# **Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health Meeting Minutes: 5.10.22**Microsoft Teams Virtual – 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, President	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. (00:00:04)	
Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Re- organizational & Regular meetings, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, and April 12, 2022 meetings	Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, and April 12, 2022 meetings deferred to the October 11, 2022 in-person meeting. (00:00:08)	
<b>Public Comments</b>	None (00:00:14)	
<b>President's Comments</b>	Dr. Gerlach reported that she is seeing influenza cases. Encouraged members to read the KCPH Annual report and County Health Rankings Report that was emailed out. (00:00:58 – 00:01:36)	
Health Officer/Director's Report	Substance Use Prevention	
a. Substance Use Prevention b. PACE campaign c. Covid Update d. Title X Update	The Substance Use Prevention Team (Jennifer Fell, Ingrid Liacopoulous) is reporting to our meeting and seeks input/advice as we move forward with the Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) that will go before the County Board on June 7th.  Jennifer Fell, Public Health Supervisor, has been fully staffed since February 18, 2022. To date they have conducted 315 Narcan trainings with over 400 Narcan kits dispensed. Trainings conducted have reached churches, bar/restaurants, Universities, libraries, local law enforcement, etc. They have just been approved to provide Narcan trainings to the incarcerated population daily through Facility Rules and upon their release, inmates will be offered Narcan along with other community resources. Within the week, they will be able to offer and English/Spanish Narcan training videos along with and English/Spanish information sheets.	
	<ul> <li>2000 fentanyl test trips for harm reduction have been ordered and are available at our clinic.</li> <li>Participated in "Drug Take Back Day" at 5 different locations providing over 40 trainings and distributing 44 kits.</li> </ul>	
D 1.65	To determine what their model will look like from an evidence-based perspective, they have done extensive research on 8 different US models and will mimic theirs on Sauk County's as they have a public health	

model.

Highlights of the KORI mobile response moving forward – plans similar to Sauk's public health model where KCPH:

- o Provides program implementation and oversight
- o Conducts data collection and reporting
- o Navigates pitfalls/struggles
- o Debriefs with EMS/Peer Support team to coordinate outreach calls
- o Package Narcan and Fentanyl test strips for a leave behind program
- o Dispatch team to Emergency Department during business hour events
- o Once well established, bring additional EMS/Fire Department onboard
  - Conduct all new team trainings/expectation/etc.
- o Resolve conflicts between entities if they arise
- o Conduct quality improvement analysis

This will be put in a proposal for the County Board of Supervisors in June.

#### **PACE Campaign**

Liane Blanck reported that this campaign is built around adverse child experiences and positive childhood experiences (pacekenosha.org). Yard signs, stickers, t-shirts, billboards, etc. are available. Worked with a local marketing group, Westwords Consulting, to develop this campaign. Would like people to take their ACE score and see if they have positive experiences and influences in their lives. Billboards have been up in the community since March 7, and on social media. If you have a community organization that would like a yard sign, we have these.

Dr. Pritchett voiced concerns regarding taking the ACE score with caution. Can be triggering and traumatic for some people. Wondering how culturally sensitive and trauma informed this is? When someone gets their score, what do they do with it and are there people in place that can help them and their cultural needs based on that score? Are there plans to bring in more people of color to the conversation? The Equity Task Force was involved in this initiative. Moving forward there is room to relook at this and adjust. Kenny Harper voiced concerns about people getting their scores and not having follow up resources.

Liane, Jen, and Dr. Pritchett to discuss further revisions to this campaign.

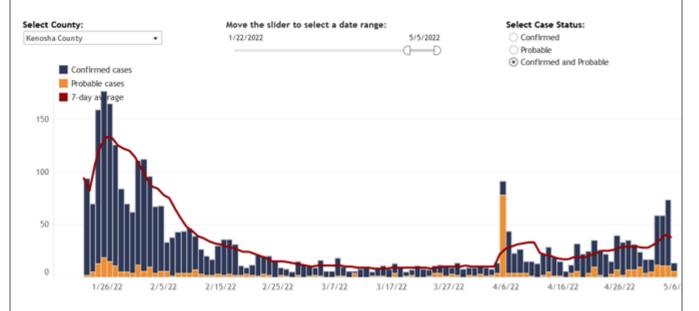
## **COVID Update**

It appears likely we'll hit the 'medium' (yellow) CDC Community Level later this week.

- Cases are up to 179 per 100k per last 7 days as of Saturday, up from the ~100-120 per 100k range last week. If we hit 200 per 100k we go to yellow.

- Hospitalization admissions are up to 7.4 per 100k per 7 days as of Friday, up from 4.6 last Thursday. If we hit 10 per 100k we go to yellow regardless of case levels.
- As of latest data there were 10 COVID patients currently hospitalized in AMCK/Froedtert South. This is up from the 3-6 range last week.

Graph below is from DHS, cases have steadily risen over the last four weeks. (Not sure what the blip at 4/6/22 is about. May be due to increased testing during spring break travel.)



People with immunocompromised conditions should be more cautious and those over 50 should get 2<sup>nd</sup> booster. We will continue to send out the bi-weekly sit reps.

### **DI Covid Team**

In the past, we maintained a large DI staff to disease investigate and contact trace that was mandated by state statute. Since the State Medical Officer alleviated our need to disease investigate and contract trace everyone, we currently have 8-10 temporary staff/part time. These staff are moving priorities toward vaccination, education, and mobile vaccine clinics.

Question as to whether we are equipped with PPE, etc. We distributed 400,000 masks in January. There is potential for the state to distribute again. PPE for hospitals and long-term care facilities have been stocking up. Public health will continue vaccinating, educating, and putting out information to the public.

Dr. Gerlach stated that there is no shortage issue of PPE, but multiple medication and needle shortages along with a nationwide shortage for IV contrast.

KUSD continues to report their numbers and cases on their website.

#### Miscellaneous

Everyone was sent the County Health Rankings which come out each spring. This is a quick snapshot that we combine into our total Community Health Assessment Data. While our numbers looked to be better in some areas, it was because other counties got worse. Next month, we will have the Community Health Assessment for your review. Dr. Gerlach was very surprised at the access to care ratios as both health systems have been adding on many primary care providers over the past few years.

Jen to have our epi look more into the Access to Care data.

May 11 is our Food Handler's Class. This is for people cooking at various events during the summer, so they are trained on proper food handling safety. Free class at the Job Center.

The Annual Report was also sent out. We by design make it a quick snapshot of all that we have done in the past year. This is required by state statue every year.

A survey was emailed out so that we can assess that this is the best time for the group to meet monthly.

Please fill out the survey Karen emailed out

The Health Department participated in a Human Trafficking training on May 4<sup>th</sup>. As our teams are out in the community and in homes, we needed to make sure our staff is trained on what to look for and how to respond. Dr. Ventura reported that there is an anti-human trafficking coordinator with the Child Advocacy Center. She is a resource for the health department as well.

Title X funding was cut a little over \$49,000 per year. Looking into this and the potential effects - more to come.

Meet and Greet for new Co. Board Supervisors and Alderpersons. We have 2 dates and times. May 18 6-7 pm and May 20 5-6 pm. You will receive an invitation. This will be at the Job Center building with a quick tour of the clinic, la,b and then questions and answers.

Please attend one or both meet and greets

Equity is now a standing agenda item. The county has hired a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Specialist within the Human Resources Department, Kelsey Huebler. She will be meeting with our Executive Team this Thursday. Goal is that you are aware of what the health department is doing and to bring information for your input. We are developing an Equity Plan which will include our working

Equity plan will be shared with the board

	definition of equity and equity statistics.	
	Dr. Pritchett suggested having guided questions to foster stronger conversations regarding Equity. Jen will confer with our Equity Strategist on this.	
	The Secretary of Health is coming to the Kenosha County Center of May 19 at 1:00 pm. The board should have received an invitation to attend this. (00:01:40 – 00:46:54)	
<b>Corporation Counsel's Report</b>	Not in attendance (00:46:57)	
Other Business as Allowed by	None (00:47:18)	
Law		
<b>Closing Board Comments</b>	If you're interested in any of the yard signs, please contact Liane. Please try to attend at least one of the	
	meet and greets next week. (00:47:31)	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Gerlach. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm. (00:47:53)	
	Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary	
	Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director	

**Present**: Dr. Diane Gerlach, Olatoye Baiyewu, Liane Blanck, Jennifer Fell, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, Ingrid Liacopoulous, Amanda Nedweski, John O'Day, Roger Perez, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Dr. Rita Ventura

**Not Present:** John Moyer