



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health

Thursday, February 25, 2021

5:00 PM

Health Department
7120 W. National Ave.

VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Present 15 - Ald. Rosalie L. Reinke, Ald. Angelito Tenorio, Dr. Mark Roberts, Ald. Mark Roberts, Ms. Linda Grulke, Ms. Barbara Janusiak, Ms. Allison Lancione, Ms. Daysi Jimenez, Mr. John Ragonese, Ald. John Ragonese, Ms. Holly Schmidtke, Dr. Mark Roberts, Ald. Mark Roberts, Mr. John Ragonese, and Ald. John Ragonese

Others Present: Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Cheryl Davies and Diane Dubey

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0080](#) Minutes (draft) of the meeting of January 28, 2021.

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Attachments: [BOH Minutes 1-28-2021](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Janusiak, seconded by Dr. Roberts that this matter Approved. The motion carried unanimously.

C. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

[21-0076](#) Communicable Diseases Update

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Ms. Palen provided an update of communicable diseases addressed by the Health Department from the beginning of January 2021. She discussed various disease numbers/groups including COVID-19, Chlamydia and Tuberculosis

This matter was Discussed.

[21-0077](#) Race and Public Health

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Mr. Leischow presented a proposed Resolution/Declaration for possible adoption which focused on health inequities and racism as a public health crisis. He stated that most data included is from Milwaukee County with some being incorporated from the City of West Allis level.

Ms. Janusiak moved to approve the Resolution.

Mr. Ragonese stated that he would not be in favor of approving at this time as there is a large amount of data presented for the first time to the Board. He also added there is not a plan of action included in the Resolution as far as what will be done to correct inequities. Dr. Roberts concurred that we are dealing with social inequalities and that a plan of action should be included in the Resolution. He also questioned what funding source would be utilized to support the activities. He asked if an additional "Whereas" should be included that indicates reporting to the Board. Discussion ensued. Mr. Leischow addressed the action items, or efforts, at the bottom of the document, that the

Department already has a longstanding focus on health equity policy and education, and that the data sources are indicated at the very bottom of the draft declaration. Ald. Reinke stated that she would like to have more time to review the document. Ms. Schmidtke recommended that this be held in order for Board members to review. Mr. Leischow will email the draft document to Board members for review and will bring back for discussion at the next meeting. Ms. Janusiak withdrew her motion.

This matter was Discussed.

[21-0078](#)

Legislative Updates

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Mr. Leischow stated Governor Evers released his biennial budget. He discussed items within the budget including increase funding to local health departments for communicable disease control, and incorporating “vape” into existing policy.

This matter was Discussed.

[21-0079](#)

Health Department Updates

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Mr. Leischow reported on the following:

- Retirement of Diane Dubey - March 19, 2021
- Department has scaled back on contact tracing due to lower positive cases, but have increased staffing needs for vaccination clinics
- Working together as partners with Aurora West Allis and Froedtert Hospitals to address the vaccination needs of the community
- Engaged the Fire Department’s Mobile Integrated Health team to address vaccination needs of community homebound individuals.
- Approximately 11% of the City’s populations has been vaccinated

This matter was Discussed.

[21-0081](#)

Next Meeting - March 25, 2021

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

This matter was Discussed.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ragonese, seconded by Ald. Tenorio to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.



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