Julie Willems Van Dijk was appointed interim state health officer for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health on November 6, 2020.

She most recently served as the Director of County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, a national collaboration between the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, providing data, evidence, and guidance to over 3,000 counties who are building a culture of health. Prior to joining the Institute, she was the Marathon County Public Health Officer and served on the boards of Aspirus Wausau Hospital and Bridge Community Health Clinic, and as an elected member of the Wausau School District Board of Education. Willems Van Dijk earned a PhD in nursing from the University of WI-Milwaukee and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.