


Just a friendly reminder that the next ESN meeting is Tuesday, January 11th, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video call. Call information here 

Agenda

Welcome and introductions.

- Minutes from December meeting
- COVID Update with Jen Freiheit
- Rental Assistance Update
- EFSP Meeting (Quarterly Jan, April, July, Oct)
 - Final Reports for phase 37, CARES & phase 38
 - Board Chair Election
 - Phase 39 & ARPA-R
 - EFSP Priorities
 - Funding Allocation Committee
 - Other Business
 - Adjourn
- ESN Board Officer Elections
- ESN MOU & Membership Applications
- 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 December 14, 2021

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Karl Erickson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	ELCA Outreach Center	Alyssa Vucenic	ADRC
Byron Wright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Women's & Children's Horizons	Abby ??	Shalom Center
Sherri Dabbs, <i>Secretary</i>	Goodwill Industries/DWD	Laurie Hawkins	CUSH
Jennifer Blasi	Kenosha County Veterans	Elizabeth Stinebaugh	Legal Action of WI
Dan Parrish	Salvation Army	Lisa Sanders	Shalom Center
Lisa Haen	KHDS	Sharon Pomaville	The Sharing Center
Krista Ramsey	EQUUS – W2	Cameron Swallow	WCH
Cyndi Zarletti-Lee	Kenosha Housing Authority	Rachel DeWildt	ADRC
Karen Kempinen	CUSH	Nicole Leipski	UW-Extension
Nicole Boyer	Kenosha County - DWD	Lois Brandt	Kenosha County Child Support
Veronica Judon	KHDS	Jen Freiheit	Kenosha County Health Dept.
Marty Howard	Kenosha Police Department	Laurie McDonald	KUSD
Teri Gamble	Boys & Girls Club	Garrett ??	Love, Inc.
Melania Brostowitz	Fight to End Exploitation	Robin Trubidow	Decker?
Meredith McCoy	WI BOS Monitoring & Compliance Coordinator	Lisa Kucharski	Department of Corrections – Division of Community Relations
Cameron Swallow	Braver Angels?		

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Byron Wright. Byron welcomed everyone and went through roll call.

Minutes

A motion was made by Teri G. and seconded by Cyndi Z. to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

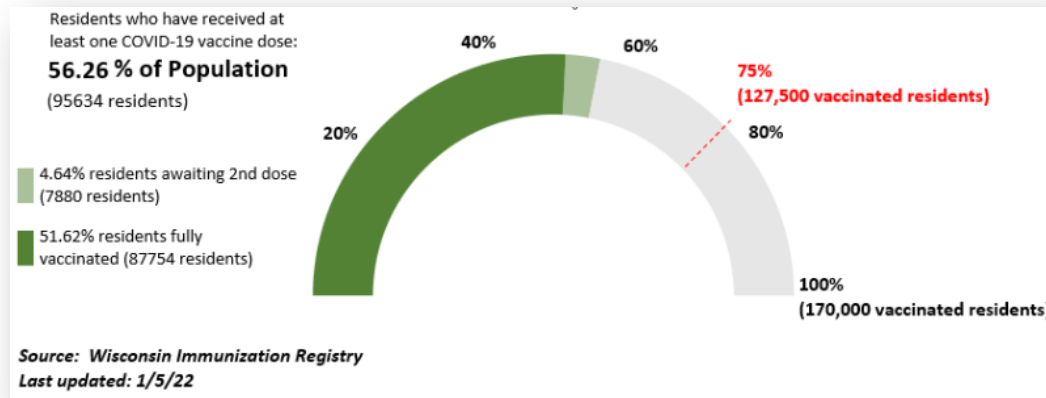
Presentations:

COVID 19 Update for Kenosha County

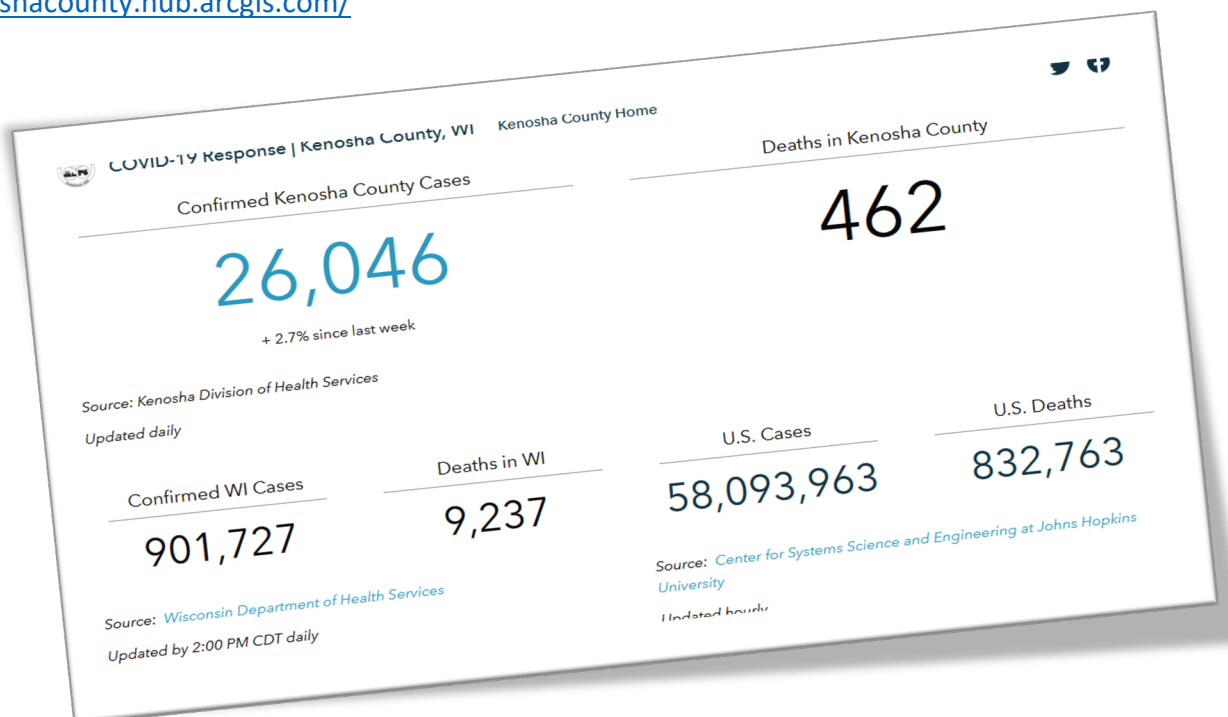
Jen Freiheit, from the Kenosha County Health Department gave a report on where Kenosha County was with COVID cases. Jen reported that the local hospitals are slammed, and that is a problem. They are at capacity for staffing right now with anywhere from 60-65 COVID cases at any one time. This isn't the highest it has been, but hospitals are swamped. She mentioned that due to the hospitals being overwhelmed, they have submitted a request to FEMA for assistance with staffing. Jen also let the group know that the Health Department is considerably behind on getting back to people with positive cases and have been attempting to prioritize them as best they can.

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Kenosha County is still averaging one to two deaths per day. Jen indicated that 90-95% of those in the hospital are unvaccinated, so encouraging individuals to get their vaccinations and boosters would be a good idea. She also told the group that the COVID website for Kenosha County is being kept up to date. As of today, only 50.4% of individuals in Kenosha County are vaccinated.



Additionally, she mentioned there are issues with nursing facilities because of staffing issues. Jen let the group know that the number of kids that are testing positive is just exploding. She also reported that home tests are not reported so we aren't able to track those individuals and data. So ultimately the data is incorrect, but it is the best they can do with the information they have. The Health Department is still doing lots of boosters and vaccinations at KCJC. Jen indicated that there have been lots of fly by night testing sites, who aren't cooperating with the state or local departments and they are working to get those shut down. If you would like to know if a site is authorized you can check the county website <https://kenosha-county-covid-19-response-kenoshacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>



Fight to End Exploitation Presentation

Melania Brostowitz from Fight to End Exploitation let the group know that she was interested in educating the group on the Fight to End Exploitation group which is based in Racine. She indicated the mission of the group was to eradicate exploitation and human trafficking throughout Wisconsin and the regional Midwest and empower those affected by the issue using a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach. Their group strives to achieve this through three key pillars: prevention, intervention, and advocacy & restoration services. They just launched a new website that can be found at fighttoendexploitation.org. Melania told the group that they feel the number one way to end this is through education. She told the group:



- Fight to End Exploitation's **advocacy services** which support victims and survivors of human trafficking through crisis response and referral advocacy. Our collaborative team of advocates works to help those impacted by trafficking and exploitation to receive individualized care and services.
- Fight to End Exploitation provides **referral advocacy services** to victims and survivors of human trafficking by collaborating with multidisciplinary community partners. Referrals include housing and shelter needs, mental health services for victims, survivors, and their support systems, legal aid, transportation, immigration advocacy, AODA counseling, safety planning, medical care, and law enforcement advocacy.
- *FEE does not provide case management, direct victim and survivor programming, or investigative services.*
- If you or someone you know is in need of referral advocacy, please call or text our rapid response line at (414) 485-5370.
- If you are interested in being a volunteer advocate, training provided, or are a licensed therapist looking to provide mental health services to victims and survivors of human trafficking they are looking for individuals to broaden their scope.
- Our advocates respond to Southeast Wisconsin regional hospitals to meet with survivors and families to provide emotional support and referral advocacy information.
- Our team also partners with law enforcement jurisdictions throughout Racine County to provide advocacy for victims of human trafficking recovered by law enforcement and or seeking help from law enforcement.
- Currently their service area is Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, or Waukesha counties. This service area is set to expand to the entire state of Wisconsin in 2023.

Rental Assistance Update

Sharon P. mentioned the Sharing Center still has rental and utility assistance for those west of I-94. She mentioned that they are seeing an uptick in people who are not qualifying for WERA funding. Jennifer B. also reported that they have money for veterans who are experiencing homelessness.

Committee Reports

Homeless Awareness & Prevention Partnership/Centralized and Coordinated Assessment Committee

Veronica J. reported the committee met on November 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Teams. The committee discussed and worked on the BOS Action Plan. There were three work groups that worked on Coordinated Entry, Point in Time and Affordable Housing. The progress report was submitted to BOS on November 17. We then identified three new goals that we are going to work on for the next six months which are Addressing the Needs of LGBT and Racial Equity; Protecting Against Discrimination and Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Survivors. She mentioned that this week was National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and reminded everyone of the events taking place this week. If anyone is interested in joining the HAPP committee please let Veronica know. The next meeting is December 21, 2021 via Teams. Sharon P. made a motion to approve, Sherri D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Hunger Prevention

No report.

Legislative Committee

Did not meet, however, Karen K. mentioned that they had met with KABA in the summer regarding if the uptown lofts would have affordable housing and they have closed on those units. If you are interested in joining the Legislative Committee contact Karen K. or Sharon P.

Energy Assistance Committee

No report.

Public Relations Committee

Did not meet.

BOS/COC Update

Lisa H. reported that the BOS held the Board elections at their quarterly meeting November 4. Lisa will be continuing on as the Chair. YHDP is another big project that the BOS is working on. There is still a lot of work to be done. Provider surveys were sent out so if you could complete those and return them, that would be great. Lisa mentioned they are continuing to conduct interviews for the project coordinator position, so hopefully we have someone soon in this position. There was a webinar on December 7 that Lisa attended, this information was passed on to the local committee.

Agency Sharing

- Krista R. reported that the Life Program through EQUUS is quite popular and the State of Wisconsin has told them that the funds may be depleted by January. This project has been challenging as there have been many people applying. To date we have processed 70 applications in Kenosha and have about 40 waiting.
- Sherri D. reminded the group that Holiday House started yesterday and if anyone knows of families who are in need of food or toys, they can send them over and they will be registered on site to receive the toy and gift cards for the families.

- Sharon P. mentioned that the Sharing Center is also currently doing their holiday event and registration is not required. Families can come to the Sharing Center through December 23-24 and receive food and toys for their family.
- Dan P. indicated that the Salvation Army is also adding families to their waiting list for toys and they give lots of toys to each family.
- Nicole B. reported to the group that the ACCESS website and mobile app have been updated. Individuals will now be able to see their medical cards via this application.

Byron and Karl wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa H., seconded by Teri G. all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheri K. Labbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ESN Secretary