

Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health**Meeting Minutes: 10.12.21**

In person N2 Conference Room – 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, President	The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. (00:00:03)	
Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2021, June 8, 2021, July 13, 2021, and September 14, 2021	<p>Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021 by Dr. Foster, seconded by Julia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021 by Julia Robinson, seconded by Dr. Foster. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. No quorum – unofficial meeting</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021 by Julia Robinson, seconded by Dr. Foster. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021 by Dr. Ventura, seconded by Dr. Foster. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:02:26)</p>	
Public Comments	None (00:02:28)	
President's Comments	Dr. Gerlach stated that her office is seeing an increase in respiratory issues. (00:02:36 – 00:03:17)	
2022 Proposed Health Department Budget – Jacquetta Gilman, Fiscal Manager	<p>Jacquetta Gilman presented the 2022 proposed budget for the Division of Health. The 2022 expense budget is up approximately 4.9% and is predominantly driven by a new grant as well as an increase in our KUSD contract. Revenue for 2022 is budgeted to be up 4%. The greatest portion of the expense budget for Health is Personnel which amounts to 69% of the total \$9.1 million budget. FTE's up 3.85 to 64.55.</p> <p>Motion to approve by Dr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Ventura. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:03:20 – 00:13:44)</p>	
Health Officer/Director's Report a. COVID Update b. Other Public Health Services Update	<p>COVID UPDATE</p> <p>Jen reiterated to our newest Board of Health member, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, that every October we must do a formal approval for the budget.</p> <p>RSV is predicted to be bad this winter and well as next as an outlier from Covid.</p> <p>Covid cases are starting to come down. Hospitalizations have stabilized. We are averaging 1 death per day.</p> <p>Schools – In July 17% of our cases were under age 18; in August they were 21% and in September they were up to 29%. Working hard to mitigate this.</p>	

	<p>We are no longer testing at the Job Center. More entities are coming into Kenosha. They are not vetted through us but causes great concern because some of them are sending labs that don't report to our WEDSS system, so we are not getting these lab results. Parents/Schools calling us, but we have no record of this. UW-Parkside stopped their testing last month. We reiterate to people not to rely on the home test because those are not reported to us. Schools are taking enormous resources because we have 11 school districts all on different plans/protocols. Discussion ensued regarding testing to be done in the schools with the state grant. Board members discussed what action they can take with the school district to promote schools working with the state on in-school testing.</p> <p>Other Public Health Services Update Call Center getting many calls on booster shots. Had a booster clinic on Friday, October 8th and vaccinated 37 people. The first 3 Fridays in November we will have additional clinics here at the Job Center. We are prepared and ready for the 5–11-year old's.</p> <p>Struggling to get candidates for our open Disease Investigator positions. Workforce development occurring on topics such as Human Trafficking, LGBTQ+ training, Mandatory Reporting.</p> <p>We are finally getting fully back into restaurants. Working with restaurants on how they can maintain standards.</p> <p>October 25, 2021 is our health department "All Staff Meeting" focusing on equity and our equity strategic plan. In addition, the health department will be doing an after-action report on the pandemic response to date.</p> <p>Have seen lead cases rise. Worked on a new protocol internally. (00:13:50 – 00:55:02)</p>	<p>Jen forwarded DHS toolkit (COVID-19 Testing Support for K-12 Schools) information to board member on 10.12.21</p> <p>Board members will start crafting a letter to KUSD</p>
Corporation Counsel's Report	Nothing to report. (00:55:03 – 00:55:05)	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	Roger Perez stated that he has a small translation service for the Hispanic community. Is seeing an increase in people coming from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, etc. who have no knowledge of Covid along with difficulty reading and writing. We have services at the Health Department and are happy to assist where we can. (00:57:50 - 00:59:48)	
Closing Board Comments	Next meeting November 9, 2021	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Ventura, seconded by Dr. Foster. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. (01:00:06)</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director</p>	

Present: Dr. Diane Gerlach, Tammy Capito, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Jacquetta Gilman, John Jansen, John Moyer, Roger Perez, Lori Plahmer,
Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Dr. Rita Ventura

Not Present: John O'Day (excused absence), Dr. Regner-Hodge (absence)