

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.
Mark Modory
Jeanne Sanchez-Bell

Others Present:

Cynthia Johnson, Health Officer/Director
Diane Bosovich, Assistant Director of Nursing
Gwen Perry-Brye, MSN, NPC
Pamela Smith, MS, Lifecourse Program Coordinator
Evette Rowley, Lifecourse Administrative Assistant
Anna McCreery, HUD Project Coordinator
Pat Shumaker, MS, HUD Risk Assessor
Carlton Cowie, Laboratory Manager
Marcia Kelley, Lab Technician
Karen Kersting, Sr. Office Associate

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Schwimmer at 12:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes
Of January 10th, 2011:**

Dr. Mary Sue Lux motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by John O'Day. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Chairman Comments:

Dr. Schwimmer received information at his office regarding the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), designed to examine the health of the population and communities within Wisconsin. Cindy went on further to explain that it will target 1,150 participants ages 21-74 years old. It will involve an in-home interview seeking general medical information, a survey to be completed in private that asks more personal information, and a medical exam. Participants are then contacted annually by

telephone to assess the occurrences of a variety of health outcomes. Information will be linked to national death records, as well as, data about air and water quality, land use, smoking ordinances and other environmental information. The effort will allow scientists to better identify the state's health challenges and direct more resources to them. Once data is processed and de-identified, it will be made available as a public use database. The survey is funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program and is modeled after the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), which the CDC has been conducting for 50 years.

Dr. Schwimmer updated the board on flu. Activity is considered low in Wisconsin, but sporadic in neighboring States.

Presentations:

a.) LifeCourse Initiative for Healthy Families – Gwen Perry-Brye, MSN, NPC, and Pamela, LifeCourse Program Coordinator

Gwen started out by stating that a Program Coordinator is now on Board and they have been working diligently on planning. She then introduced Pam Smith and Evette Rowley.

Pam gave a Power Point Presentation, which included slides on the initiative's start, contact information for the Medicaid navigator, organizational chart, Kenosha demographics, infant mortality rates compared to neighboring cities, its framework, strategies, accomplishments to date, tasks, and timeline.

Pam invited any interested members to join them the 3rd Friday of the month or alternately 3rd Thursday evenings.

They are working on a needs assessment tool prescribed by the State for the communities to complete. With the last few steps taking a look at evidence-based programs that have been proven effective in addressing the initiatives.

One summit has been convened with another coming up in late Spring or early Summer and the end result is to develop a community action plan to address the initiative.

Dr. Schwimmer clarified that the program specifically targeted the African American community and wanted to know if we had statistics on how big the at-risk population was in Kenosha County and how it breaks down by age. Gwen will get that information for him.

b.) Healthy Homes – Pat Shumaker, HUD Risk Assessor

Pat handed out a one-page update. The 3 year grant was received in April of 2009. As of January 31, 2011, 118 units have enrolled, 102 assessments of those units have been completed, 71 units are complete, and the program is meeting or exceeding all HUD grant requirements.

Pat explained that Healthy Homes is open to any resident of Kenosha County. An environmental assessment or screening is done on the unit, such as air quality, testing for radon, looking for mold and general safety issues, as well as, testing for dust mites and roaches.

For the elderly, at-risk populations, they will look for slip, trip and fall hazards.

Remediation up to \$2,000 per property on such things as patching roofs, fixing leaky or clogged pipes, replacing faucets, installing new tub surrounds, bathroom exhaust vents, handrails, grab bars, etc. can be performed.

They are one of the founding members of the Kenosha/Racine Asthma Coalition, and are training providers for healthy homes trainees.

Some question and answer period.

c.) 2010 Lake Michigan Beach Testing Program – Carlton Cowie, Laboratory Manager

Carlton introduced himself and passed out a five-page handout. He stated that the program was implemented by the DNR ten years ago and is funded by a federal grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The lab tests 5 beaches locally from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Beach priority is based on population density and usage. All “high” priority beaches should be sampled at least four times per week. All “medium” priority beaches should be sampled at least two times per week. All “low” priority beaches should be sampled at least one time per week.

The City Parks Dept. collects the samples at knee depth, 6-12 inches below the surface of the water and record the date and time, water temperature, approximate wave height, wave direction, wind direction, air temperature, water appearance, and weather condition (sunny, cloudy, rainy, etc.)

Based on E. coli counts, Parks Department employees post the appropriate signage at the beach. Results are entered in the Laboratory Management System and Wisconsin DNR website, as well as, the Kenosha County website.

Conditions that may affect the E. coli count in beach waters are rain events, wind and wave directions, number of birds present, amount of algae, cleanliness of the beach, and raw sewage dumping, with wind and rain being major factors.

Dr. Schwimmer thanked Carlton.

Health Officer/Director's Report: Cindy has a debriefing meeting with the County officials tomorrow on the "Blizzard of 2011," which was handled as a disaster through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

She informed the members that the department is working towards a public health national accreditation, which will be a two-year process. A self-assessment tool will be implemented internally this year.

The department has a few positions available, which include a public health nurse, a school nurse, and a sanitarian.

As far as influenza in the community goes, there are six hospitalized cases, two of which are children.

There are currently two active cases of TB. From these two cases, we have conducted 105 tests, 11 cases have been identified as latent cases and they are on DOT, 11 are pending chest x-ray results.

HPKC 2010 handout given. In April, the 2010 Annual Health Department Report will be available. In June, we hope to have the 2020 plan in full development.

Lastly, Cindy announced that Public Health Week is April 4th through the 9th.

A question posed by Dr. Foster regarding water testing in the city. Cindy and Carlton will research and get that information for him.

Corporation Counsel's Report: Not present.

Other Business as Allowed by Law: None.

Closing Board Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, April 11th, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted By

Nancy L. Reeves, Board of Health Secretary