



# City of West Allis

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Health

Thursday, April 22, 2021

5:00 PM

Health Department  
7120 W. National Ave.

#### REGULAR MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Reinke at 5:03 p.m..*

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Ald. Rosalie L. Reinke, Ald. Angelito Tenorio, Dr. Mark Roberts, Ms. Linda Grulke, Ms. Barbara Janusiak, Ms. Daysi Jimenez, and Ms. Holly Schmidtke

**Excused** 2 - Ms. Allison Lancione, and Mr. John Ragonese

*Others Present: Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Francis Thomas*

#### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-0165](#) Minutes (draft) of the meeting of March 25, 2021.

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

#### D. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. [21-0127](#) Communicable Diseases/COVID Update

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*Ms. Palen provided an update on communicable diseases that included reference to an active TB case that was transferred out of our jurisdiction and an overview of COVID-19 cases. It was noted that there have been no deaths since the last update, hospitalizations have decreased, that people aged 50 and over no longer account for the majority of new cases, and at this point people 65 and over have the highest vaccination rate. General review and discussion.*

**Discussed.**

3. [21-0166](#) 2020 Annual Snapshot Report

*Mr. Leischow presented the 2020 Annual Snapshot Report and reviewed services/programs that were provided during the course of the year. Data was compared to 2019. Despite the priority focus on COVID-19 response in 2020, it was noted that other services were provided and that in some cases resulted in an increase in service utilization. For instance, there was a significant increase in the number of death certificates issued, increase in the number of WIC related food packages issued, and increases in the number of food supplies distributed through the Senior Center*

A motion was made by Ms. Janusiak, seconded by Ms. Grulke, to approve the report as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. [21-0128](#) Legislative Updates**

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*Mr. Leischow provided an overview of the Governor's proposed biennial budget, noting suggested increases in communicable disease funding and supportive funding for data related needs and surveillance response. General discussion.*

**Discussed.**

**5. [21-0129](#) Health Department Updates**

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*-Effort is underway to recruit for a Public Health Nurse and Environmentalist.  
-Community Health Assessment (CHA) process is underway to include having completed a number of key informant interviews; discussion has started with the Milwaukee County Healthcare Partnership regarding the countywide CHA process.  
-Paula Tran-Inzeo, who presented to the Board of Health on race, racism and public health has been invited to present to the Common Council on May 18th.  
-Two COVID-19 videos were produced (English and Spanish) in partnership with the Communications Department.  
-To increase access to the vaccine, a COVID vaccination clinic was held at St. Johns church in West Milwaukee.  
-The Violence Free West Allis Coalition (VFWAC) awarded 3 small grants using available grant funds. A broader overview presentation of VFWAC will be provided at the May 27th Board of Health meeting.*

**Discussed.**

**E. NEXT MEETING**

*Scheduled for May 27, 2021*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Dr. Roberts, seconded by Ald. Reinke, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**



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