

Board of Health: Kenosha County Division of Health

Reorganizational Meeting Minutes: 01.13.20

Job Center, S10; 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Chairman	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Dr. Gerlach, Chairman.	
Election of Officers a. Chairman b. Vice-Chairman	Nomination for Chairman of Dr. Diane Gerlach by Mark Modory, seconded by Julia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Nomination for Vice-Chairman of John O'Day by Mark Modory, seconded by Dr. Foster. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Appointments a. Secretary – Karen Kersting	Motion to appoint Karen Kersting as Secretary by John O'Day, seconded by Julia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule (see attached)	Motion to approve 2020 Meeting schedule by Julia Robinson, seconded by Mark Modory. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn Re-Organizational Meeting by Dr. Gerlach. Re-Organizational Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m. Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary. Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director	

Present: Dr. Diane Gerlach, John O'Day, Jen Freiheit, Julia Robinson, Mark Melotik, Dr. James Foster, Liane Blanck, Mark Modory, Dr. Mario Maritato, John Moyer, Rita Ventura

Absent: Dr. Regner-Hodge

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Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2019 & November 11, 2019	<p>Motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019 by John O'Day, seconded by Dr. Foster. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2019 by John O'Day, seconded by Dr. Foster. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
Public Comments	None	
Chairman's Comments	Dr. Gerlach would like to welcome Jen. We've adjusted the agenda for today's meeting so that we can get to know Jen and look at what we'd like to do on this committee moving forward.	
Corporation Counsel's Report	None	
Health Officer/Directors Report	<p>Jen thanked everyone for coming. Asked that we all introduce ourselves.</p> <p>Jen Freiheit– Started out as a high school health teacher. Has a Masters in Wellness Management. Worked as the Statewide Health Educator on Emergency Preparedness and Response at the State Health Department in Wisconsin and the Regional Coordinator of 14 local health departments. Received a Doctorate Degree at UW-M in Administrator Leadership while doing a consulting business on the side. Worked at the City of Milwaukee Health Department for just under a year when the opportunity in Kenosha came up.</p> <p>Julia Robinson – Was a Pre-Med/Pre-Psych major in college. Worked as an EMT in the Emergency Room. Has a Masters in Psychiatric Social Work, worked with domestic violence, sexual abuse, traumatic brain injury at the VA, homeless, chemically dependent, mentally ill. Clinical Director of Psych Department for Alexian Brothers Psych System. An alderman in Kenosha for 10 years as she wanted her community to have a voice. Currently in a personal training business (Kenosha Hospital).</p> <p>Dr. Diane Gerlach – Has worked at Aurora for 23 years. Worked on different projects with the Health Department for several years, spent 10 years at the Kenosha Community Health Center seeing patients, did a year of Administration at KCHC as interim, currently doing chart review there. Believes in getting involved in community.</p>	

John O'Day – County Board Supervisor, currently Vice Chair. Became member of Board of Health in 1996. Worked in materials management and since 1984 has worked in Real Estate Sales. On Brookside Care Center Board, was Human Services Committee Chair and is currently on the Finance Committee. He likes to see work being done at the committee level.

Dr. James Foster – Worked 10 years in Pediatrics. Received Master of Public Health in Preventive Medicine/Occupational Medicine. Spent the last 30 years running United Occupational Medicine. Currently working part time.

Dr. Mario Maritato – General dentist in Kenosha. Undergrad at Parkside and Grad School at Marquette. Practicing here for 25 plus years.

Rita Ventura – Did Undergrad and Doctorate at Marquette and Master's UW-M. Works in Child Advocacy at Children's Hospital for the past 18 years evaluating children who are potential victims of abuse and neglect. Also has a clinic in Racine while sometimes helping in Walworth.

John Moyer – Went to Marquette for Undergrad as an English Major and then UW for law school. Spent 25 years in criminal defense at Public Defenders office. 8 years with the county and the Health Department is one of the departments that he advises.

Mark Melotik – Has spent 31 years in Environmental Health. Has seen tremendous growth in the community.

Mark Modory – Graduated in Police Science at Gateway. Worked in loss prevention at Kmart. City alderman in 1990 then switched to the County Board. Likes being a community activist. A few of the committees he's been a part of are the Mental Health AODA Committee, Joint Services Board, Chairman of the Kenosha County Dog Parks Committee, Board of Directors for the Shalom Center and now works there part time. Enjoys working with homeless population.

Karen Kersting – Has worked for Kenosha County almost 21 years. Started out in Child Support, Aging, and then came to Health.

Liane Blanck – From Wadsworth, IL. Has worked at the Health Department for 2 ½ years. Started as a

	<p>Health Educator 26 years ago in Public Health. Worked at the Lake County Health Department for 20 years. Received her Master's degree in Non-Profit Management. Her passion is Substance Abuse Prevention.</p> <p>Vision – Public Health is on the cusp of moving more towards Social Determinants of Health/Health Equity/Mental Health. Health Departments around the country are focusing on population health. First big project is service issue. Are we providing the right services, to the right people, in the right locations? What are our gaps? Amassing a future work plan. What can the future of the Health Department look like?</p> <p>Jen has worked with many boards of health and is interested in your input and opinions. Would like to propose limiting presentations and have this meeting be more of a dialogue. What would you like to see from this Board of Health?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer presentations • Would like to see some of the challenges the Health Department is facing • Would like to make suggestions for improvements • Would like to see presentations if there is a new program or possibly an overview once a year of what programs are available • Consensus was that a one-hour meeting over the lunch hour works best for everyone. Will send out a doodle poll regarding best day of the week. • Have agreed that to be more fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars, we will not provide lunch <p>It is time to reinvent the mission and vision of the Board separate from the Health Department. We are an advisory board and would like to see more input with the policy end of things, structure, rules and regs, and active memberships.</p> <p>Would like to meet again in February to continue this dialogue.</p> <p>If you have any questions/comments, please feel to contact Jen.</p>	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None	
Closing Board Comments	None	
Adjournment	<p>Julia Robinson entertained a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary. Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director</p>	

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