

Board of Health: Kenosha County Division of Health**Meeting Minutes: 01.12.21**

Virtual Webex Meeting, 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, President	The Re-Organizational meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Dr. Gerlach, President. Dr. Gerlach apologized for the late upload of the agenda onto the website. (00:00:04)	
Election of Officers a. President b. Vice-President	Nomination for President of Dr. Diane Gerlach by Dr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Rita Ventura. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Nomination for Vice-President of John O'Day by Dr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Rita Ventura. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:00:23)	
Appointments a. Secretary	Secretary Karen Kersting has been appointed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:01:36)	
Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule	Approved of 2021 meeting schedule, second Tuesday of each month. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:02:00)	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm (00:02:36)	
Call to Order, President	The Regular meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Dr. Gerlach, President. (00:02:41).	
Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2020	Motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020 by Julia Robinson, seconded by John O'Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:02:48)	
Public Comments	Community resident, Sue Grace Krokosz, expressed concerns that the Kenosha County Health website contained inaccuracies on the visual slide of three general categories that there was no pediatric vaccine available since the Pfizer vaccine is approved for 16 years and above. Would like this inaccuracy removed. Also, questioning where the multilingual documentation is because Kenosha County is 18% Hispanic. At this point we are still waiting for the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee to put out the specific regulations. They have only just put out the 1b specifics. They will specify that it is for ages 16 and above when they put out the 1c recommendations. We have not received official guidance and wording on this yet. We have a committee that is working on translating verbiage into Spanish. (00:03:16 – 00:08:40)	
President's Comments	As people are getting their vaccine, forward your picture to Jen so that it can be posted on our website. (00:08:43 – 00:09:15)	
Corporation Counsel's Report	None (00:09:17)	

<p>Health Officer/Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disease Investigation & Contact Tracing b. Testing c. Vaccination d. Other Public Health Services 	<p>Disease Investigation and Contact Tracing caseloads have gone down throughout December. Death curve is still too high. Preparing for another spike in February. Still in critical category. We are maintaining 100% disease investigation/contact tracing.</p> <p>The demand for testing is low, but it is still very much needed. The National Guard is now realigning their efforts toward vaccination, so we don't have them for testing. Modern Apothecary's last day is January 19. UW-Parkside's testing ends at the end of the month. Funding at the state level has decreased for the Fire Department and the Kenosha Community Health Center to remain in the testing game. Please check the Kenosha County HUB Website as this is updated daily.</p> <p>Police and Fire will be included in Phase 1a starting next Monday. This is for public facing police and fire after we get through most of our 1a population. Our county HUB website lists more partners that are coming on as vaccinators. We need to stress that we are only in 1a right now. Go to our website to register for the vaccine. There is a vaccine ticker there that shows percentage of Kenoshan's vaccinated based on place of residence. Under 3,000 have been vaccinated to date. For those that wish to volunteer, there is a link to WEAVR (Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry) on our website. The National Guard will be coming to Kenosha County to observe our vaccine clinic and learn from us. 70% of our EMT's are vaccinated. Questions as to why other states are ahead of us in vaccine phase. Its an issue of supply and demand. At the local level, we can only speak to the amount of vaccine that we receive. Some rural counties in Wisconsin have a smaller population and have their 1a population already vaccinated. We've been working with Aurora and Froedtert South and have sent out their registration link to all 1a providers. Primary care providers can sign up through the CDC to be Covid vaccine providers.</p> <p>The vaccine is very safe and effective. We have seen very little reaction to the first dose. After the 2nd dose, side effects seem to last for a maximum of 24-48 hours. If someone had Covid, they need to wait 3 months to get vaccine. It won't hurt them to get the vaccine, but they have 3 months of immunity and would like to give the vaccine to someone with no immunity.</p> <p>Our JIC and PIO are working on messaging, info graphic, FAQ's, videos on the vaccine.</p> <p>Several different planning efforts are going on to make sure we get 1b. There is much logistical coordination involved in this phase. We are still waiting for Federal funding for vaccine planning.</p> <p>We are hiring two new Public Health Strategists. One of the positions will be a full-time masters level person who will focus on health equity both internal and external. Our Board of Health By-Laws passed this past week. We will be following these moving forward. Will be filling the vacancy we have on the board. Working on obtaining a new electronic medial record. We're scoring top 3 vendors.</p>	
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	Our EBL's (elevated blood levels) have been high. Pediatricians should be testing blood lead levels before the age of 3. Post pandemic we are preparing to see higher levels of substance abuse. On our health department website, we need to get updated pictures and bios of our members. (00:09:28 – 00:43:27)	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None (00:43:30 – 00:43:34)	
Closing Board Comments	Next meeting February 9, 2021 (00:43:40)	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. (00:43:46) Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director	

Present: Dr. Diane Gerlach, John O'Day, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Sharmain Harris, Mark Modory, John Moyer, Dr. Regner-Hodge, Julia Robinson, Dr. Rita Ventura, Liane Blanck, Sherry Turner-Kaprelian, Lynda Bogdala

Absent: