

Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health

Meeting Minutes: Regular 2.14.23

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. (00:00:03)	
Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings	Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings deferred until October 10, 2023 in-person meeting. (00:00:22)	
Public Comments	None	
President’s Comments	None	
Health Officer/Director’s Report a. Monthly Highlights 1. Pediatrician Lead Draws - Gillian Redmond	<p>Per the County Executive’s January monthly report that everyone should have received, the Community Health Assessment (CHA) focus groups have wrapped up. You will receive a “draft” of these results to review before the May 9th meeting when we will ask for your approval of the CHA report. On May 17th, there will be a Health Advisory Council (HAC) meeting with 100+ people coming together from 2-4 pm at the Kenosha County Center. This meeting begins the process of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and choosing priorities for the next 3 years. One of the top health concerns that arose in the CHA data is housing – showing how important the social determinants of health are in our public health work.</p> <p>The 2022 Annual Report is being developed and will be completed the first week of March.</p> <p>KCPH received an additional \$35,000 as part of our Asthma Grant to help sustain that program.</p> <p>The KORI team has Narcan trained 75 Kenosha Unified School District Staff and 144 Kenosha Police Department staff. 70 police department staff have been trained by video and all began carrying Narcan on February 9, 2023. Several more trainings will occur at KUSD to continue to train many staff.</p> <p>The Environmental Health unit is going through a standardization process to conduct inspections more efficiently. This has been a year long process that will start to be implemented this year.</p> <p>Pediatrician Lead Draws – Gillian Redmond, Public Health Supervisor - Communicable Disease</p> <p>Many providers in Kenosha County are still only using capillary for lead testing. Internal discussions have taken place on how we can better take care of our community. The health department clinic leans</p>	BOH members will receive a draft of Community Health Assessment results prior to the May 9, 2023 Meeting

	<p>towards venous testing with capillary done on mobile missions. Would like the board’s input on venous vs capillary and what unified messaging the Board of Health would like to send to the community and pediatricians regarding the preferred method of testing. Misunderstanding in community amongst providers about the value of results. The CDC recommends taking interventions for the 3.5 value or higher which is what KCPH follows. Many providers still follow the outdated 5 value before providing intervention.</p> <p>Gillian shared data and perspectives. Kenosha County has significantly higher capillary draws vs venous draws. From 02.01.22- 02.01.23, out of 2,219 tests – 79% were capillary and 21% venous. We recommend a re-draw at a level of 3.5 or higher. If levels are 5 or higher, most providers bring patients in for a re-test. In Kenosha, Aurora and Froedtert only test for venous.</p> <p>We have a consolidated contract in the WI DHS state statutes which requires us to take a more comprehensive intervention at levels of 10 or higher with our Environmental and Clinical teams. We arrange home visits, perform ASQ’s, provide nursing education and teachings. Our Environmental team performs a risk assessment and enrolls the home for lead abatement.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on what our messaging should be. Should we be doing outreach with providers and advocate for more venous testing? Question regarding time frame to get people in for venous re-test. Transportation barriers, time off work, cost, etc. can be barriers to get children back. Suggestion to target family practice providers, add a “For Providers” area on our website, and provide lead safe home brochures to providers. (00:00:56 – 00:43:35)</p>	
Corporation Counsel’s Report	<p>John Moyer reported that the mental health contract with Lake County Behavioral has a committee meeting on March 1st. The County Board will also visit the issue in early March. The Department of Justice has made progress looking at the mutual aid agreement with Lake and Kenosha counties.</p> <p>Moving forward Jen Phan will be representing Corporation Counsel at the Board of Health meetings with John filling in and acting as a backup. (00:43:38 – 00:48:08)</p>	<p>Karen will send all BOH notices to Jen Phan</p>
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None	
Closing Board Comments	None	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by John O’Day, seconded by Olatoye Baiyewu. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm. (00:48:25)</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director</p>	

Present: Olatoye Baiyewu, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, John Moyer, John O'Day, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Gillian Redmond, Julia Robinson, Tami Rongstad, Rita Ventura