

Board of Health: Kenosha County Division of Health**Meeting Minutes: 05.11.21**

Meeting – N2, 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, President	The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by John O’Day, Vice President. (00:03:54)	
Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2021	Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021 by Mark Modory, seconded by Julia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:04:04)	
Public Comments	Maternal Health in Kenosha County – Ashley Sebaaly (handout) Ashley Sebaaly is a Kenosha County resident, mother of three and Scientific Compliance Publications Manager with AbbVie, Inc. She founded Miracle Mommas, a maternal health emotional support project. Overall, maternal health in the state of Wisconsin is on the decline. The 2019 Wisconsin counties rankings report ranks Kenosha county 68 out of 72 in the quality of life measure. Ashley would like to partner with the Board of Health in moving Kenosha County to be a leading county in the state. The health department has two home visiting programs, Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) along with the Maternal Childhood Health grant that focus on infant mortality. (00:04:32 – 00:15:00)	Liane to take the information back and connect our home visiting teams with Ashley.
President’s Comments	John O’Day, Vice President stated that this is our first meeting back in person. Everyone introduced themselves. Commended Board of Health member, Rita Ventura, for receiving the Connie Reyes Excellence in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention award. (00:15:16)	
Corporation Counsel’s Report	Jen thanked Mark Modory for all his service on the Board of Health as this will be his last meeting. Discussed term limit recommendations. In order to keep continuity and regularity, Jen and John looked at attendance and length of term. John O’ Day’s term expires 02.04.22 and Dr. Regner-Hodge expires 02.04.23. Due to Mark Modory’s decision to retire from the Board of Health, we will need to find a new member. Motion to approve that we stagger the terms as indicated by our Health Officer and Corporation Council by Julia Robinson, seconded by Mark Modory. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:46:01 – 00:50:44)	Jen will speak with County Exec for replacement for Mark.
Health Officer/Director’s Report a. Disease Investigation & Contact Tracing b. Testing c. Vaccination d. Other Public Health Services	Yesterday was the health department’s last Emergency Operations Center meeting. The pandemic is not over; we are moving towards endemic. Our final mass vaccination clinic at Shopko will be May 22 nd . Our county-wide strategy is moving toward the mobile mission response which consists of taking formalized requests so that we can go out into the community with vaccine to businesses, events, churches, etc. We are coordinating with the Kenosha Community Health Center to determine which mobile missions better align with their purposes vs. ours. We are looking at ways to remove barriers and are now providing client’s choice of vaccine. 12-15-year olds should be approved tomorrow. We will encourage them to go to their providers; however, they are also able to come to us. Working with the schools to plan for the Fall. We are down to about 30 on our homebound list and we should reach them all this week.	

We use both science and pragmatism as we move towards an endemic. Research is due to come out this month in peer review journals.

Working with the Equity Task Force and a \$100,000 equity grant to reach more people of color, marginalized communities and vulnerable populations vaccinated. Although cases are going down in Wisconsin, racial and ethnic disparities with the vaccination are going up.
Hiring temp workers to clean up data discrepancies and reaching out to vaccine providers in the county is resulting in better data reporting on ethnicity.

The vaccine data dashboard will be on our website today. Shows all racial, ethnic and demographic breakdowns including maps based upon census tracks.

With decrease of mass vaccine clinics, we will be able to give vaccine at our Nurse of the Day Clinic and at our Wellness Center above the WIC office.

The Kickstart Addendum has gone out into the community. We have received several requests for safer events. The Joint Information Center (JIC) is working with KABA and looking toward our community leaders to promote vaccine in their workplaces and schools.

Still waiting for funding from the American Funds Recovery Act. Kenosha county should receive 26 million and will need the help of the Board of Health to help steer this funding. Per month, the health department is spending \$300,000 with \$150,000-\$160,000 going to the other departments that have been helping us with Covid vaccine clinics.

Our Call Center volume has greatly decreased but the Call Center will remain live indefinitely to continue answering questions.

Positive cases are low. Contact Tracing/Disease Investigators is a statutory requirement that we continue to do. 25% of our cases are now in ages under 18 years with variants.

Praised the many WEAVR volunteers, community volunteers and National Guard that came out to help with our clinics. People have donated food at almost every clinic with everyone being so appreciative.

Hired 2 new school nurses with our KUSD contract. June 14th will be a new Public Health Strategist for our Asthma grant. Home visiting has a new supervisor. Lori Plahmer is our new Clinical Services Manager. Posting for a new Environmental Health Supervisor. Working on a new onboarding orientation program as we have 22 new people hired from 2020-2021. **(00:17:16 – 00:45:54)**

Other Business as Allowed by Law	None (00:51:07)	
Closing Board Comments	Next meeting June 8, 2021 (00:51:11)	Joe Potente will be there at 1130a to take head shots for website
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Regner-Hodge and seconded by Julia Robinson. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm. (00:51:24)</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director</p>	

Present: Jen Freiheit, Mark Modory, John Moyer, John O'Day, Roger Perez, Dr. Regner-Hodge, Julia Robinson, Liane Blanck, Lori Plahmer, Ashley Sebaaly, Karen Kersting

Excused: Dr. James Foster, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Sharmain Harris, Dr. Rita Ventura