

**Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health**

**Meeting Minutes: 4.12.22**

Microsoft Teams Virtual – 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
<p><b>Call to Order, President</b></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. <b>(00:00:02)</b></p>	
<p><b>Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Re-organizational &amp; Regular meetings, February 8, 2022, and March 8, 2022 meetings</b></p>	<p>Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022, February 8, 2022, and March 8, 2022 meetings deferred to the October 11, 2022 in-person meeting. <b>(00:00:06)</b></p>	
<p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>None <b>(00:00:17)</b></p>	
<p><b>President’s Comments</b></p>	<p>Dr. Gerlach introduced new Board of Health member Ola Baiyewu. Each member of the group introduced themselves. <b>(00:00:28 – 00:04:22)</b></p>	
<p><b>Health Officer/Director’s Report</b></p> <p><b>a. IGA with City of Kenosha</b></p>	<p>Tammy Capito, CFO Human Services, reported on recent changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Kenosha which involves changes to the city/county contract. In 1992, the city health department and the county health department merged into one to save costs. Fiscal does a cost allocation every year that charges city residents above and beyond what the tax gets charged to them for the services that they use. Last week the County Board approved phasing this out. Starting in 2023, the city will pay a lump sum of \$700,00 and this will go down \$100,000 each year until reaching zero in 2029 Once at zero, the city will no longer pay for the county health department. It will be part of tax levy.</p> <p>Moving forward, Jen would like to further develop communication structure with the city as the majority of the people we serve are from the city.</p> <p>Jen reported that Covid numbers remain extremely low. Expect a possible bump in numbers post spring break. Recommendations for this summer are that outdoor activities are best as well as good Covid practices.</p> <p>Have started providing 4<sup>th</sup> booster doses for those 50+ immune compromised. Recommendation is 5 months between 1<sup>st</sup> booster to the next. The community has been coming to the health department for this.</p> <p>Jen gave a background overview for Ola about how the Board of Health functioned in the past and her current vision of this board being an involved advisory group. Asked the group if they would like to hear a report out on the following topics:</p>	<p>Karen will send out a survey on this</p>

- Short term goals
- Long term goals (1+ years)
- Annual report
- Medial releases
- Building move
- Personnel policies
- Health Officer evaluation
- Vacancies

Seeking input from the group on what they would like to focus on during our one-hour meeting:

Ola stated that he shares our Facebook page with his network so that they can stay abreast of what the health department does.

Julia Robinson would like the Board of Health meetings to be discussions vs. listening to reports. Would prefer PowerPoints, reports, etc. emailed out ahead of time. This reading can be done before the meeting.

Roger Perez is concerned about what we can do to help the new Hispanic population coming to Kenosha.

The county is going through a wage study. We have spent a significant amount of time updating job descriptions.

Schools reaching out to us as they are seeing an increase in vaping. One of the high schools reached their hundredth case. Would like us to partner with them on addressing this issue.

The health department has had a “huge win” with the Kenosha County Detention Center. We will now be able to distribute Narcan to every inmate upon release. We are moving forward with training police officers on Narcan.

Our 2021 Annual Report is almost complete. This will be on the October Agenda for approval.

Working with architects on our new building slated with a move in date of 2024. Drawings were submitted to the architects. Blueprints should come to us by the end of this month. Our Executive Team recently toured Kenosha Human Development Services to learn of their programs/services as well as see their layout.

Meetings have begun with our consultant for the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The Board of Health

The health dept. has pamphlets/folders that can be distributed

Going forward will include a standing item on Equity

	<p>will be asked to attend higher level meetings regarding this. Will discuss this further at our next meeting.</p> <p>Looking to hire a GIS intern to help our Epidemiologist look at mapping for all our programs. Working toward an internal dashboard for performance measurement and improvement with the goal of an external dashboard for all our programs and services down the road.</p> <p>Our Asthma Program has sent out letters to all students in KUSD to garner more help for asthma numbers. We are one of the higher counties in the state with asthma rates. The state funders have changed the program to fee for service.</p> <p>Our Environmental section now inspects all tourist rooming houses (TRH). This is a collaborate with the Kenosha Visitor's Bureau. Holding a food handlers' class in June.</p> <p>Our Home Visitation Program has gone through a rebranding and is now referred to as Bright Family Beginnings. In addition, our HUD program is in the process of rebranding to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.</p> <p>Samantha Kerkman has been elected as our New County Executive. John Jansen, Director of Human Services has met with her to represent each of our divisions top 3-5 priorities for the next year. Open to a meet and greet with the new County Executive and County Board members. Suggestion was made to meet with the Aldermen as well and it is important to have two separate meetings. <b>(00:04:38 – 00:40:56)</b></p>	
<b>Corporation Counsel's Report</b>	<p>John reported that there is nothing in the statute requiring our Annual Report to be approved. <b>(00:41:00 – 00:42:24)</b></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 Julia Robinson. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm. <b>(00:42:47)</b></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, Olatoye Baiyewu, Jen Freiheit, John Moyer, Roger Perez, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Karen Kersting, Tammy Capito

**Not Present:** Dr. James Foster (excused absence), John O'Day (excused absence) Kenny Harper (unexcused), Dr. Rita Ventura (unexcused)