



Wauwatosa, WI

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

8:00 AM

Wauwatosa Health Department
Conference Room and Zoom:
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meeting

Regular meeting

HYBRID MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chris Shaw at 8:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Non-voting members Present:

Meg Spredemann, Public Health Manager

Emily Tianen, Nursing Manager

Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist

Sangita Ramaswamy, Public Health Specialist

Present 5 Member, Chair Christine Shaw
Member Jennifer Cicero
Member Katherine Riebe
Aldersperson Liaison Aletha Champine
Ex-Officio - Public Health Officer Laura Stephens

Excused 1 Member Kevin Robertson

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MINUTES

This was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Christine Shaw
SECONDER: Jennifer Cicero

1. Approval of November 18, 2025 Minutes

[26-0292](#)

MOVER: Christine Shaw
SECONDER: Jennifer Cicero

WAWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Administration

[26-0293](#)

Staffing update - We have a new Public Health Specialist, Sangita Ramaswamy. Welcome Sangita!

Annual report to Council - Tuesday, April 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The Board of Health members can attend virtually or in-person.

ARPA funding updates - ARPA funds end this year. Our social workers are funded through ARPA.

Hannah can go under the Opioid settlement funds; we are receiving IM over several years. We can ask Fire & PD for funds for Kendall. We are looking at grant opportunities for Zoe and Pa Chee. Our UW-M intern will work on WISHIN, youth programs, and grant writing. Federal updates - Laura is monitoring federal changes. One grant was taken away and then cut back. Other items include guidance, the vaccine schedule, food pyramid, etc. Board of Health Annual Survey - We encourage the Board members to take the Board of Health annual survey. What items can we improve, or do better? Feedback encouraged.

2. Public Health Nursing

[26-0296](#)

In October, we had 5 employee flu clinics. (Police, Fire, DPW) TB case took 178 hours of staff time and hands-on case management in Nov and Dec 2025. The resident needed to take DOT, requiring the medication dosage to be observed in-person daily. (Direct Observe Therapy) The client later transitioned to virtual DOT.

In November, we competed a mass flu clinic. In December, we did a handwashing demo activity in 19 local 2nd grade elementary schools. We will have the RN students perform the handwash demo starting on Thursday at the parochial schools.

From October to December, we had 2 rabies exposures, 8 elevated child blood levels, 10 car seat checks, 20 immunization appointments, and 83 communicable disease investigations.

There were changes to the CDC immunization schedule. Emily watched webinar with the State. WHD will be using ACIP guidelines. No major changes, but funding for vaccine for adults has changed. WHD has been partnering with other health departments for vaccines, sharing doses as needed. (Each department is allocated a certain amount for vaccines)

Chris Shaw asked about measles. Per Emily, Waukesha and Milwaukee has measles. We have some vaccine, about 10 doses. We had an exercise for measles last year, refresher with staff. Measles is very contagious and the most effective way at preventing it is the vaccine. Titers can determine if an individual has immunity. Meg and Emily worked with Froedtert last year. If exposed to measles, there is a 2 week quarantine.

Katherine Riebe asked about the two blood pressure clinics at the senior centers. Emily responded that the 2nd Wednesday of the month is at the Wauwatosa library in the Commons area. There is a blood pressure the 3rd Thursday of the month at Hart Park. Both clinics are from 10 am to 11 am.

3. Environmental Health and Preparedness

[26-0294](#)

EH by the numbers - WHD had 5 rabies exposures, 20 nuisance complaints, 3 human health hazards, and 7 new licensed establishments. Bats have been active. We had no heat calls and some coyote and turkey calls. Three human health hazards involving hoarding. The new establishments are Nordstrom Marketplace, Zen Ramen, 3 short term rentals, Cuppa Tosa moved to a new location, and Plant moved to Bluemound Rd. Between October to December, 131 inspections were completed.

2025 radon program results - 8 test results were higher and have been sent to Waukesha County. 36 homes were tested.

Emergency Preparedness updates - Meg attended a radiological event. Community Reception workshop. There is a foodborne outbreak tabletop. Some staff will be attending the enteric outbreak exercise.

4. Community Health

[26-0295](#)

By the numbers - We had 640 vending machine transactions. The vending machine harm reduction products include COVID tests, hand warmers, socks, etc. We had 25 attendees for the cooking class with Amberlea Childs, and a second cooking class is on Thursday. The Community Health team hosted 4 community events, and 8 Tosa Tech time sessions, with 37 people served. We also served 184 people with our Senior Planet courses.

Housing Week Recap - The tour is on hold. We will re-start it in April and we are meeting with Ashlyn. Men's Shed Grant updates - We received 20k in 2026 and we'll receive another 20k for the Men's Shed. The Men's Shed will foster social connection among older men. The kickoff was held in January and another session is on February 18th. The participants are interested in woodworking and a teacher at

*Tosa East may host. (potential partnership with the School District)
Community Health Survey update - We are emailing the surveys out through Qualtrix. We also have a paper version for the Senior Center, library, QR code, word of mouth, and asking our networks, too.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning [26-0297](#)

*Strategic Plan update - The 2023-2025 strategic plan wrapped up. We are now formulating the 2026-2028 plan. Instead of using an outside consultant, we will be using a Health Department Steering Committee, along with technical assistance from the DHS office. The planning process will include the following:
Staff survey
Environmental scan
SOAR analysis
Priority areas - creating goals and objectives
Action plan*

2. Board member updates [26-0298](#)

This is a section for Board of Health members to share ideas and information. A Black History event is for next week.

3. Advocacy opportunities [26-0299](#)

*There are advocacy opportunities regarding the following items:
Assembly Bill 410 and Senate Bill 410 - funding for falls prevention initiatives
Assembly Bill 177 - sales tax exemption for diapers and feminine hygiene products
Senate Bill 192 - establish fatality review teams under state law*

*As a local government, we are unable to lobby, but we can provide educational information. The Board of Health can advocate via a letter, if they wish to do so.
Laura thanked Aletha Champine for serving as a board member and supporting the Wauwatosa Health Department's initiatives. Today is Aletha's last day on the Board of Health.*

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026 at 8:00 am.

Future items to be discussed include the Strategic Plan, Division updates, and the Community Health Assessment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 am.

This was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Christine Shaw
SECONDER: Jennifer Cicero