

Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health**Meeting Minutes: 11.14.23**

Job Center Building/N2 – In Person – 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 Dr. Diane Gerlach, Vice President who is filling in for Julia Robinson, President. (00:00:11)	
Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2023, meeting deferred until January 9, 2024, in-person meeting	Motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2023, meeting deferred to January 9, 2024, meeting. (00:00:20 – 00:00:40)	
Public Comments	None	
President's Comments	Dr. Gerlach reported that she is seeing many cases of positive Covid, Flu, RSV and Strep. Several children have been admitted to Children's Hospital with RSV. RSV vaccine is only given to those at high-risk as the vaccine is limited. (00:01:11 – 00:02:30)	
Health Officer's/Director's Report a. Monthly Highlights b. Communicable Disease Cases – Gillian Redmond	Health Officer/Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established an MOU with Aurora Kenosha Hospital to enable our Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) team to receive demographic data on their Emergency Department (ED) overdose survivors who are discharged from the ED.• Preparedness Supervisor assisting with Milwaukee RNC July 2024 planning; including participating on Medical Countermeasure and Surveillance workgroups.• Department of Agriculture trade and Consumer Protection performed an audit of our retail program. The audit reviews policies and procedures, training program, communications with facilities and inspection protocols and code knowledge. This audit may take several months to complete.• The Lab received the new instrument enabling the clinic to screen for fentanyl prior to administering vivitrol to the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clients. This new instrument also automates our urine collection process enabling UA results more rapidly for DCFS, Treatment Court, Professional Services Group and several other agencies who require UA positive results to enter programs.• Hired Communicable Disease nurse to fill vacancy. Interviewing for Environmental Tech position. Open Bright Family Beginnings position.• Last week the County Board approved the 2024 budget.• December 5th at the Human Services Committee, the appointment for Health Director will be moved discussed and voted on.	

	<p>Communicable Disease Cases – Gillian Redmond</p> <p>Gillian is the Nurse Supervisor for Communicable Disease and Child Lead Safe, Well Women’s Wisconsin Program and the Prevention Services Network Nurse Program.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Well Women’s Program is a program for under or uninsured women to receive cervical and breast cancer screenings. Pap Smears and Mammograms are available for those 40 years and up.</p> <p>The Prevention Services Network program re-launched this year for those enrolled in Prevention Services Network, Department of Children and Family Services, and Child Protective Services. Also, any family in need that is enrolled in Medicaid or uninsured is eligible. If the parents or children have medical conditions, the nurse in this program provides medical management as a medical advocate. Currently there are 20 families enrolled in the program.</p> <p>The Communicable Disease Program investigates over 75 reportable diseases. All cases are investigated to determine what their status is. Since January 2, 2023, over 2,000 communicable disease cases have been investigated. These include GI issues, salmonella, e coli, etc. Follow up is done on all tuberculosis cases and latent tuberculosis cases as well as all STI’s of which there has been a drastic increase in chlamydia and gonorrhea.</p> <p>The health department has a grant with the state for HIV partner services. We provide case management for newly diagnosed in the state of Wisconsin. In 2022, there were 3 HIV partner service cases. Since January of this year, we have received our 11th HIV case. Extensive training is involved to work on these cases.</p> <p>We monitor cases with infectious active tuberculosis. These patients need to be monitored daily for 6-9 months. We have a contract with the state called the TB Dispensary Program. Seeing an increase in latent TB with the immigrant population.</p> <p>Any lead level that is between 3.5 – 9.9 gets followed up over the phone with education. Since January 2, 2023, there have been 145 lead cases. If any child presents with a lead level over a 10, our Environmental and HUD team provide in-home services with a risk assessment being completed on the home. (00:02:33 – 00:28:13)</p>	
Corporation Counsel’s Report	None	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None	
Closing Board Comments	None	

Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Gerlach, seconded by Dr. Foster. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Lori Plahmer, Health Director (00:29:28)</p>	
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Present: Dr. James Foster, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, Jennifer Phan, Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Lori Plahmer, Gillian Redmond, Tammy Rongstad, Dr. Rita Ventura

Not Present: Olatoye Baiyewu, John O'Day, Julia Robinson, Juan Torres