

Board of Health: Kenosha County Division of Health

Meeting Minutes: 09.08.20

Virtual Webex Meeting, 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
Call to Order, Chairman	The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by Dr. Gerlach, Chairman. (00:00:01) .	
Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2020 & August 11, 2020	Motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 by Julia Robinson, seconded by John O’Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:00:12) Motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020 by Julia Robinson, seconded by Dr. Regner-Hodge. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:00:38)	
Public Comments	Dr. Steven Schwimmer asked how many active investigations are in long term care facilities? Our active investigations have decreased in our long-term care facilities. They are consistently testing and doing symptom checking. (00:36:56 – 00:38:10)	
Chairman’s Comments	Dr. Gerlach thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to “hang in there”. (00:01:12)	
Health Officer/Directors Report	Introduction – Sharmain Harris Jen Freiheit welcomed Sharmain Harris as our new Board of Health member. This was passed through the County Board at the last meeting. Sharmain worked with the Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency (WIC office) running their Fatherhood Program and is connected with many other community organizations. Please reach out to him if you need any help connecting with community groups. Bylaws Update These had not been updated since 1996 so the goal was to align them with current state statute along with modernizing them, bringing in health equity and social determinants of health. These will be reviewed at the County Board meeting on Sept. 15 th . We have one other vacancy that we cannot fill until the bylaws are passed. Currently at 8 members. Focus in 2021 will be orientation for new members and strategic visioning, looking at new mission, vision, goals and objectives. COVID Update Positive cases are still relatively low. Hiring 8 Disease Investigators and 6 Contact Tracers. There are new	

	<p>flexible guidelines from the State Epidemiologist (mitigation model). All schools are on an amended surveillance system and hoping to track better data with this. Gearing up for the end of September by rewriting some of our processes and plans. Providing schools with PPE and assisting with quarantine guidelines, letters, isolation rooms, etc. Enhancing the county HUB website making it more transparent. Working with Wilson and Frank elementary on immunization rates. Aurora will be having free mobile flu clinics throughout the community.</p> <p>Guidance Document for School Decision-Making – this document is a framework of the metrics we are looking at when making the determination of opening/closing schools. Need a framework that is flexible.</p> <p>How is county burden calculated? This is based on a 7-day rolling average. Percent positive results tend to vary? Yes, they do vary widely. Our testing is very low right now. We don't have the testing capacity we need in Kenosha County. 257 tests would need to be done per day on a consistent basis to see where the virus is moving within the county. Over a 50% rate of people returning to work while infectious. How many deaths since last Board of Health Meeting? Less than 5</p> <p>Motion to approve Guidance Document for School Decision-Making by Dr. Regner-Hodge seconded by Julia Robinson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (00:36:40)</p> <p>(00:01:32 – 00:36:55)</p>	
Corporation Counsel's Report	Corp Counsel not represented at meeting (00:38:31)	
Other Business as Allowed by Law	None (00:38:40)	
Closing Board Comments	Next meeting October 13, 2020 (00:38:49)	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Julia Robinson, seconded by Mark Modory. Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. (00:38:54) Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director</p>	

Present: Dr. Diane Gerlach, John O'Day, Jen Freiheit, Mark Modory, Dr. Regner-Hodge, Julia Robinson, Sharmain Harris
Dr. Steven Schwimmer, Dave Kohl WGTD, Nina Taylor

Absent: Dr. James Foster, Dr. Rita Ventura, John Moyer