



Southwest Suburban Health Department Board of Health- 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, August 28, 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, Melissa Feldmeyer

Present 9 - Linda Grulke, Barbara Janusiak, Jessica Katzenmeyer, Holly Schmidtke, Ray Turner, Ald. Pam Akers, Richard Dettman, Mary Kitten, Jane Edgar

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This matter was Approved.

[25-0308](#)

Minutes (draft) of the meeting of June 25, 2025

Attachments: [BOH 6.25.25 Minutes \(Draft\)](#)

Motion to approve by Ms. Janusiak, seconded by Ms. Kitten, minutes approved.

This matter was Approved.

D. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

[25-0309](#)

Opioid Settlement Fund

-Mr. Leischow shared the presentation recently given to the West Allis Safety Committee on how opioid settlement funds have been used and how they will be used in the future for programming.

-These opioid settlement funds are City of West Allis funds, not SWSHD funds, received as part of the nation wide litigation with pharmaceutical companies. The Health Department is the steward of these funds and must be used for City of West Allis initiatives.

[25-0310](#)

West Milwaukee

-West Milwaukee has opted to stay in a service agreement rather than formally join SWSHD. They will sign a new 2-year agreement, which will be shared for approval at the next BOH meeting.

-West Milwaukee will keep their board position, but will not have voting privileges.

[25-0311](#)

2026 Budget

-The 2026 budget is in progress but is not yet complete. There will be a special meeting held in September to present and approve the budget.

-Mr. Leischow presented the draft of the business plan that will accompany the budget

when it is presented to the West Allis Common Council.

25-0312

Legislative Update

-The Health Department is waiting to hear on final budget and funding details. No update on SNAP funding decisions, Preparedness Funds are likely to continue.

-There is nothing new to report on the Federal level.

-Moving forward we will have a standing agenda item for NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) for Ms. Kitten to update the board on because of her involvement with the association.

25-0313

Senior Center Update

-The grief support group is continuing with a new leader/instructor as our social work student who has lead the effort has now completed her project.

-There is a new mixed media class coming this fall.

-Senior Center Health Fair is taking place on September 26th at the Senior Center.

25-0314

Health Department Update

-Mr. Leischow provided updates on the recent flooding and the health department's involvement with the clean up efforts and resources being made available to community members.

-No update on PHAB accreditation, hopefully will be confirmed by the next BOH meeting.

-Measles cases have been confirmed in Wisconsin, so far limited to Oconto County.

-SWSHD is hosting the 2nd Annual Hope Walk for mental health, taking place at Greenfield Park in West Allis on Wednesday September 24th from 4-6pm.

-Flu clinics have been scheduled for fall, beginning early October. Check social media for dates, times, and locations.

-With school getting back in session, we will be discussing future partnership opportunities with the school districts in our area.

E. NEXT MEETING

A special meeting for review and approval of the 2026 budget will take place on Thursday September 25th at 6:00pm at the West Allis Location (7120 W National Ave)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Katzenmeyer, seconded by Ms. Grulke, meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

This matter was Approved.

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