

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 10, 2011**

Members Present:

Dr. Steven Schwimmer, D.O., Chairman
Dr. James C. Foster, M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chairman
John O'Day, County Board Supervisor
Linda Weiss, RN, FNP
Mark Modory

Members Absent:

Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.
Rita Kadamian, RN, FNP
Dr. Mary Sue Lux, DVM
Jeanne Sanchez-Bell

Others Present:

Cynthia Johnson, Health Officer/Director
Diane Bosovich, Assistant Director of Nursing
Anna McCreery, HUD Project Coordinator
Lorette Mitchell, Corporation Counsel
Kara LaChapelle, RN, BSN
Brad Wozniak, Public Health Sanitarian
Michael Gorman, Public Health Sanitarian
Lisa Mueller, RN, BSN
Joseph Cardamone, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Nancy Reeves, Sr. Office Associate, Board of Health Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Schwimmer at 12:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes
Of November 8th, 2010:**

John O'Day motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Linda Weiss. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Chairman Comments:

Dr. Schwimmer wished everyone a Happy New Year. Flu activity is starting. "Everyone should get their flu shot."

Presentations:

a.) Seal-A-Smile Program – Kara LaChapelle, RN, BSN

Kara introduced herself. Kara gave a Power Point presentation and covered program outcomes, contract deliverable (evidence), goals, and objectives. She gave statistics on number of children assessed, varnishes applied, and number of referrals to dentists for follow up.

Some other program activities included the addition of oral health brochures and varnish handouts to baby packets. Letters were sent to Early Head Start parents and “A Child’s Place” daycare. Oral health and varnish information was passed out at local health fairs and back-to-school events, as well as, holding special clinics throughout the community.

Kara explained the grant itself, including requirements needed to participate in the program and results. For 2011, the department will collaborate with the Kenosha Community Health Center dental hygienists and dental assistants to provide oral health screenings and dental sealants for students at qualifying schools. The plan is to expand the number of qualifying schools to 10. The targeted outcome is to screen 60% of the 1,605 students in the 10 schools or 963 students, and it is estimated that 80% of those students or 770 will need sealants.

Question and answer period. Dr. Schwimmer would like to know how many kids are not reached, in the appropriate age level, that should but do not receive the sealants after this program. Diane explained that this is our first year with the program year. He then asked for rough estimates for the State. Diane will check into that.

b.) Radon Update – Mike Gorman, BS, RS & Brad Wozniak, AS, RS

Brad introduced Mike and himself. He gave a Power Point presentation, as well. The number one item that he wanted to point out in the update for 2011 is that the State is having KCDOH focus attention on builders and realtors. Brad explained what radon is, how it’s measured and what levels are considered to be unsafe. The EPA has put the emphasis on the fact that radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

The slides illustrated how radon enters the home and designs of radon systems being installed locally. Brad explained how testing is the only way to determine if you are at risk, and the factors which influence levels.

Test kits and information center activities were given. The presentation also included a slide on granite countertops and explained that, at this time, the EPA does not believe sufficient data exists to conclude that granite countertops significantly contribute to indoor radon levels.

In conclusion, Brad showed a GIS map with Kenosha County test results from 2005 – 2009 and a slide giving information on the Healthy Homes Initiative.

Question and answer period. Dr. Schwimmer asked whether or not there was any data available about workplace radon exposure. To which, Brad stated there is only data on school testing and it's showing that the HVAC turns over the air so much that the air is being exhausted so fast there is no radon problem.

Dr. Schwimmer also asked what the correlation between radon Levels and the risk of lung cancer is. Brad would look into that.

In regards to radon reduction measures, Dr. Schwimmer wanted to know the percentage in radon reduction in the property. Brad said in upwards of 90%.

c.) Breastfeeding Friendly Health Dept. – Lisa Mueller, RN, BSN

Lisa introduced herself. She gave a Power Point presentation. Her presentation explained how the initiative was developed and why. Ten steps must be completed in order to become “breastfeeding friendly.” KCDOH completed four steps in 2008, three in 2009, and three in 2010.

Step 1 - establishing a designated individual or group responsible in achieving the status.

Step 2 – writing a breastfeeding policy that is routinely communicated to all staff.

Step 3 – training all staff to support breastfeeding.

Step 4 – informing pregnant women and their families about the benefits and management of breastfeeding by offering monthly breastfeeding classes.

Step 5 – supporting mothers in establishing and maintaining exclusive breastfeeding to six months.

Step 6 – encouraging sustained breastfeeding beyond six months with appropriate introduction of complementary foods.

Step 7 – providing a breastfeeding friendly environment for families.

Step 8 – selecting a different business each year and providing worksite lactation support training.

Step 9 – training two local childcare centers each year on how to support a breastfeeding mother.

Step 10 – coordinating breastfeeding support and promotion with other programs in the department, private and public health care systems, community organizations, and local breastfeeding coalitions.

Question and answer period. Dr. Schwimmer asked if anything was being done as far as screening for medications that are appropriate for breastfeeding women. Lisa stated it was not part of the program. When Lisa meets next with the coalition she can mention his concerns.

Health Officer/Director's Report:

- Cindy held small group meetings to discuss staff concerns or initiatives to take on within the health department.
- Some ten hour shifts have been initiated for nursing and laboratory staff.
- There has been an increase in childhood immunizations and influenza vaccines since last year.
- The Nurse of the Day clinic has extended hours, the Job Center location will be open from 8 am to 5 pm with the first Thursday of the month til 6 pm. The Kenosha County Center will be open Mondays 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4:30 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 8 am to 12 pm.
- The Family Planning Waiver is now open to men.
- Saw an increase in Norovirus outbreaks.
- There has been an increase in Pertussis testing in Kenosha and are continuing our whooping cough campaign.
- We continue to directly observe therapy with one active TB case.
- We started the "Giving Closet" which provides infant clothes or diapers for families in need.
- Carlton Cowie has rejoined our laboratory as Lab Manager, and extended their hours of operation from 7 am to 6 pm.
- Environmental is preparing for a future retirement.
- HUD and Healthy Homes Program continues to be a national leader in meeting benchmarks.

Corporation Counsel's Report:

Nothing to report. Lorette introduced Joe Cardamone, Sr. Assistant, Corporation Counsel.

Other Business as Allowed by Law:

None.

Closing Board Comments:

Dr. Schwimmer gave a flu update. He mentioned that there is H3N2 & H1N1 in the area. It hasn't quite taken off but seems to be rising. Still very sporadic.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn by John O'Day. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 01:10 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, February 14th, 2011.