

Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health**Meeting Minutes: Regular 3.14.23**

Microsoft Teams - Virtual/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. (00:00:06)	
Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings, February 14, 2023 meeting	Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings, February 14, 2023 meetings deferred until October 10, 2023 in-person meeting. (00:00:09)	
Public Comments	None	
President's Comments	Julia Robinson expressed her appreciation and thanked Jen for her leadership and stellar work over the past 3 years. Lori Plahmer will fill in as interim Health Officer. The entire board needs to continue to support Health related issues of concern by advocating for goals, writing letters, educating the community, setting priorities, etc. (00:29:35 – 00:32:30)	
Health Officer/Director's Report a. Monthly Highlights b. School Nurses in KUSD – Rebekah Miller c. Action and Advocacy – Liane Blanck	Monthly Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jen reported the asthma program gained 5 new clients in February due to new and creative outreach by collaborating with WIC. WIC has a text line that they utilize to send out information to all their clients. This process was utilized to share our asthma services which brought our 5 new clients.Our Epidemiologist is working with an external consultant to do GIS Mapping. This mapping will help with quality improvement for our internal services.KORI (Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative) has done 3 runs (Kenosha Fire Department, Oakwood peer support specialist, and Public Health Supervisor – Substance Use Prevention) have gone to homes where there is an overdose survivor to provide education and outreach. Ambulance run data has declined since the previous year. New supervisor for this program is starting 03.20.23.The KORl Team trained hundreds of staff with the Kenosha Police Department (KPD) and Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD). KPD had their first overdose reversal in March.The Narcan Direct Program (where we receive free Narcan) has implemented a restriction on the amount of Narcan sent to us. This will impact the number of people we train and distribute to.Narcan is now stored in every county building next to each AED.Environmental will start license renewals in June. The state now requires separate point of sale licenses which will require more than one license for a few facilities.Completed lead policy for all divisions on how we handle elevated blood lead level cases.Radon Action month went very well. Distributed 179 kits in Kenosha county and 70 kits in Walworth	GIS data will be shared in the coming months

	<p>county. Great return rate of 129.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed contract with KCHC/Pillar Health to offer reproductive health services at their Silver Lake location. Starting in April we will be there the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. In addition, our STI Campaign was approved and initiated. Kenosha is one of 9 counties in the state that has STI rates higher than the state average. <p>School Nurses in KUSD – Rebekah Miller, Public Health Nurse Supervisor – School Consultant School Nurse Consultants are contracted in K-8 and charter schools. We have contracted with KUSD since 1994. Every 3 years we submit an RFP to contract with KUSD to continue to provide the nursing services. A nurse spends one day per week in elementary schools and 2 days per week in middle schools. West of the I schools are interested in the KUSD school nurse model.</p> <p>This year over 700 emergency health plans were written. Over 1,000 staff members were trained on how to administer emergency medications. There are 1,253 students diagnosed with asthma and only 256 have inhalers at school. Working with the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses on a new law that will let us stock Albuterol in the schools to be on hand for emergencies.</p> <p>Since Covid there has been an increase in behavioral issues and diabetes in the schools. Main goal is to keep kids in school, healthy and learning.</p> <p>Action and Advocacy – Liane Blanck, Population Health Manager Moving forward, this will be a standing agenda item. Liane is part of the Policy and Advocacy Committee for the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WPHA/WALHDAB). Liane sits on the WALHDAB committee which meets monthly. In January, a draft bill expanding treatment programs and expanding the order for epinephrine delivery devices came through. Waiting for a bill for Vivent Health to strengthen the Good Samaritan Law.</p> <p>There is a “bill tracking service” called Fast Democracy that you can sign up for and select topics of interest: FastDemocracy.com/my-tracked-bills (00:00:48 – 00:28:14)</p>	Link in chat
Corporation Counsel’s Report	Jen Phan will be attending in lieu of John Moyer going forward. Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement passed through the Judiciary and Law Committee and the County Board. County Executive’s signature next. (00:28:16 – 00:29:27)	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None	
Closing Board Comments	Several board members expressed their gratitude to Jen for her leadership, thanked her for hard work (especially during Covid) and wished her well on her future endeavors. (00:32:46 – 00:39:52)	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Diane Gerlach, seconded by Olatoye Baiyewu. Meeting adjourned at	

	12:40 pm. (00:40:02) Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director	
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Present: Olatoye Baiyewu, Liane Blanck, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, Rebekah Miller, John O’Day, Jen Phan, Lori Plahmer, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson

Absent: Rita Ventura (excused)