

Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health

Meeting Minutes: Regular 6.13.23

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 by Julia Robinson, President. (00:00:03)	
Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings, February 14, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 11, 2023, and May 9, 2023 meetings deferred until October 10, 2023 in person meeting	Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings, February 14, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 11, 2023, and May 9, 2023 meetings deferred until October 10, 2023 in-person meeting. (00:00:09)	
Public Comments	None	
President's Comments	None	
Health Officer/Director's Report a. Monthly Highlights b. CHA/CHIP Update– Liane Blanck c. Action and Advocacy – Liane Blanck	Monthly Highlights Lori Plahmer reported that we are planning for a “Back to School Health Fair” at Brass School on August 10 th from 3-6pm. Collaborating with community partners with an emphasis on providing immunizations to children who are behind to avoid them being excluded from attending school during exclusion week. . Giving away 1,000 pre-filled backpacks with supplies. KORI Team trained 156 individuals and distributed 173 Narcan kits during the month of May. They have completed 16 KORI runs. Success Story – Went to the home of a 15-year-old who had overdosed. He was hospitalized in the ICU with a plan of care to be discharged to Behavioral Health at Rogers. While there, his mother verbalized that she needed help. Was a great way to connect those that want care with Krista Tappa, NP so she can provide a baseline assessment and possibly prescribe medication to bridge the client until a full MAT assessment is completed and offer them into a program that best fits their individual needs Since we have trained the Kenosha Fire Department on Narcan, they have successfully reversed 6 individuals from overdoses. Silver Lake Clinic has had uptake on clients desiring to be seen there. Reaching out those for Vivitrol or UA's if they live West of the I so they don't have to travel into Kenosha.	

Environmental Health is in their licensing season with 1250 license renewals sent out with payments due by the end of June.

The environmental team has started 2023 beach sampling.

Our county currently does not have the capability to test for Fentanyl. Have been looking into what type of instrumentation is needed for this. Working with Aging & Disability and Behavioral Health to inquire using Opioid Stimulus dollars to fund these instruments.

Question: How much does this instrumentation cost?

Estimating \$350,000 for one instrument; waiting on quotes for screening instrument.

Aren't there test strips that can be used?

Test strips are not CLIA waived so we cannot use these for clinical screening purposes.

CHA/CHIP Update – Liane Blanck

Liane reported that as a health departments are statutorily required to do a Community Health Assessment (CHA) every 3 years followed by a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Over 1,000 individuals participated in our survey (CHA). Top priorities for health concerns were narrowed down to top 3 at our May 17th Health Advisory Council meeting. Top 3 choices to work on for our Community Health Improvement Plan are:

1. Access to Affordable Health Care
2. Affordable Housing
3. Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Action teams will be created to develop and implement plan strategies. The first meeting is June 26th and will be the kick-off meeting here at the Job Center (N2 conference room @ 3:00 pm). Over 49 community partners are already signed up for action teams. Dates are set for June, July, and August. A leader from the KCPH team and the community will be leading each group.

Action & Advocacy – Liane Blanck

Assembly Republicans offered an amendment to the Assembly shared revenue bill (Assembly Bill 245) that modified several provisions in the underlying bill, including the local health officer authority provision. We have done an initial review of the amendment and would like to provide you with our preliminary analysis. We will do a more in-depth review and analysis soon.

	<p><u>Local Health Officer (LHO) Authority Provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the amount of time a local health officer may close a business due to communicable disease from 14 days to 30 days. After the initial 30-day closure, the governing body may vote to approve one 30-day extension. This was also increased from 14 days. No more extensions will be allowed. The local governing body will still be able to approve the second 30-day closure by a simple majority vote – no supermajority vote will be required. The following language was also added to the LHO authority provision: “A mandate to close more than one business as provided under this subsection may not distinguish between essential and nonessential businesses.” <p>Based on our initial review and analysis, there appear to be no more provisions addressing public health, including any effort to potentially merge any Milwaukee-area health departments. (00:00:51 – 00:15:32)</p>	
Corporation Counsel’s Report	Jen Phan reported that May 30 was Go Live date for Lake Behavioral. This has been going very well. There have already been 4 admissions. Having this will save our county money. (00:15:44 – 00:18:19)	Jen will get exact savings amount for next meeting
Other Business as Allowed by Law	Juan Torres reported that last year through the ADRC he was trained to do workshops on Diabetes. This fall he will be doing a training for Spanish speaking individuals. Has also been trained through NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to do mental illness presentations/workshops and will be holding these this fall. (00:18:30 – 00:19:06)	
Closing Board Comments	None	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Gerlach, seconded by Rita Ventura. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. (00:19:30)</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Lori Plahmer/Interim Health Officer/Director</p>	

Present: Liane Blanck, Dr. James Foster, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, Jen Phan, Lori Plahmer, Julia Robinson, Tami Rongstad, Juan Torres, Rita Ventura

Absent: Olatoye Baiyewu, John O’Day, Dr. Dominique Pritchett