

**Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health****Meeting Minutes: 8.09.22**

Microsoft Teams Virtual – 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
<b>Call to Order, President</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Dr Diane Gerlach, President. <b>(00:00:02)</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Re-organizational &amp; Regular meetings, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, June 14, 2022, and July 12, 2022 meetings</b>	Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, June 12, 2022, and July 12, 2022 meetings deferred to the October 11, 2022 in-person meeting. <b>(00:00:05)</b>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	None <b>(00:00:11)</b>	
<b>President's Comments</b>	None <b>(00:00:21)</b>	
<b>Health Officer/Director's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Equity</b></li><li>• <b>Asthma Grant – Tessa Kohler</b></li></ul>	<p>The County Executive receives monthly reports from the Health Department. These will be sent to the Board of Health for your review prior to each meeting. The highlights of the report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First case of Monkey Pox that our CD team is managing along with 4-5 active TB cases and 45 new lead cases with a capillary and venous range of 5-9.</li><li>• 100% of our establishment licenses have come in earlier than ever before.</li><li>• Successfully brought on our new electronic medical record, Patagonia, that went live on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Still have several systems to interface between now and January.</li><li>• Next Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Uptown Health Fair from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at WIC, 2000 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. We have over 19 vendors and booths with giveaways, raffles, music, etc.</li><li>• Jen and Kirsten Gundersen presented last month at the NACCHO conference (National Association of City and County Health Officials). The was very well received with over 80 people in attendance who had a great interest in what Kenosha County is doing with regards to equity.</li></ul> <p>Questions: If there is a suspected case of monkey pox, you can refer it to us for swabbing. Infographics on monkey pox? We're waiting for our first case, we don't have vaccine for the</p>	

	<p>general population yet, but we are working on messaging when we do get the vaccine.</p> <p>What are we doing for staff burnout? We offer employees flexibility, comp time, EAP, encourage taking PTO, social committee events, etc.</p> <p>Our CHA (Community Health Assessment) should be online in the next 2 weeks. Looking for your help promoting this when the assessment goes live. Had our first Health Advisory Council Community Focus Group on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Focus group questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does a healthy community look like?</li> <li>2. In order to create a healthy community, what need to change?</li> <li>3. What changes would you expect to see in the next year to show we are heading in the right direction?</li> </ol> <p>Asked the group for their feedback on what a thriving Kenosha County looks like in addition to the barriers in the way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to healthy foods, forms of exercise, dental care, medical, mental health, transportation, etc.</li> <li>• Affordability and education</li> <li>• Trust – how do we build trust in government and health care?</li> <li>• Representation, diversity, and equitable opportunities to access providers</li> </ul> <p>Forming relationships in the community to build trust, better hiring practices, acknowledging where organizations have “missed the mark,” looking at a model where everyone is included, looking at the acuity of the care. Focus on producing collective impact.</p> <p><b>Asthma Grant</b>  Tessa Kohler, Public Health Strategist gave a power point presentation (see attached) on our Asthma Program. Asthma is an important public health issue at the National, State and Local level. 25 million people in the United States are diagnosed with asthma – 1 in 10 children diagnosed costing \$85 billion annually. <b>(00:00:32– 00:59:50)</b>  Tessa Kohler  <a href="mailto:Tessa.kohler@kenoshacounty.org">Tessa.kohler@kenoshacounty.org</a>  <a href="mailto:asthma@kenoshacounty.org">asthma@kenoshacounty.org</a>  262-909-3917</p>	Power Point presentation will be sent to BOH members
<b>Corporation Counsel’s Report</b>	John Moyer not present <b>(01:00:14)</b>	
<b>Other Business as Allowed by Law</b>	Are there any increases in the fee structure in the budget? No <b>(01:00:23)</b>	

<b>Closing Board Comments</b>	None <b>(01:00:48)</b>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Julia Robinson, seconded by John O'Day. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director <b>(01:00:55)</b></p>	

**Present:** Olatoye Baiyewu, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, Tessa Kohler, John O'Day, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Dr. Rita Ventura

**Not Present:** John Moyer (Excused)