



# City of West Allis

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Health

Thursday, August 27, 2020

5:01 PM

Health Department  
7120 W. National Ave.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

**Present** 8 - Ald. Rosalie L. Reinke, Ald. Angelito Tenorio, Dr. Mark Roberts, Ms. Linda Grulke, Ms. Barbara Janusiak, Ms. Daysi Jimenez, Mr. John Ragonese, and Ms. Karen Gibbs

*Others Present: Bob Leischow, Diane Dubey, Ashley Palen, Michael May, Susie Roundy-Schmidt, Shelley Gregory, Jessica Katzenmeyer*

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [20-0190](#) Minutes (draft) of the meeting of February 27, 2020.

Attachments: [27FEB2020 Minutes](#)

Approved

#### C. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. [20-0373](#) Introductions

Ald. Reinke welcomed new Board members, Ald. Tenorio and Daysi Jimenez. Board of Health members and Health Department staff introduced themselves.

**Discussed**

3. [20-0374](#) Communicable Diseases/COVID-19 Update

Ms. Palen provided an update on communicable diseases; information was provided and there was general discussion. Mr. Leischow and Ms. Palen provided COVID-19 information/data in relation to West Allis/West Milwaukee. Topics addressed total case counts to date, the statewide face covering mandate, free mask drive-thru events, community initiatives and the testing event at State Fair Park. They also gave a brief breakdown of the disease by age, race & ethnicity and gender, and further discussed outreach to vulnerable population and current funding sources being utilized. Discussion ensued with Ms. Palen and Mr. Leischow fielding questions.

**Discussed**

4. [20-0375](#) Conversion Therapy
  - Communication to License & Health Committee

Ald. Tenorio informed the Board that he had sponsored and introduced an ordinance to ban conversion therapy in the City. He gave a brief overview on what conversion therapy is. He stated that the Common Council has passed a Resolution condemning conversion therapy and recommends that a communication to be sent to the License and Health Committee with Board of Health support for the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued. Dr. Roberts recommended the addition of "(conversion therapy)" to clarify the type of intervention to the document.

*Ald. Tenorio excused at 5:50 p.m.*

A motion was made by Barb Janusiak, seconded by Linda Grulke to submit the amended communication to the License and Health Committee. Voice vote; motion carried.

**Approved**

**Aye:** 6 - Ald. Reinke, Ms. Grulke, Ms. Janusiak, Ms. Jimenez, Mr. Ragonese, and Ms. Gibbs

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**5. [20-0376](#)**

**Health Department Updates**

Mr. Leischow reported on the following:

- The Public Health Specialist position has been filled
- New Environmentalist will start September 14, 2020
- Will be recruiting for 2 WIC Nutritionists and Deputy Registrar positions
- Workforce reduction plan is in effect. There is a number of Department staff that are eligible for the early retirement program that the City has put in place. Eight staff members have expressed interest. Retirements will take place over the next several months in to 2021.

**Discussed**

**6. [20-0377](#)**

**Next Meeting - Thursday, September 24, 2020**

It was the consensus of the Board to move the meeting time to the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

**Discussed**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.*

**Approved**



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