

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
FEBRUARY 13, 2012  
No Quorum – Information Only**

**Members Present:**

Dr. James C. Foster, M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chairman  
John O'Day, County Board Supervisor  
Linda Weiss, RN, FNP  
Dr. Mary Sue Lux, DVM

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.  
Dr. James Santarelli, M.D.  
Rita Kadamian, RN, FNP  
Mark Modory  
Jeanne Sanchez-Bell

**Others Present:**

Cynthia Johnson, Health Officer/Director  
Gwen Perry-Brye, MSN, NPC  
Diane Bosovich, Assistant Director of Nursing  
Lisa Mueller, RN, BSN  
Debbie Rueber, CHES, Health Services Coordinator  
Patricia Shumaker, Program Manager  
Sarah Milkie, Public Health Tech  
Karen Kersting, Sr. Office Associate

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Foster at 12:10 p.m.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Chairman Comments:** Nationally, positive influenza cases just starting. May start to see it pick up locally. Asked Cindy to update later on pertussis.

**Approval of Minutes  
Of January 9, 2012:** Postponed due to lack of quorum.

**Presentations:**

- a.) **Keeping Kids Alive-Child Death Review/Fetal Infant Mortality Review – Diane Bosovich, Nurse Manager**

Diane gave a Power Point presentation. For the Child Death Review (CDR), all deaths for children ages 1 mo. to 17 years of age are reviewed. Purpose of the review is aimed at improving system responses to child deaths, to seek an understanding in risk factors surrounding the death, and gives an opportunity for prevention to improve the health and safety of children.

The Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) focuses on healthy birth outcomes. It seeks to understand community issues

associated with health disparity, expose the differentials in infant mortality within the communities, educate and inform individuals, providers, the community, legislative and healthcare systems. The FIMR process includes case findings, multi-disciplinary case review, maternal interview, and recommendation for prevention and implementation of community-based interventions.

2012 plans:

- Linking CDR and FIMR through the KCDOH Keeping Kids Alive MCH contract.
- Developing and implementing a FIMR team in Kenosha County
- Identifying key risk factors within our community to decrease fetal infant mortality
- Recommending and implementing prevention strategies for a healthier Kenosha

By linking the two together, a focus on prevention and system change will be set in place. Data driven reviews by professional teams will be conducted. We will identify risk factors, develop evidence-based prevention strategies addressing real life.

The change will be implemented through partnership building with Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee, and Injury Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Some question and answer period.

**b.) HWPP: Suicide Prevention Grant Renewal – Debbie Rueber, CHES, Health Services Coordinator, Lisa Mueller, RN, BSN**

Debbie passed out copies of her Power Point presentation. Information covered in the presentation was total number of suicides in Kenosha County for the time period beginning in the year 2000 to 2011.

The Healthy Wisconsin Partnership Program grant goals and objectives for the next five years include:

1. Preventing access to methods of self harm with a focus on poisoning
2. Expansion of the coalition and formation of a Self-Harm and Death Analysis Review Team (SDART)
3. Increase identification, referral, and treatment of persons at risk for suicide and self-harm

The grant is for \$748, 267 for a five-year period. Debbie introduced Lisa. Lisa has been with the health department for 21 years, but is new to the project.

A brochure for permanent medicine collection sites was handed out. The sites have been in place since October. A fact sheet on poisonings is being formulated.

A \$10,000 Kubley grant was received. With that, 6,000 cable gunlocks were purchased.

Question, Persuade & Refer (QPR) training will be continued with a focus on cultural differences.

Self Harm Death Analysis Review Team (SDART) will be headed up by Lisa. Will be modeled after the Child Death Review Team, but looking at those 22 years of age and older.

Looking at forming a College Advisory Board to help connect them with the community. Working well with the emergency departments in the hospitals and will encourage that to continue.

Some question and answer period.

**c.) Healthy Homes Closeout Report – Pat Shumaker, Program Manager**

Pat handed out a one-page fact sheet. She explained that the grant is funded by HUD. It's purpose is to identify and remediate health hazards in housing, which contain environmental conditions that may contribute to a child's illness or risk of injury; and also identify and reduce the likelihood of slips, trips and falls for persons over the age of 65.

Remediation consists of education, supplies and possibly repair work. Assessments are free to Kenosha County owner-occupied or rental properties with permission from the landlord.

Units enrolled, assessed and remediated have exceeded our goals and we have maintained an outstanding rating from HUD every quarter we have been evaluated. Completion of the program is scheduled for April 12, 2012.

Question and answer period.

**Health Officer/Director's Report:**

Thanked colleagues for the wonderful presentations today.

- Lorette Mitchell, Corp. Counsel, has resigned to pursue private practice in another County. Someone will be assigned to us in the near future.
- The Environmental Manager position has been filled by Mark Melotik effective January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Interviewing to fill his vacated position.
- New Sanitarian Aide has been hired – Mark Meldgaard.
- Received laptops, software “Health Space” to be installed soon.
- Lab continues to validate the drug confirmation methods on the new equipment.
- Nursing -
  - Finalizing the contract approvals to initiate the Nurse Family Partnership Program. Hoping March-April to hire the staff:
    - Nurse Supervisor – Masters Prepared & Nurse Practitioner if possible
    - 4 nurses
- Stacey Wians is on leave.

- Working with Personnel to fill 2 Public Health Tech positions (1 nursing & 1 environmental)
- 1 Clerical position opened

**Corporation Counsel's Report:**

Not present.

**Other Business as Allowed  
by Law:**

None.

**Closing Board Comments:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by John O'Day. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.