

Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health**Meeting Minutes: Regular 8.08.23**

Microsoft Teams - Virtual/In Person N2/12:00 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. This meeting is being held via a hybrid model both virtually and in person. (00:00:03)	
Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023 Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings, February 14, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 11, 2023, May 9, 2023, and June 13, 2023 meetings deferred until October 10, 2023 in person meeting	Deferring the approval of minutes from January 10, 2023, Re-Organizational & Regular Meetings, February 14, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 11, 2023, May 9, 2023, and June 13, 2023, meetings until October 10, 2023, in-person meeting. (00:00:27)	
Public Comments	None	
President's Comments	Julia Robinson reported a slight uptick nationally and locally in Covid cases. The beach at Simmons Island is closed due to rip currents. (00:00:58)	
Health Officer/Director's Report a. Monthly Highlights b. Environmental Update – Mark Melotik c. Action and Advocacy – Liane Blanck	Monthly Highlights – Lori Plahmer The second “Kenosha County Thrive Action Team” meeting was held the end of July with 30 participants engaging in great dialogue and brainstorming. Our Epidemiologist, Dan Sanfelippo, developed a new “Opioid Report” that was shared with the Substance Abuse Coalition and will be shared at the next Opioid Stimulus Committee meeting at the end of August. Dan will present this at a future Board of Health meeting as well. Fentanyl is a top issue with 6 fatal overdoses recently. KORI has completed 53 runs since February 2023. Currently has contract with Kenosha Fire and EMS. Working on signing an MOU with Aurora and Froedtert to release patient demographic data which will enable the team to respond to Emergency Department overdose patients that are discharged from the ED. The health department will participate in two large events: Brass Health Fair on August 10 th focusing on children’s immunizations with 26 vendors attending and over 500 backpacks to give away. Second event is the Kenosha County Fair which starts on August 17 th . We have dedicated staff, two shifts per day. The	

	<p>focus will be Narcan training in addition to sharing information on our programs.</p> <p>Health department staff are now back in the office 4 full days per week with the option of 1 remote day per week.</p> <p>Mark Melotik, Environmental Health Manager Mark reported that the Environmental team inspects all special events for food and water (if on a well). Harbor Market, Public Market, Country Thunder, Renaissance Fair, and Kenosha County Fair are big tourist attractions that bring a lot of food vendors to the events.. A training was put together for all temporary restaurants showing people what we look for when we do inspections. This includes a checklist, how to prevent foodborne outbreaks, temperature controls, and how to get licensed.</p> <p>Action and Advocacy – Liane Blanck The Shared Revenue Bill has officially been signed into law. It includes Health Officer authority changes and additional dollars coming into municipalities. Final Guidance for local Health Officers will come out in October.</p> <p>Senate Bill 312/Assembly Bill 312 PFAS (Per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances) programs and requirements. Mark explained that PFAS is a chemical that was first found near airports. It is a foam that was used to put out fires that seeped into ground water. Dane County identified PFAS in their public wells several years ago. The active level for this is very low. The state is putting a bill together to allow funding for people to address this in their homes. It will allow a homeowner to put in a system or new well in if they have contamination. There has been no contamination found in Kenosha County.</p> <p>Assembly Bill 304/Senate Bill 332 is an alcohol regulation bill. This will change Wisconsin laws for production, regulation, and distribution of alcoholic beverages.</p> <p>LRB 3855 and LRB 3848 both involve designated athletic sports teams operated and sponsored by private schools/universities participating in a parental choice program based on the sex of the participants. The Action and Advocacy group is in opposition to these bills as they are very discriminatory.</p> <p>Voted to support Fatality Review Legislation. Kenosha County has a Child Death Review Team and Overdose Fatality Team. (00:01:51 – 00:30:00)</p>	<p>Karen emailed attachments</p> <p>Karen to email memo to the group</p>
Corporation Counsel’s Report	Nothing to report (00:30:01)	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None (00:30:13)	
Closing Board Comments	None	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Foster, seconded by Kenny Harper. Meeting adjourned at	

	12:30 pm. (00:30:47)	
	Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary	
	Respectfully submitted by Lori Plahmer/Interim Health Officer/Director	

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

Absent: Juan Torres, John O'Day