



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health

Thursday, October 24, 2019

6:01 PM

Health Department
7120 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Reinke at 6:01 pm.

- Present** 5 - Ald. Rosalie L. Reinke, Ald. Daniel J. Roadt, Ms. Linda Grulke, Ms. Barbara Janusiak, and Ms. Mary Cay Freiberg
- Excused** 3 - Dr. Mark Roberts, Mr. Frank Bialek, and Ms. Karen Gibbs
- Absent** 1 - Mr. John Ragonese

Others Present: Bob Leischow, Diane Dubey and Ashley Palen

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

1. [19-0680](#) Minutes (draft) of the meeting of September 26, 2019

Attachments: [BOH Minutes 9-26-19](#)

C. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. [19-0681](#) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Update

Mr. Leischow informed the Board of the following:

- Mass Flu Clinic was held Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at Nathan Hale High School. Approximately 240 doses administered exceeding 2018 numbers by approximately 50-60 doses.
- Pandemic Flu Tabletop Exercise will be held December 4, 2019 through Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC)
- Upcoming Democratic National Convention to be held in Milwaukee. Departmental staff is participating in various workgroups with the City of Milwaukee in preparation of the convention. Still in the early planning stages.

Discussed

3. [19-0682](#) Communicable Disease Report and Updates

Mr. Leischow distributed a copy of the 30 day and 2019 3rd quarter communicable disease report for West Allis. He discussed the increase of various disease numbers including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis. He stated that the Department does have the Health Care Education and Training Program (HCET) in place, which is to help provide comprehensive program development education to improve reproductive and sexual health outcomes. He informed the Board of a possible mumps case and tuberculosis cases.

Discussed

4. [19-0683](#) Legislative Report

Mr. Leischow distributed copies of the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards Legislative (WALHDAB) Update for September 2019 which included:

1. Proposed legislation to increase the legal age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 years. WALHDAB and Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) are not supporting the Bill as written as it does not reflect best practice as described by the Public Health Law Center. Concerns included:
 - a. Separate definitions for tobacco, nicotine and vape products
 - b. Lack of licensing requirements for vape shops and,
 - c. Fining youths in possession, use, and purchase of products

Discussion ensued. The Board requested Mr. Leischow to explore communication options that the Board can consider using to address the current e-cigarette/vaping access and use situation.

Discussed**5. [19-0684](#) Senior Center Report**

Mr. Leischow distributed a copy of the Senior Center updates provided by Denise Koenig, which included various upcoming events, programs and workshops and also photos of the new Center's monument sign.

Discussed**6. [19-0685](#) Health Department Report**

Mr. Leischow introduced Ashley Palen, Director of Community and Environmental Health Services to the Board members. Ms. Palen gave a brief report of her work history.

Mr. Leischow reported on the following:

- Interviews occurred October 21, 2019 for the WIC Director position
- Six current vacant positions - WIC Director, 1 Public Health Specialist, 2 Public Health Nurses and 2 Breastfeeding Peer Counselors.
- Space and storage needs within the Department. Consideration is being made to hire a consultant for assessment and recommendations of possible building modifications.
- The Department budget has been submitted and is in Finance, Administration and the Mayors offices. Should be presented to the Common Council in November.

Discussed**7. [19-0686](#) Board of Health Meeting Time - Action Item**

Mr. Leischow discussed with Board members the option of changing the meeting time for the Board. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Ms. Grulke, seconded by Ms. Freiberg to change the Board of Health meeting time to 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved**8. [19-0687](#) BOH Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The Board was reminded that they could submit any additional items for the next meeting agenda to Bob or Diane no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

Discussed

9. [19-0688](#)

Next Meeting - Date to be Selected by Board

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the combined November/December Board meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Discussed

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved



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