WALHDAB 2013 Health Officer of the Year
Sally Nusslock
Health Commissioner, West Allis Health Department

Sally has worked at the West Allis Health Department for 22 years, starting in 1991 as a Public Health Nurse. She was promoted to Assistant Director of Nursing in 1995 and Director in 2002. In September 2011 Sally became the Acting Health Commissioner and in 2012, Health Commissioner of the West Allis Health Department, which encompasses the West Allis Senior Center and Public Health Services for the Village of West Milwaukee.

Sally has consistently sought out opportunities to advance her public health education. She was selected as one of 30 individuals to pilot UNC’s online Core Public Health Concepts Certificate Program and was one of three that successfully completed the program in the one-year time frame. Sally was one of the first in the Midwest to complete UNC’s Management Academy in Chapel Hill, NC. She has also served as a Fellow and Mentor at the MidAmerican Public Health Leadership Institute in Illinois.

On a local level, Sally is the SE WAHLDBAB rep for the Joint WPHA-WALHDAB Public Affairs Committee. She has served on the WPHA Board, Membership and Annual Conference Committees and is currently on the Awards Committee. She has been on the annual PHN conference planning committee for 11 years and has also served on various State committees. When Terry Brandenburg retired from the West Allis Health Department, Sally, being an organized, analytical computer guru, enthusiastically took the lead in preparing the staff, Board of Health, City Mayor, City Administrator, Common Council and community partners for the many tasks required to achieve National Public Health Accreditation.

She was able to keep lines of communication open among all key individuals while carrying out her new role as Health Commissioner as well as maintaining everyone’s enthusiasm focusing on attaining Accreditation. She consistently provided Accreditation, CHAP, CHIP and Strategic Planning training and alerted Board of Health members with updates on the Accreditation process.

Sally was nominated to receive the 2013 WALHDAB Health Officer of the Year award for her outstanding efforts in leading the West Allis Health Department to be recognized by the PHAB as a high performing Public Health Department.