicial order, these funds are still accessible at this time but we do not know how long that will be in effect.

This matter was Discussed.[25-0154](#)

Health Department Updates

Part-time Environmentalist recruitment continues with interviews set to take place next week.

-SWSHD connected with Aurora regarding measles preparedness. We are continuing efforts to ensure we are ready for measles cases if and when they take place in Wisconsin and our communities.

-Immunization funding from the State will be cut around 50% next cycle. It is not expected to have a significant financial impact on us and our programming.

-The proposed IGA between West Milwaukee, West Allis, and Greenfield has been given to village and city leaders for review. The goal is to have the agreement finalized before we start budgeting for the 20206 fiscal year.

-We had been exploring a HOPE Walk signage campaign with Greenfield parks, similar to those done in West Allis parks last year. However the parks committee met and decided against it. We are continuing to work with Milwaukee County to have signage installed at Greenfield Park, located in the city of West Allis.

-Retail food and other license renewal season has begun, will run through early July.

-PHAB accreditation process continues- specialists/reviewers have been assigned to our application and next steps will be coming soon.

-Week of April 7th was Public Health Week. We hosted a number of internal events for staff as well as the Friend of Public Health Reception. This year's winners were Greenfield Fire Department, Hunger Task force and a staff member from Rogers Memorial who has been instrumental in narcotic training at Rogers.

This matter was Discussed.

E. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday June 25th at 6:00pm at the West Allis location- 7120 W National Ave (changed from Thursday June 26th at 6:00pm due to a scheduling issue)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Grulke, seconded by Ms. Kitten, meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

This matter was Approved.

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