

City of West Allis Meeting Minutes

Board of Health

Thursday, September 24, 2020

5:00 PM

Health Department 7120 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Present 6 - Ald. Rosalie L. Reinke, Ald. Angelito Tenorio, Dr. Mark Roberts, Ms. Linda Grulke,

Ms. Barbara Janusiak, and Ms. Daysi Jimenez

Absent 1 - Mr. John Ragonese

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20-0434 Minutes (draft) of the meeting of August 27, 2020.

Attachments: BOH Minutes 8-27-20

Approved

C. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. 20-0435 Communicable Diseases Update

Ms. Palen provided an update on communicable diseases including COVID-19 case counts to date in relation to West Allis/West Milwaukee. She discussed various disease numbers including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis. Discussion ensued with Ms. Palen and Mr. Leischow fielding questions.

Discussed

3. 20-0436 WIC Program Overview and Update

Ms. Davies informed the Board members that the program for women, infants, and children (WIC) is a nutrition program for pregnant women, infants, women who are breastfeeding, postpartum women, and children younger than 5 and that WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, supplemental nutritious foods, and connections to other community services. She provided a brief overview of the program, which included information on funding, participation data, Health Department integration and trends due to COVID-19. She discussed the impact of COVID on the in-house program.

Discussed

4. 20-0437 Health Department Updates

Ald. Tenorio informed the Board that the Ordinance introduced to Common Council banning conversion therapy passed by a vote of 6-3.

Mr. Leischow and Ms. Palen reported on the following:

- Deputy Registrar recruitment is underway
- The Department is focusing more on COVID testing, along with other local health departments, in an attempt to increase access to testing sites in the region
- Flu clinics will be set up as drive thru at the Farmers Market and Nathan Hale

High School

- Distribution of approximately 30,000 masks
- Health equity training for Department staff in the next couple months. Board members will be invited to participate

Discussed

5. <u>20-0438</u> Next Meeting - Thursday, October 22, 2020

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**

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. **Approved**



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