

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
January 3, 2023 at 6 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Stocker, Stock, Kubicki, Geertsen and Yuhas

Committee Member Excused: Supervisor Nedweski and Gentz

Youth-In-Governance Present: Erika Bando, Eric LaMere

Staff Present: John Jansen, Daniel Sanfelippo, Pamela Abdul-Hakim, Liane Blanck, Dr. Jen Freiheit, Evan Gorr, Lori Plahmer, Rebecca Dutter, Keri Pint, Tracy Pelishek, and Michelle Cisneros.

Others Present: Tami Rongstad, Jake Waldschmidt – Kenosha Firefighter, Michael Wright – consultant, CEO MIH Solutions LLC, Supervisors Nudo, Decker, Bashaw and Thomas.

1. Call to order / Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Vice Chairman Stocker. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizens Comments: None

3. Chairman's / Committee Members / Supervisors / YIG comments: None

4. Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2022 and December 15, 2022: Vice-Chairman Stocker wanted the following added to the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting. "At 56:57 I asked just to be clear you have not been able to identify specifically any racism or issues within the county. At 57:06 Dr. Freiheit responded no, nor am I looking for that." Supervisor Geertsen moved that we approve minutes from both meeting with the update being added for the December 15, 2022 minutes. Supervisor Stock seconded. All in Favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Constance Carr to serve on the Kenosha County Human Services Board: John Jansen introduced the resolution. Ms. Carr stated she worked in the mental health field. She is interested in seeing how we do things. Supervisor Geertsen made a motion to approve the resolution, Ed Kubicki seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. SAMHSA presentation – The Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) business plan: Dr. Jen Freiheit had a power point slide presentation which was emailed to the committee prior to the meeting. Slides one and two gave information on the guidelines of the grant. Kenosha County Public Health (KCPH) applied for this grant in the May of 2021 and it was awarded September of 2021. We are not sure if the grant will continue after the four-year cycle. This grant greatly enhanced the Narcan program. The first year was setting goals, hiring staff etc. There are now QR codes on every Narcan box that is given out.

Kenosha reviewed KORl models from many different areas and states.

KORl's mission is to be mobile, identify survivors of overdoses, link survivors and survivors of the overdosed person with care and provide support to the individual and family. KORl links survivors with a 3-person team (2 EMS and 1 peer support person). Peer support helps coordinate care and follow-up. KCPH tracks survivors and aids in data collection and further follow-up.

Dr. Freiheit provided a graph on fentanyl and other opioid-related deaths in Kenosha county from 2014-2022 and by age group. She also presented Kenosha County toxicity deaths by drug type and which police jurisdiction from the same time frame. Overall deaths are down from the last two years.

Dr. Freiheit had a timeline from smart objective for 2022-2023.

The outreach plan is physical advertising, video advertising, Kenosha substance use prevention websites and continued community partnerships.

There were numerous questions from the committee that were sent in prior to the meeting which Dr. Freiheit addressed at this time.

Dr. Freiheit went over the fiscal information with the committee.

Questions after presentation.

Supervisor Thomas had numerous questions on the # of overdoses that resulted in 2021? If they survived, was it Narcan? If so, was it KPD, a citizen? How many OD'd in one year? What about people with alcohol? How many are violating parole? Dr. Freiheit stated this is a goal for our data outreach. We want to measure success.

Supervisor Stock largest data request for OD reversals. Dr. Freiheit stated overall number with SAMHSA guidelines. It has to be what we get from them. We get our Narcan free, but overall numbers don't go in there. Is there a plan to follow-up with those who have been trained in Narcan? Dr. Freiheit stated yes, the QR code on the box will go to the Kenosha County website. We are not allowed to give incentives to people to report on when they use Narcan. Supervisor Stock asked about prevention training. Dr. Freiheit stated first responder training. There is a new model for EMT's. Evan Gorr stated that they were going to the fire departments, Carthage College, KCDC, anyone that is willing to get trained.

Supervisor Stock said it seems as it took a while to get things started. Could any of this be done beforehand to move quicker. Dr. Freiheit stated that we did not have staff or resources to pay them and once they did, they have actually been quick. They were told from Michael Wright that he has never seen a program get started this quick. He asked what difference there was between the old Narcan grant and this one. Dr. Freiheit stated that was strictly training.

Supervisor Decker asked about the budget being \$400,000 for this year. What is the entire budget? \$1.5 million over the course of 4 years. Is there a ramp up for the following years? Dr. Freiheit stated the first year is hiring and starting up the program and there will be a shift in the future.

Much more discussion was had on training and tracking. Supervisor Thomas stated that if you are trying to track where overdoses are happening that Joint Services can break it all down from the calls coming in and we should leverage that relationship.

Supervisor Kubicki stated that what you are trying to do is save lives. Keep moving forward.

Full audio of the meeting is available at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6711>

7. **Any other business as authorized by law:** None

8. **Adjournment:** Supervisor Yuhas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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