

## Meeting Minutes

### Southwest Suburban Health Department

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

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Thursday, November 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Greenfield Office- 7325 W Forest Home Ave

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#### REGULAR MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### B. ROLL CALL

*Others Present: Bob Leischow, Melissa Feldmeyer, Ashley Palen, Rebecca Marszalkowski, Dr. Heather Paradis*

**Present** 8 - Linda Grulke, Barbara Janusiak, Holly Schmidtke, Ray Turner, Ald. Pam Akers, Richard Dettman, Mary Kitten, Jane Edgar

**Excused** 1 - Jessica Katzenmeyer

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

25-0485 Minutes (draft) of the meeting of August 28, 2025

Attachments: [BOH Minutes \(draft\) 8.28.25](#)

*Motion to approve by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Ms. Janusiak. Minutes approved.*

**This matter was Approved.**

25-0484 Minutes (draft) of the Special Meeting of September 25, 2025

Attachments: [BOH Minutes \(draft\) 9.25.25](#)

*Motion to approve by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Ms. Janusiak. Minutes approved.*

**This matter was Approved.**

#### D. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

25-0477 Workforce Development- Public Health Core Competencies

*Ms. Marszalkowski provided board members with an update of the department's efforts in workforce development and plans for the next year to continue this work.*

25-0478 Harm Reduction- Safer Use Kits

*-Mr. Leischow shared an opportunity to add a harm reduction tool to those the department already offers: Safer Use Kits would allow those using intravenous drugs to obtain hygienic supplies from the health department.*

*-Board members had the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. This will be discussed at a later meeting with consideration given to the Board of Health's input with regards to whether needle exchange would be part of the program and how the department would operate that component of the program.*

25-0479

## Quarterly Communicable Diseases Report

*-Ms. Palen provided the report for Q3 in all SWSHD communities.*

*-Noted higher rates of influenza and RSV than seen in 2024.*

*-E-Coli rates are higher than typical. Environmental Health has been notified and is looking into further.*

25-0480

## Legislative Update

*-WIC program is fully funded through October 2026.*

*-Mr. Leischow is working with the Public Health Council, which is creating position papers for state legislators and the Governor's Office on food insecurity and preparedness state funding and support.*

*-State Assembly Bill 524 was introduced to change tobacco and nicotine purchase ages from 18 to 21. This includes vaping products.*

*-Wisconsin State Senate Bill 211 was introduced to expand exemptions to the state's indoor smoking ban, allowing tobacco bars to permit cigar and pipe smoke inside.*

25-0481

## Senior Center Report

*-New floors have been installed in the lobby, no more carpet which will help with cleaning.*

*-Last call for cookie and fudge orders- due by November 25th.*

*-Offering new art classes through Donna Lexa for \$7 per class.*

*-Knitting classes have been expanded.*

25-0482

## Health Department Report

*-Planning has started for the next CHA/CHIP cycle. More information to come in 2026.*

*-EHS staff attended a DHS conference to share about last year's Legionella cases.*

*-West Allis Common Council is considering purchasing the building next to the current West Allis location at 7220 W National Ave. Plan would be to house the Senior Center and Health Department or just the Senior Center or Health Department depending on space needed. Council will vote on this at their December 9th meeting.*

25-0486

## NALBOH Update

*Ms. Kitten provided highlights from the recent NALBOH Conference.*

**E. NEXT MEETING**

**Next meeting will take place Thursday January 22nd 2026 at 6:00pm at the West Allis location (7120 W National Ave).**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Ms. Janusiak, meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.*