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MEMORANDUM

TO: License & Health Committee

FROM: Bob Leischow, MPH
Health Commissioner

DATE: January 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Communication regarding environmental nuisance prevention & control efforts

This serves as a status update regarding the environmental nuisance prevention and control initiative referenced in the updated City of West Allis Strategic Plan. To this point the Health Department has organized, hosted, and facilitated two meetings. These meetings have included leadership representation from Health, BINS (building inspection and neighborhood services), City Administration, Attorney's office, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning, Communications, and DPW. Initial efforts have involved scoping who's currently doing what, where and how, discussion on the importance of a comprehensive and integrated approach that addresses prevention and control strategies, and education from a pest control company on current industry practices. Examples of efforts underway include the city investment in new refuse containers, DPW working with pest control when rodent activity is identified, and the health department inspecting and educating residents and neighborhood areas. Next steps include but is not limited to seeking bids for a pest control company to help with abatement, review and discussion of possible ordinance modifications and identifying improvement opportunities for departments to work in a more coordinated manner to address the nuisance prevention and control needs of community.