

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County**  
**Public Health Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2022**  
**Health and Human Services Building, Room 271**

**Present Committee Members:** Froedtert Health (Andrew Dresang, Chair), ProHealth Care Hispanic Health Resource Center (Jessica Kadow), Betty Koepsel, Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich), Luann Ladwig, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Liz Kirsch), ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz)

**Absent Committee Members:** Aurora Medical Center

**HHS Board Liaisons:** Mary Baer

**Present HHS Staff Liaisons:** Ben Jones, Bridget Gnad, Elizabeth Laatsch, Frances Thomas, Sarah Ward

**Absent HHS Staff Liaisons:** Mary Jo Hamman, Mary Smith, Theresa Imp

**Guests:** Gabrielle Manders, Lisa Kwiat, Tristin Bruno

1. **Call to Order**  
Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**  
MOTION: Kadow moved, second by Reich to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from June 9, 2022. Motion passed without negative vote.
3. **Committee Business**
  - A. **Elections (Term September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)**
    - i. **Chair**  
MOTION: Butz moved, second by Ladwig to approve the re-election of Dresang to his third term as Public Health Advisory Committee Chair for the term of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.
    - ii. **Vice Chair**  
MOTION: Dresang moved, second by Ladwig to approve the re-election of Kadow to her third term as Public Health Advisory Committee Vice Chair for the term of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

**B. Discuss and Consider - Membership Reappointments (Term: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)**

**i. Aurora Medical Center (Provider)**

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Reich to approve the re-election of Aurora Medical Center as Public Health Advisory Committee Provider member for the term of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025. Motion passed without negative vote.

**ii. ProHealth Care, Hispanic Health Resource Center (Provider)**

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Reich to approve the re-election of ProHealth Care, Hispanic Health Resource Center as Public Health Advisory Committee Provider member for the term of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025. Motion passed without negative vote.

**4. Community Health Improvement Plan and Process (CHIPP)**

Jones briefly reviewed the CHIPP timeline and the national model, called Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP), which lead to identifying the County's priority issues. The next step will be for the CHIPP Steering Committee to present the priority issues to their sectors for validation. Once priorities are finalized, community-based action teams will be formed to focus on creating initiatives to address the issues. CHIPP will also be requesting some funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help pay for some of the initiatives that the action teams suggest.

Dresang added that the CHIPP presentation will be shared in the September or October Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) meeting as members of the PHAC will also have valuable insights for this process.

**5. Committee and Organizational Updates**

**A. Health and Human Services Board – HHS Board Liaison**

Baer shared that in June, the Board was presented with the Aging and Disability Resource Center's (ADRC) transportation analysis, a presentation from the Adolescent and Family Division, and an overview of the new training tool for newly elected Board Supervisors.

In July, the Board voted to change the status of the Mental Health Center from a 28-bed mental health facility to a 16-bed mental health hospital as well as a Crisis Stabilization Unit. Additionally, the Board heard Ben Jones' presentation on Public Health 3.0. This presentation introduced Public Health 3.0 and highlighted budget shortfalls created through unfunded mandates. The presentation explained why these services are mandated and need financial support. Budget requests from each of the June presentations were approved.

**B. Environmental Health Division**

Ward discussed updates on enforcement activities for mobile food trucks. Enforcement this year has been a greater challenge due to the increase in licensing over the past four years. Licensing renewals went very well. The division is fully staffed.

**C. Aging and Disability Resource Center**

There were no updates from the ADRC.

**D. Preparedness**

Gnadt shared that an online training platform has been approved which will provide staff with more learning opportunities. Preparedness is currently working on emergency drills within the Health and Human Services building. Staffing has been expanded.

**6. Public Health Division Reports**

- **Staffing**

Jones noted that Women and Infant Children (WIC) is nearly fully staffed now that a position, which had opened through a recent retirement, was filled internally. Public Health Nursing staff has been greatly reduced through retirements and other turnover. Some of the vacant nursing positions have been converted to Disease Investigation Specialists. Many of the remaining open nursing positions are expected to be filled soon and recruiting will continue for positions that are still open. The Strategy Team is filling out and an Epidemiologist will be offered a position soon.

Laatsch added that there will be an On-Call nursing position filled soon and this person will help fill gaps from the open full-time nursing positions.

Jones stated that Public Health is now on the Carroll University Nursing Education Advisory Board which may help nursing students better understand what Public Health Nursing involves.

- **Preparing for the Department of Health Services Chapter 140 Review**

Jones discussed the transition of Public Health from a Level 2 to a Level 3 Health Department. Work is being done in preparation for the review process to make sure the qualifications are met for the Level 3 requirements.

- **Monkeypox Updates**

Jones stated that it is unclear why the United States appears to be a leader in the spread of Monkeypox. It may be due to the quality of disease tracking which is able to identify more cases than other countries have the ability to identify. There is concern with how the spread is being reported in the media which is creating a risk that voluntary reporting will be reduced due to growing stigma. It is important to understand that, in addition to prolonged skin-to-skin contact, the disease can be spread through incidental exposure, such as sharing towels, clothing, or bed sheets used by someone with an active infection.

While vaccine supply remains a massive issue, the danger of death from Monkeypox is extremely low.

- **COVID-19 Updates**

Jones reported that numbers are remaining stable with 115 cases per day as the average. This still places Waukesha County in the red, but it is expected that the County will drop back to yellow. To get down to green, there needs to be fewer than 800 cases and 40 hospitalizations within a 7-day period.

Flu season is expected to be more challenging this year, and when combined with COVID, there is some concern for elevated illness risks in the upcoming season.

Gnadt added that testing facilities around the County have reported only slight increases in testing and are no where near being overwhelmed by demand.

Jones concluded with the message that the public generally knows what to do to avoid spreading disease. The state is expected to release a "Good, Better, and Best" model for disease mitigation in schools. New boosters are expected for the fall and will probably contain protection from multiple COVID strains.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Butz shared that ProHealth Care has seen a slight increase in COVID cases.

Considering the workforce challenges, ProHealth is focusing outreach to high school students and looking to use innovative recruitment efforts moving forward.

The Mukwonago location is ramping up surgical services. More providers are being added at the Waterford location. More urgent care facilities have been opened around the County.

ProHealth is easing back into community outreach and priority community needs have been identified. ProHealth has been given approval to implement the UniteUs platform to aid in connecting patients to resources within the community. By the end of 2023, Medicare will begin to require screening for Social Determinants of Health upon patient discharge.

Kadow discussed recent updates from the ProHealth Care Hispanic Resource Center (HRC). This non-revenue producing branch of the ProHealth hospital system provides community services (other than legal services) to Waukesha County residents. In October, the HRC will have a Spanish-speaking therapist available in the office.

The HRC runs a gardening program for the aging population called Forever Young, a six-session virtual program for families caring for family members with dementia and provides car seats and booster seats at low or no-cost. Additionally, culturally competent health-centered education regarding high blood pressure, vaccination, and other topics is available through the HRC. Spanish-language social media messaging and radio spots have been developed to advertise local health initiatives, including those of other community agencies.

## **8. Agency Announcements and Updates**

There were no agency announcements or updates.

## **9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Community Action Coalition Presentation
- Unfunded mandates

**10. Public Comment**

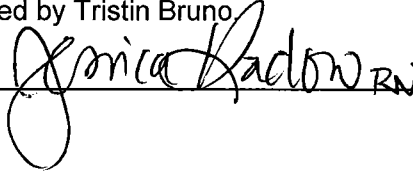
There were no public comments.

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Ladwig to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tristin Bruno

Minutes Were Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Radon RN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning of the name.

Date:

9/8/22