

**Board of Health: Kenosha County Public Health**

**Meeting Minutes: 9.13.22**

Microsoft Teams Virtual – 12:00 Noon

Agenda Item	Talking Points	Action Step (Who & When)
<b>Call to Order, President</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Dr Diane Gerlach, President. <b>(00:00:01)</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Re-organizational &amp; Regular meetings, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, June 14, 2022, July 12, 2022, and August 9, 2022 meetings</b>	Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022, February 8, 2022, March 8, 2022, April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, June 12, 2022, July 12, 2022, and August 9, 2022 meetings deferred to the October 11, 2022 in-person meeting. <b>(00:00:03)</b>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	None <b>(00:00:12)</b>	
<b>President’s Comments</b>	None <b>(00:00:28)</b>	
<b>Health Officer/Director’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Monthly Highlights</b></li> <li>● <b>KORI Business Plan</b></li> <li>● <b>Community Health Assessment (CHA)</b></li> <li>● <b>Equity</b></li> </ul>	<p>Monthly Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On September 8<sup>th</sup> a mass Monkeypox Clinic was held at the Job Center Building. Through social media there was targeted marketing for those in the high-risk category. Our health clinic continues to see clients for this vaccine.</li> <li>● The Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) has completed their business plan and is signing contracts with Oakwood, the Kenosha Fire Department and Poltrock Consulting, LLC for Peer Support. On October 1<sup>st</sup>. Kenosha Human Development Services will no longer be following up with overdoses. Our KORl team will take on this role with in-person follow up.</li> <li>● We are switching consultants for the Community Health Assessment to expedite getting this online. Our community conversations are well received.</li> <li>● We received a Just Response Grant from the State to work with the formerly incarcerated population to determine what services/resources would have been helpful upon their re-entry into the community. Rich data coming from this. These results will be shared in December/January.</li> <li>● On October 13<sup>th</sup> a focus group is planned for all agencies/entities that work with the formerly incarcerated or within the criminal justice system to get their perspective on what needs</li> </ul>	<p>Jen will email the KORl business plan</p>

	<p>improvement, what is working, what can be done differently, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting a replacement on our Board of Health vacancy. More to come.</li> <li>• Tonight is the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) forum for all Board of Health members. This meeting will offer resources, tools and highlight what is happening on Boards of Health around the state.</li> <li>• Dr. Gerlach shared her experience serving on the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH). Wisconsin is one of the few states that combines Board of Health and Health Officers into one organization – WALHDAB. Wisconsin has an advisory board with appointed members as opposed to other states which have governing boards with elected members. NALBOH provides education, advocacy, trainings, support, and connects people across the country. Once a year the group meets with politicians in Washington, DC. The time commitment varies dependent upon a person’s involvement.</li> </ul> <p>The group gave their thoughts on KCPH Board of Health participating in these groups. Assigning a member to attend was suggested. Giving a variety of opportunities for those with different work schedules was suggested. When filling vacancies, this should be a criterion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracey Pelishek is the new Fiscal Manager for the Health Department. Jacquetta Gearheart will present the budget at October’s meeting. Members of our Health Equity Task Force will also be attending next month’s meeting to open a dialogue on how to better integrate our equity efforts. (00:00:35 – 00:30:17)</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Foster will sit in on this and report out next month</p>
<b>Corporation Counsel’s Report</b>	John Moyer is working on several requests from the Health Department. (00:30:31-00:31:47)	
<b>Other Business as Allowed by Law</b>	Discussion on Covid boosters, schools, and testing. The Health Department along with pharmacies now offers the bivalent booster. Working with the schools on providing surveillance and continue to promote free testing sites in Kenosha County. Flu shots and the bivalent booster can be given at the same time. (00:32:30 – 0046:25)	
<b>Closing Board Comments</b>	Next month’s meeting is in person in the N2 conference room. Please mark your calendars as we will be voting on the budget. (00:46:26)	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Diane Gerlach. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.</p> <p>Prepared by Karen Kersting, Board of Health Secretary</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Jen Freiheit, Health Officer/Director (00:46:46)</p>	

**Present:** Olatoye Baiyewu, Dr. James Foster, Jen Freiheit, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Kenny Harper, Karen Kersting, John Moyer, Lori Plahmer,

Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Julia Robinson, Dr. Rita Ventura

**Not Present:** John O'Day (Excused)