

**Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health****Meeting Minutes: 2.08.22**

Microsoft Teams Virtual – 12:00 Noon

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Talking Points</b>	<b>Action Step (Who &amp; When)</b>
<b>Call to Order, President</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. <b>(00:00:04)</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Re-organizational &amp; Regular meetings</b>	Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 deferred to the October 11, 2022 in-person meeting. <b>(00:00:05)</b>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	None <b>(00:00:13)</b>	
<b>President's Comments</b>	Dr. Gerlach stated that hospitalizations and clinic visits are going down. Concern that there is a new variant in Europe (Denmark) like Omicron. <b>(00:00:22 – 00:01:15)</b>	
<b>New Food Code – Mark Melotik</b>	<p>Updating Chapter 16 Ordinance which regulates Food and Recreational Facilities. Hasn't been updated for the past 4 years as were waiting on code changes at the state level. The Environmental section regulates 1,000 facilities for food and recreation. Biggest change was taking "restaurant" out of the food code. They are now called retail food establishments that serve a meal. Grocery stores are included in this. Soup kitchens are exempt. The language in our ordinance needs to match our Administrative Code. Benefits to removing the word "restaurant" are now restaurants can wholesale up to 25% of their sales. Previously they needed a special license to do so. This also allowed us to clean up the language, show more transparency, and point the public to our website. Our fee schedules for all programs and applications have been posted on our website and can be printed off. Religious group/nonprofits are allowed 12 free days per year serving non-meal items, i.e., bake sale, ice cream social, and 3 free days in selling a meal i.e., annual church festivals.</p> <p>Regulating Air B&amp;B's – looking at getting these licensed. Have 150 active rental units with only 35 licensed. "Swimlee" is a group that can rent back yard swimming pools. Per the state, we are not regulating this.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Mark Melotik. This Ordinance will go to the Human Services Committee for approval on March 1, 2022. <b>(00:01:19 – 00:11:53)</b></p>	
<b>Health Officer/Director's Report</b>	Lori Plahmer is reporting for Jen who was unable to attend today's meeting.	
<b>a. Brief Covid Update</b>	Numbers are trending in the right direction with hospitalizations down. Have seen a stark decrease in	

	<p>vaccines at our clinics. We have shifted our focus in accordance with the state. Now focusing on 3 categories: 1). DI positive cases for the 60 plus population, 2). Mobile Vaccine Clinics (outreach to businesses, churches, etc.), 3). Call Center</p> <p>We have completed our push for providing masks to the public. Will deliver to those with limited transportation. Masks are available at the Kenosha County Job Center, Twin Lakes Library, and the Community Library West of the I. To date we have distributed 400,000 masks. (00:11:58 – 00:21:26)</p>	
<b>Corporation Counsel's Report</b>	<p>John reported that he has been working on the relocation of the Job Center to Sun Plaza on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, which impacts the Health Department. The Public Works Committee approved the lease/purchase sale agreement last night. This is in the works and the move itself is slated for 2024. (00:21:29 – 00:24:14)</p>	
<b>Other Business as Allowed by Law</b>	None	
<b>Closing Board Comments</b>	None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Dominique Pritchett. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm. (00:24:31)</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director</p>	

**Present:** Dr. Diane Gerlach, Dr. James Foster, John Moyer, Roger Perez, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Dr. Rita Ventura, Mark Melotik, Karen Kersting

**Not Present:** Jen Freiheit (excused absence), John O'Day (unexcused)