

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 12TH, 2010**

Members Present:

Dr. Steven Schwimmer, D.O., Chairman
Dr. James C. Foster, M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chairman
John O'Day, County Board Supervisor
Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.
Linda Weiss, RN, FNP
Dr. Mary Sue Lux, DVM

Members Absent:

Rita Kadamian, RN, FNP
Mark Modory, County Board Supervisor
Jeanne Sanchez-Bell

Others Present:

Frank Matteo, Health Officer
Cindy Johnson, Director of Nursing
Randy Wergin, Environmental Director
Wayne Krueger, Fiscal Manager
Stacey Wians, Epidemiologist
Gina Carver, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner
Lilly Jeranek, RN
Nancy Reeves, Sr. Office Associate, Board of Health Secretary

**Approval of Minutes of
February 8th, 2010:**

It was moved by Dr. Foster and seconded by John O'Day to approve the February 8th, 2010 minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

There were none.

Chairman's Comments:

In light of Frank's retirement announcement, Dr. Schwimmer, on behalf of the entire Board, expressed a sincere appreciation for all Frank's time spent over the years at these meetings and related issues. He will be missed.

Presentations:

- a.) 2009 Kenosha County Division of Health Annual Report – Stacey Wians, Epidemiologist, KCDOH

Stacey briefly went over the annual report. The report included our mission statement, a breakdown of our grant awards, contract awards, and highlights for the year, with H1N1 taking center stage. Another highlight was our childhood immunization

clinics, where large-scale clinics were held at various schools to accommodate students needing required immunizations.

Stacey highlighted “Healthy People Kenosha County,” and stated that she will attend June’s meeting to talk about that. Kenosha is unique in that we have this particular initiative at the County level.

Stacey continued by covering the different sections within the health department. She started with the nursing section and gave some statistics on the number of clinical services provided throughout the year.

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program partnership is strong and some of the health benefits of WIC include the reduction in premature births, low birth weights, and long-term medical expenses.

The Suicide Prevention Initiative was awarded a three-year implementation grant through the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program. Through this initiative, we are able to distribute cable gun locks and train staff at various agencies on the “Question, Persuade and Refer” (QPR).

Under the environmental health section, she covered statistics on the number of licensed food establishments, lodging facilities, complaint investigations, recreational facilities, and rabies control, as well as solid waste control and lead hazard control numbers, human health hazards, and transient non-community (TNC) well numbers.

Next in her presentation was the HUD Lead-based paint hazard reduction project, which focuses on children under the age of six years who live in pre-1978 housing. Stacey had statistics on the number of inspections and units completed.

The Health Department was awarded a three-year \$875,000 grant from HUD for Healthy Homes Demonstration. It partners with the City of Kenosha and numerous local community agencies. The goal is to identify and remediate health hazards in housing where environmental conditions may contribute to a child’s illness or risk of injury. It looks at the likelihood of slips, trips or falls for persons over the age of 65.

Stacey then covered the lab section. The different certifications and proficiency testing programs were listed. She had data for clinical microbiology and serology units tested and the number of positives. Analytical chemistry, forensic chemistry, and

environmental bacteriology unit numbers were also included.

The department's preparedness activities, through our preparedness grant, were given. Quarterly meetings are held with our Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Team. We participated in the development and execution of the Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), a mass-dispensing exercise, numerous community H1N1 informational presentations for healthcare and daycare providers, and several H1N1 workshops were conducted, as well as, H1N1 mass vaccination clinics.

Part of the grant includes our Tri-County Public Health Consortium. Continuous planning goes on with local and regional partners ensuring staff have emergency core competencies.

She finished with the Health Department's locations and hours of operation.

Some question and answer period. Mr. Matteo thanked Stacey.

A motion to approve the 2009 Kenosha County Division of Health Annual Report was made by Dr. Foster and seconded by Dr. Lux. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b.) ME Office – Gina Carver – Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

Mr. Matteo introduced Gina. She gave a Power Point Presentation. Her position changed at the beginning of this year to Chief Deputy Medical Examiner from Office Manager. She listed all other office staff. She emphasized their goal remains to provide a model medicolegal death investigation.

Gina gave the number of deaths for 2009 in Kenosha County and how many were investigated by their office, how many had their deputies on the scene, and how many autopsies were performed.

She broke down the deaths by natural, accident, suicide, homicide, undetermined, and pending.

Death by accident in years past has primarily been motor vehicles and drugs. This year, falls is the leader in that category. The belief is that falls are being caught more and doctors are asking more questions when a death is reported to them.

When it comes to motor vehicle accidents, in eight of the last eleven years, they have claimed more lives than any other

accidental cause, but 2009 saw the second lowest fatality out of that same time period. 69% of the decedents were under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. 81% were unrestrained or unhelmeted. Most of the fatalities occurred outside of the city limits, and six fatalities involved unhelmeted motorcyclists, four were alcohol-related, with two of the four also under the influence of drugs.

Gina passed out information on drugs in Kenosha County from 2006-2009.

Some discussion between Dr. Schwimmer and Gina on marijuana. Dr. Schwimmer invited a motion to have the Medical Examiner's Office report to the Board, for 2009, the percentage of people who died of all causes that they did a toxicology screen on, what percentage had marijuana in their system.

Dr. Foster motioned that the Board recommend that the Medical Examiner's Office obtain the data on the percentage of positive marijuana findings in accidental deaths, suicide, motor vehicle accidents and total as a separate study. Linda Weiss seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Gina will be back in June to present on marijuana findings. She finished her presentation with the ME Office 2010 goals.

Health Officer/Director's Report: Nothing to report.

Corporation Counsel's Report: Not present.

Other Business as Allowed by Law:

Dr. Foster had a question regarding groundwater reserves and whether Kenosha County has a problem with severely depleting resources. Dr. Foster motioned that we come up with strategies now that everybody can try to live with and have a little notice. John O'Day seconded it. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Matteo suggested asking our Planning Department and putting it on next meeting's agenda.

Closing Board Comments:

Dr. Schwimmer once again extended his appreciation on behalf of the Board to Frank.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn by John O'Day. Meeting adjourned at 01:10 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, June 14th, 2010.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010**

Members Present:

Dr. Steven Schwimmer, D.O., Chairman
John O'Day, County Board Supervisor
Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.
Linda Weiss, RN, FNP
Rita Kadamian, RN, FNP
Dr. Mary Sue Lux, DVM
Mark Modory, County Board Supervisor
Jeanne Sanchez-Bell

Members Absent:

Dr. James C. Foster, M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chairman

Others Present:

Frank Matteo, Health Officer
Cindy Johnson, Director of Nursing
Lorette Pionke, Corporation Counsel
Pat Shumaker, HUD Risk Assessor, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Carrie Kalberg, Administrative Assistant, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Katie Misner, RN, Public Health Nurse, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Allison Maedke, RN, Public Health Nurse, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Pam Kavalauskas, RN, Wisconsin Well Women Program Coordinator, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Brad Wozniak, Registered Sanitarian, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Mike Gorman, Registered Sanitarian, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Karen Kersting, Sr. Office Associate, Kenosha Co. Division of Health

**Approval of Minutes of
January 11th, 2010:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the January 11th, 2010 minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

There were none.

Chairman's Comments:

Dr. Schwimmer spoke about the flu season. H1N1 seems to have gone away and the seasonal flu has not been seen yet except in China.

Presentations:

- c.) Healthy Homes Program Update – Pat Shumaker, HUD Risk Assessor, Kenosha Co. Division of Health

Pat explained that “Healthy Homes” is a grant from HUD that attempts to look at environmental factors that can impact individual health. The purpose for the grant is to identify and

remediate health hazards in housing where environmental conditions can contribute to a child's illness or to injury. There is also a component for the elderly that looks for trip and fall hazards for persons over the age of 65. That is accomplished by performing an environmental assessment on the home by using the visual survey tool, and testing for temperature, humidity, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide by room, as well as radon. If evidence of moisture is noted, a moisture meter is used to determine levels.

If families are suffering from allergies, dust samples can be taken and sent to Johns Hopkins Laboratory in Baltimore to test for dust mites and roaches.

Based on the results of the environmental home assessment they can then perform a couple of different activities, one of which is educating the residents on the importance of cleanliness. They can also provide supplies such as allergy covers for pillows and mattresses, nightlights, etc. They can fix some minor problems in the homes such as leaky plumbing or patching small leaks in a roof.

The assessments are free. Supplies and repairs are free to low-income applicants. Properties can be either owner-occupied or rental, but must be within Kenosha County.

They have recruited 26 properties to date with a goal of 300 by the end of April 2012.

Some question and answer period. Dr. Lux moved to include pet related allergen potential in the education and it was seconded by John O'Day. **Motion carried unanimously.**

d.) TB – 2009 Report – Katie Misner, RN and Allison Maedke, RN

Katie presented. 2009 has been busy. She stated that according to the World Health Organization (WHO) if not treated, each person with active TB infects 10 to 15 people a year.

Worldwide, there are more than 2 million people infected. One in ten will end up with active TB. 1.8 million people died in 2008 from TB.

She covered the Wisconsin Tuberculosis Cases by Public Health Region and by County 2002 – 2008 handout.

The CD Team made up of Allison and Katie provided case management and/or directly observed therapy (DOT) for 10

active TB cases for 2009. They provided education, case management, communication, and ensured appropriate isolation.

Dr. Schwimmer commented that TB and what's been presented is one of the core public functions. He stressed the importance of treatment and DOT.

c.) WWWP – Client Stories – Pam Kavalauskas, RN

Pam gave a Power Point presentation. She began with background information about the program. The Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) provides screening and diagnostic services for breast and cervical cancer to low income, uninsured or underinsured women. It is a result of the merger of the Wisconsin Women's Cancer Control Program and the Well Woman Health Screening Program. The CDC has provided funding since 1994 for screenings, and it is administered by the Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health.

The program covers screenings and diagnostic tests at participating providers at no cost to enrollees, but not all covered services are available from every provider. Any participant who is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible to enroll in Well Woman Medicaid, which covers the cost of treatment.

To qualify for the program a woman must be between the ages of 45 and 64, with limited exceptions for 35 to 44 year olds. Women may be eligible whether or not they have insurance, their insurance does not cover routine checkups and screenings, or they are unable to pay a high deductible or co-pay.

Women enroll through their County or tribal Well Woman coordinating agency or participating healthcare provider. Proof of age, income and insurance status is necessary.

275 women were screened in 2009 in Kenosha County, of which, 4 were diagnosed with breast cancer and 2 with cervical cancer.

Other local providers include the Kenosha Community Health Center, Kenosha Radiology Center, Aurora, United Hospital System, Dr. Jandali, and Planned Parenthood.

Some other funding sources in Kenosha County include the Kenosha Women's Health Cancer Prevention Treatment Fund, which assists uninsured and underinsured women financially for costs related to abnormal breast and cervical conditions. The fund exists from community donations with a \$1500 maximum

lifetime award. 214 services were covered in 2009 with 114 for screening mammograms.

A Southeast Regional Breast Care Fund, which is a grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation also exists. It too provides financial assistance for those women in need of breast cancer services.

Pam shared two client stories, one 46 yr. old diagnosed with breast cancer and another 39 yr. old with cervical cancer.

Health Officer/Director's Report: Mr. Matteo introduced Brad Wozniak and Mike Gorman. They brought further information on radon requirements in States throughout the Country as a result of their presentation last month and questions posed by the Board. Handouts were passed around as to what each State's requirements are and what their programs provide and how they're administered. Their findings were that the majority of the States were non-regulatory as is Wisconsin, which has the disclosure rule. This means that when a home is bought or sold, if the seller is aware of any elevated radon levels, it must be disclosed to the potential buyer.

The second handout compared requirements of the surrounding States of Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa to Wisconsin.

Besides education, Minnesota requires homes built after June 1, 2009 to install radon resistant construction features. Illinois does disclosure only at this time. Michigan is completely non-regulatory (information only). Iowa certifies radon measurement specialists and radon measurement laboratories.

Mark Modory is meeting with State Representative Peter Barca and will refer all information to him.

Mr. Matteo announced that after 16 years of service, he will be retiring and moving to Florida.

Corporation Counsel's Report: Lorette gave a heads up to the Board that information on an environmental issue that her office has been working on regarding outdoor woodburning stoves will be on the April agenda for discussion.

Other Business as Allowed by Law: Mark Modory posed a question about Frank's position. A nationwide search was conducted at Frank's hiring, but Frank hasn't heard anything thus far.

Closing Board Comments: No closing board comments.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn by John O'Day. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, April 12th, 2010.

**MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 11th, 2010**

Members Present:

Dr. Steven Schwimmer, D.O., Chairman
Dr. James C. Foster, M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chairman
John O'Day, County Board Supervisor
Rita Kadamian, RN, FNP
Mark Modory, County Board Supervisor

Members Absent:

Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.
Linda Weiss, RN, FNP
Dr. Mary Sue Lux, DVM
Jeanne Sanchez-Bell

Others Present:

Frank Matteo, Health Officer
Cindy Johnson, Director of Nursing
Diane Bosovich, Assistant Director of Nursing
Brad Wozniak, Registered Sanitarian, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Mike Gorman, Registered Sanitarian, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Stacey Wians, Public Health Specialist/Epidemiologist, Kenosha Co. Division of Health
Nancy Reeves, Sr. Office Associate, Board of Health Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Steven Schwimmer, Chairman, at 12:05 p.m.

Election of Officers

a. Chairman:

It was moved to nominate Dr. Steven Schwimmer as Chairman by Mark Modory and seconded by Dr. James Foster.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Vice-Chairman:

It was moved to nominate Dr. James Foster as Vice- Chairman by John O'Day and seconded by Mark Modory. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointments

a. Secretary – Nancy Reeves

It was moved to reappoint Nancy Reeves as Secretary by Dr. Foster and seconded by John O'Day. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of 2010 Meeting
Schedule:**

Rita Kadamian moved to approve the 2010 meeting schedule and it was seconded by Mark Modory. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to Adjourn:

It was moved to close the Reorganizational Meeting by John O'Day and seconded by Mark Modory. **Motion carried unanimously. The Reorganizational meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 11th, 2010**

Members Present:

Dr. Steven Schwimmer, D.O., Chairman
Dr. James C. Foster, M.D., M.P.H., Vice-Chairman
John O'Day, County Board Supervisor
Rita Kadamian, RN, FNP
Mark Modory, County Board Supervisor

Members Absent:

Dr. Mario Maritato, D.D.S.
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Nancy Reeves, Sr. Office Associate, Board of Health Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James Foster, Vice-Chairman, at 12:07 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of
November 16th, 2009:**

It was moved to approve the November 16th, 2009 minutes by Mark Modory and seconded by Rita Kadamian. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

There were none.

Chairman's Comments:

Deferred

Presentations:

a. Radon Program -

**Mike Gorman, Registered Sanitarian, KCDOH
Brad Wozniak, Registered Sanitarian, KCDOH**

Mike introduced himself. He explained that he and Brad Wozniak oversee the grant. They focus on getting the word out regarding the health risk involved where radon is concerned.

He presented a Power Point and covered what radon is, how it enters your home, and environmental risk comparisons. He stated that testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk and highly recommends it.

If testing is conducted and high levels are found in your home, he explained what actions can be taken.

Brad continued the presentation by giving statistics on the presence of radon in Kenosha County through the aid of charts and maps. He discussed the role of the health department when high levels are found in a residence.

Some discussion on reporting requirements. Brad noted that at this time, it is not mandated by the State for contractors to be certified nor to report test results to the health department. Only Minnesota and Illinois have that specified in their State building code, which helps tie the reporting into the sale of property.

Mark Modory suggested that we lobby our State Representatives to change the law to require the contractors to report the results.

Mr. Matteo thanked Mike and Brad.

Health Officer/Director's Report:

a.) H1N1 Update -

Stacey Wians, PH Specialist/Epidemiologist

Stacey introduced herself. She broke down her Power Point presentation into April to August 2009 and September 2009 to the present. She showed the epi-curve on a chart. Of the 166 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Kenosha the ages ranged from 5 months to 65 years old with 9 being the median. The gender distribution was female 45% and male 55%.

Spring activities included the establishment of an Incident Command Structure, daily/weekly briefings, both internally and with the State. Our website was updated with an H1N1 component, which contains a lot of useful information for schools, healthcare providers, etc. We started a media campaign, did press releases, newspaper ads, radio interviews, a cable interview, and a Tinsel Town advertisement with Harborside Academy. H1N1 educational materials were developed for distribution, as well as, developing an online school absentee form. The department also met with partner agencies to keep them abreast of current events.

From September to present we have mainly concentrated on clinic planning. Our goal was to vaccinate 1/3 of the target group population or approximately 30,000.

We conducted six community mass clinics, with the first three geared toward target groups and the remaining three open to all. There were some clinics conducted at WIC, colleges, EMS personnel and healthcare workers, daycare workers, pregnant women and long term care employees.

From October to the end of the year, the Health Dept. has given out over 9,200 vaccines. Stacey went over the actual flu situation comparing the County with State and national statistics on hospitalizations and deaths.

Some of the future H1N1 activities will be to administer the vaccine to the general public through our “Nurse of the Day” clinic, as well as, continuing to conduct targeted clinics for colleges, special populations and underserved populations. We will also continue to monitor illness in the community through our school surveillance.

Some of the challenges have been maintaining current State/National guidance and community messaging, planning community clinics, addressing local disparities and assuring interventions, maintaining essential services and addressing back log issues.

Some question and answer period. Dr. Schwimmer thanked Stacey.

Chairman’s Comments:

Dr. Schwimmer asked the members that based on what was presented on Radon today and the amount of testing versus the amount of knowledge that we have about testing, would they be interested in sending a letter somewhere.

Supervisor Modory moved to send a letter to our State Representatives to include Radon reporting data as a requirement from licensed home inspectors to the State. It was seconded by Supervisor O’Day.

Some discussion on the motion. An amendment to the motion to include first taking a look at what other States practice before sending the letter was made by Rita Kadamian. Supervisor Modory agreed to the amendment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mike Gorman and/or Brad Wozniak will report back at the February 8th Board of Health meeting to let the members know of their findings.

Corporation Counsel's Report:

Not present.

**Other Business as Allowed
by Law:**

No other business as allowed by law.

Closing Board Comments:

No closing board comments.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn by John O'Day. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, February 8th, 2010.