


Just a friendly reminder that the next ESN meeting is Tuesday, February 8th, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video call. Call information here 

Agenda

Welcome and introductions.

- Minutes from January meeting
- COVID Update with Jen Freiheit
- Presentation
- Rental Assistance Update
- ESN MOU & Membership Applications
- EHH Grant – Lead Agency Vote
- Kenosha EFSP Awards
- Further discussion about COAD
- Committee reports & updates:
 1. Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership Committee.
 2. Hunger Prevention Council.
 3. Legislative Committee.
 4. Energy Assistance Committee.
 5. Public Relations Committee.
 6. BOS/COC update.
- Agency sharing
- Adjourn.

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Emergency Services Network of Kenosha County

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting

January 11, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Karl Erickson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	ELCA Outreach Center	Susan Roknic	KHDS
Byron Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Public	Veronica Judon	KHDS
Sherri Dabbs	Goodwill Industries/DWD	Elizabeth Stinebaugh	Legal Action of WI
Pam Halbach	Community Action Agency	Nicole Leipski	UW-Extension
Karen Kempinen	CUSH	Meredith McCoy	BOS
Dustin Feeney	Kenosha County Child Support	Sharon Pomaville	The Sharing Center
Tamarra Coleman	Shalom Center	Alyssa Vucenic	ADRC
Nicole Boyer	Kenosha County DWD	Lois Brandt	Kenosha County Child Support
Jevon Claussen	United Way	Jennifer Blasi	Kenosha County Veterans
Lisa Haen	KHDS	Dan Parrish	Salvation Army
Scott Hall	MHS Health Wisconsin	Erin Morey	PSN
Teresa Covi	MHS Health Wisconsin	Erica O'Neill	Lovell Health Center
Teri Gamble	Boys & Girls Club	Brianna Jones	WCH
Cyndi Zarletti	Kenosha Housing Authority	Carolina Martinez	WCH
Stephanie Wilkiewicz	The Sharing Center	Rachel DeWildt	ADRC
Katie Oatsvall	KAFASI	Janel Semone	KUSD
Mario Zuniga	Familia Dental	Laurie McDonald	KUSD
Emily Bourne	Dechr	Jen Freiheit	Kenosha County Health
Sarah Isaak	Dechr	Holland Dvorak	KHDS
Lisa Sanders	Shalom Center	Krista Ramsey	EQUUS
Erica Moreno	Kenosha Community Health Center		

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Byron Wright. Byron welcomed everyone and went through roll call.

Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Tammara C. and seconded by Teri G. to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

COVID Update

Jen F. from the Health Department gave an update on the COVID situation in Kenosha County. She mentioned that currently 10 people are out from Health Department due to COVID. Hospitals are at capacity and the medical examiner is also strained. It seems that those contracting and dying from COVID are largely the unvaccinated population. Jen said there really is no containing this virus, we need to work hard to get people vaccinated and gain herd immunity. The Health Department is working on how they can focus on the communities that are most vulnerable (i.e. latino, seniors, unvaccinated). The Health Equity Task force is working hard on messaging and various other strategies. If individuals need a test site, they can be found on the Kenosha County website. She expects that the COVID call center will ramp up over the next few weeks as they are not able to contact everyone who is positive and they do have questions, so they will be calling to get information and ask questions. Additionally, the homeless population is posing a challenge as they do not have anywhere to go when released from hospital care to

quarantine, etc. Shalom Center is helping the health department with the challenge and so far they have been successful in finding individuals places to be. There was a reminder that anyone over 12 can receive a booster as long as five months has passed since their second vaccination dose. Additionally, Jen added that the health department was getting out to the homebound and also taking care of getting them vaccinated as well.

Rental Assistance Update

Pam H. reported that there is still money and the guidelines have loosened up a bit to broaden the population that we can serve. A question was posed as to what the turn around time was, Pam indicated that it was dependent on how quickly people returned paperwork and other documentation. Pam also told the group that between rental assistance and WIC, they receive over 1,000 per day.

Sharon P. mentioned that her agency still has funding, however, with the WHERA program that is a much better offering than what the Sharing Center can currently provide. Dan P. indicated that the Salvation Army does not have any funding at this time for rental assistance. Jennifer B. indicated that Kenosha County Veterans office also has funding for veterans. Pam also mentioned that there is a mortgage program coming however, they have very little information at this time.

The ESN Meeting was temporarily adjourned to adjourn the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

Lisa reported quarterly reports are due January 24. Salvation Army and KHDS have completed their reports. If you need assistance, please let Lisa know. Lisa also mentioned that yearly a Board Chair be elected. Sherri D. made the motion that Byron remain the chair, Sharon P. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Phase 39 awards have not been released. There is going to be increases in some of the allowed expenses. In Kenosha it will only affect Rent/Mortgage as we do not use the other priorities.

2022 Priorities

Mass food, mass shelter, rent/mortgage and equipment/supplies. Teri G. made the motion to continue with those priorities, Sharon P. seconded. It was asked why we do not prioritize hotel/motel, Lisa H. indicated that we receive funding for this through other avenues. All were in favor of the motion, motion passed.

Funding Allocation Committee

Byron asked for volunteers to review the applications for funding. Byron, Elizabeth, Erin, Lisa, Sherri all volunteered.

There being no further business of the EFSP, Lisa H. made a motion to adjourn, Dan. P. seconded. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

ESN Board Elections

Byron mentioned that we need to elect officers for 2022. The current officers are Byron W. and Karl E. as co-chairs and Sherri D. as secretary. All were willing to stay in those positions. Sharon P. made the motion to elect these officers for 2022, Tamarra C. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MOU & Membership Applications

Lisa told the group that the MOU and the membership application will be going out to everyone on the call and those who were members this past year. Please complete them and get them to her by February 15.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Veronica J. reported the committee met on December 22 at 9:30 a.m. via Teams. The root members were provided an action plan/update from the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion workgroup. The workgroup reviewed and updated the non-discrimination policy. The Addressing the Safety of Victims of Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Survivor workgroup worked on developing a training schedule for community partners. The HAPP committee discussed and worked on preparing for the upcoming Point in Time on January 26-27. Due to the current COVID variant, they will once again be using agency volunteers. The next meeting will be January 18 at 9:30 a.m. A motion to approve the report was made by Sharon P. and seconded by Lisa S. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunger Prevention

The group met on December 14th, however, did not have a quorum. They discussed how they can continue to collaborate and learn and be together as food providers, advocates and educators. They decided to meet every other month so the next meeting is in February. If you have a program dealing with food in anyway, they ask that you consider joining the group/discussion. A motion to approve the report was made by Sherri D., Lisa H. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Legislative Committee

Did not meet.

Energy Assistance Committee

Did not meet.

Public Relations Committee

Did not meet.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa H. reported they have hired someone as the Project Coordinator. His name is Brent Gust and he is from Eau Claire, WI. He begins working on January 18. He will be working with YDHP. We will begin workgroups for YDHP today at 10:00 a.m. If any of the Kenosha members want to be a part of this, let Lisa know. Coordinated Community Plan is due on March 15 to HUD. There will be Diverse& Resilience training series that started last week. It is a good training and there are still a few sessions if anyone is interested. February 11, 2022 is the next BOS meeting.

Agency Sharing

- Tamarra shared that the Shalom Center is now acting as a host site for COVID testing, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Results are given within 24-48 hours. This is sponsored by KCHC.
- Teri G. from Boys & Girls Club mentioned they will have an open house type event to get the word out about what they do and offer at B&G Club. This will be held at Boys and Girls Club on February 26.
- Janel from KUSD mentioned that many schools are going virtual. The parents are being notified in the evenings which is causing some issues because it is short notice for their jobs and finding care

for their kids. KUSD has a dashboard on the website if you want to see where things are at. Many staff are out and they are having issues finding substitutes for the classes.

- Mario from Familia Dental mentioned they still have a Community Relations Coordinator position open if anyone knows anyone or wants to apply.
- Erin M. from PSN indicated that April is Child Abuse and Neglect prevention month. Normally many in person activities take place however, they will not be doing that this year. However, April 30, is scheduled to be the walk/run so, mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming.

A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa H., all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheri R. Labbs".

ESN Secretary