

**Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health****Meeting Minutes: 3.08.22**

Microsoft Teams Virtual – 12:00 Noon

| <b>Agenda Item</b>   | <b>Talking Points</b>  | <b>Action Step<br/>(Who &amp;<br/>When)</b>                                |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Call to Order, President</b>  | The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. <b>(00:00:04)</b>   |  |
| <b>Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Re-organizational &amp; Regular meetings and February 8, 2022 meeting</b> | Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 and February 8, 2022 deferred to the October 11, 2022 in-person meeting. <b>(00:00:05)</b>   |  |
| <b>Public Comments</b>   | None <b>(00:00:15)</b>   |  |
| <b>President's Comments</b>  | <p>Dr. Gerlach introduced our newest Board of Health member, Kenny Harper. Kenny is the owner and financial specialist of Harper Tax and Financial Literacy Group which teaches financial wellness and the basic concepts of financial literacy to create a stronger community. Everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Dr. Gerlach reported that hospital and clinic numbers have gone down as well as numbers from the schools. WPHA (Wisconsin Public Health Association) &amp; WALHDAB (Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards) are having a conference on May 24-26 at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells. This conference is directed at Health Officers and Boards of Health offering great speakers, trainings, and valuable information about what is going on throughout the country. This can be attended in person or virtually. <b>(00:00:26 – 00:08:23)</b></p>  | Karen will send out registration information for WPHA & WALHDAB conference |
| <b>Health Officer/Director's Report</b><br><br><b>a. Covid/Department Update</b>                                     | <p>We now have a full Board of Health and on our way to diversifying our Board. Olatoye Baiyewu is also a new member. Boards of Health of old were a medical model. Public health is not built on a medical model, built a community health/prevention model. This is also an advisory board, and we want representation from people in the community. Everyone brings their various specialties to the table.</p> <p>March 29<sup>th</sup> is our next Onboarding Session. This daylong session will cover all the programs and services that the health department offers. Everyone is welcome to attend; however, this is required for our new members.</p> <p>We are planning a Back-To-School Health Fair on August 15<sup>th</sup> at our WIC/Uptown Clinic offices with many vendors/booths. Looking to vaccinate kids before school starts. Everyone is welcome to attend. Currently in the early planning phases and will have more information to come.</p> <p>In Covid news, cases and hospitalizations are down. There was inaccurate data on the CDC website.</p> |  |

|                                     |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                     | <p>Kenosha's numbers for hospitalizations were inaccurate. In our Sit Rep we put out a statement that our numbers are low and to check the Kenosha County Website for the most accurate data.</p> <p>We are currently giving out \$25 gift cards to anyone who comes to our clinic to get a Covid vaccine. We have been giving out gift cards at our mobile missions and want to offer equal treatment to those who can't make a mobile mission.</p> <p>Our Uptown Clinic is still closed as our Nurse Practitioner position is still vacant. Our main Job Center Clinic is currently open.</p> <p>There are several new testing sites in the community. Some are still working on being linked through the state laboratory reporting network, so they are not yet on our website. They are all experiencing very low turnout for testing.</p> <p>The entire Health Department attended a mandatory Microaggression training last week. Our internal Equity Committee will continue with trainings/education for our health department.</p> <p>STI's are up. Working on strategies to decrease this as well as reaching our 12 – 17-year-old population who can be seen at our clinic.</p> <p>Our Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) is fully staffed and Narcan trained. By this summer we will have the mobile overdose response initiative. This work falls under a 4-year SAMHSA grant.</p> <p>Reformulating a robust program with our Tourist Rooming House (TRH) Licensing.</p> <p>Working with Corporation Counsel on the totality of the Medical Directors that we utilize and how we can be more efficient.</p> <p>Every 3 years, by state statute, all local health departments must go through a Community Health Assessment (CHA) to find out the current needs in the community. This will take place this summer, paid for through Aurora (random 400-person phone survey including cell phones) and using ARPA money (focus groups) to enhance this assessment. Will be holding many community focus groups/listening sessions. Seeking the boards advice and perspectives with this. Based on these findings, we write a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and look for grants and focus work based on these issues. Health Department is hiring a consultant to lead this in May (18-month process) and a Public Health Strategist who will be a full-time employee dedicated to this effort. Discussion ensued with board members giving their input and thoughts on this initiative. <b>(00:08:25 – 00:45:10)</b></p> | <p>Kirsten Gundersen, Public Health Equity Strategist, will be reaching out to Kenny and Ola regarding equity work</p> |
| <b>Corporation Counsel's Report</b> | John reported on Senate Bill 312. This is still in process and essentially gives greater flexibility to the   |  |

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | <p>Board of Health. Currently the Board is to consist of 9 members, 3 of which must be community members an RN and Physician. Senate Bill 312 allows the authority to appoint a Physician Assistant or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or both if unable to find the former. Once passed, our by-laws will be updated to reflect this change.</p> <p>Jen reported that there is a new Senate Bill 394 giving Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners more medical order writing ability which would allow our Nurse Practitioners to sign off on orders/standing orders. Will be following this. <b>(00:45:15 – 00:47:44)</b></p> |  |
| <b>Other Business as Allowed by Law</b> | None  |  |
| <b>Closing Board Comments</b>           | None  |  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>                      | <p>Motion to adjourn meeting by John O'Day, seconded by Dr. Dominique Pritchett. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm. <b>(00:47:58)</b></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, Jen Freiheit, Kenny Harper, John Moyer, John O'Day, Roger Perez, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Dr. Rita Ventura, Karen Kersting, Kathy Coleman (KAFASI)

**Not Present:** Dr. James Foster (excused)