Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health Meeting Minutes: Re-organizational 1.10.23

In person – N1/12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, President	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President, Dr. Diane Gerlach. (00:01:17)	
Election of Officers	Nomination for Board of Health President. Stated per By-Laws, this position can be renewed.	
a. President	Dr. Gerlach nominated Julia Robinson. Dr. James Foster seconded. No other nominations.	
b. Vice-President	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
	Nomination for Board of Health Vice-President. Julia Robinson nominated Dr. Diane Gerlach.	
	Dr. James Foster seconded. No other nominations.	
	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:01:26)	
Appointments	Dr. James Foster nominated Karen Kersting. John O'Day seconded. No other nominations.	
a. Secretary	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:03:46)	
Approval of 2023 Meeting	Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule. Julia Robinson motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Diane Gerlach.	
Schedule	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:04:12)	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Diane Gerlach, seconded by Julia Robinson.	
	Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm. (00:04:33)	
	Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary	
	Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director	

**Present**: Olatoye Baiyewu, P. Clark-Taylor, Jen Freiheit, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, County Executive Kerkman, Karen Kersting, John O'Day,

Jennifer Phan, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Rita Ventura

**Not Present:** John Moyer (excused), Lori Plahmer

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Call to Order, President	The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm. (00:04:40)	
Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2022	Motion to approve minutes of October 11, 2022 by Julia Robinson, seconded by Olatoye Baiyewu.  MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (00:04:44)	
Public Comments	None	
President's Comments	Dr. Gerlach welcomed County Executive Kerkman to our meeting. (00:05:09)	
Health Officer/Director's Report  a. Monthly Highlights b. Health Equity and KORI reports to the Human Services Committee	Jen Freiheit addressed member's terms. February 4, 2023 terms expire for Dr. Diane Gerlach and John O'Day. Per our By-Laws, County Executive Kerkman will be appointing a new County Board Supervisor to replace John's position. Thank you, John, for your many years of service and for being an amazing representative of Public Health. This will be Dr. Gerlach's last term for renewal going through the County Executive's office for approval. Current vacancy for a Hispanic community member. In 2024, Julia Robinson, Dr. James Foster, and Kenny Harper's terms are up for one more renewal.  In December Bright Family Beginnings held a successful event with 32 families/46 kids and many fathers in attendance. Received a donation from WisNova Innovative Dental Specialists who sponsored 2 families.  Completed Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) mock run. Will start seeing overdose survivors next week. Pilot will start in the city but will eventually extend to the entire county. Received approval to put Narcan next to AED machines (box which will house Narcan). All Kenosha libraries will have storage units.  The SAMHSA grant has purchased fume hoods for Twin Lakes and Pleasant Prairie Fire Departments.  Working with new KUSD Superintendent to get schools Narcan trained. Wilmot High School staff and other west end schools have been or are planned to be trained.  Modernizing outreach efforts to include QR codes on all our materials.  Completed HIV and Reproductive Health Family Planning site visits - went very well.  Held a 2-day lead testing clinic for all Head Start students in December above WIC.	Karen will email By- Laws to County Executive's office  Karen will email December monthly report

Revamped WIC lease which will reduce our cost. Restructured so that we have a clinic and waiting room there to utilize as a mobile clinic.

Seeing an increase in dog bites and found the source of a larger food borne outbreak in December.

Received STI point of care machine. Allows us to get results immediately while client is in-house vs. one week from an outsourced lab. We can prescribe, educate, and treat while client is here. Also potential revenue generator.

Community Health Assessment (CHA) wrapped up last month with over 1,000 responses. Moving onto the Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) process and will seek the board's input.

Question: What caused the high lead level?

Chipping paint in the home. The health department receives all results for any high lead levels of 5 or above. Due to pandemic a lot of lead testing wasn't performed. We are all working together to catch children up with a venous draw being the most accurate.

Question: Can we work with the schools on this?

Historically, the health department did lead testing in the schools. Parents now want to be with their children for lead testing. There are more barriers to reaching children and finding times where parents and children can present to get tested. Education, re-opening these discussions, and using technology is necessary to reduce these barriers.

Question: What is a lead test?

There are 2 different types: Capillary which is a finger stick and Venous which is a blood draw.

The Health Department presented at the Human Services Committee twice in the past 2 months. December on the County Health Equity Report and January on Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI). Will be presenting in February on Narcan Training and Fentanyl Strips.

Question: Please give update on meeting for those not in attendance
Discussion ensued by those on the board who were in attendance. These members shared their perspective on the meeting. Much of what public health does is prevention and can't be measured.
Audio of this meeting is on the county website <a href="https://www.kenoshacounty.org/867/Human-Services-">https://www.kenoshacounty.org/867/Human-Services-</a>

**Committee** 

(00:06:10-00:55:23)

Board will receive preliminary report on CHA

Corporation Counsel's Report	Jennifer Phan attending for John Moyer. Contract was signed by the DOJ for Lake County Behavioral	
	Health contract. Next step is approval from the County Board.	
	(00:55:25 00:56:14)	
Other Business as Allowed by	County Executive Kerkman confirmed that building relationships and trust is critical. She will be updating	
Law	contracts to focus on outcomes, who is being served, etc. so we can share our success stories. (00:56:18 - 01:01:35)	
Closing Poord Commonts	None	
Closing Board Comments	None	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Domonique Pritchett, seconded by Rita Ventura. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm. (01:01:58)	
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