

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 9, 2023
Health and Human Services Building, Room 271

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

Absent Committee Members: Aurora Medical Center, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Liz Kirsch)

Present HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer (via Teams)

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Ben Jones, Elizabeth Laatsch, Sarah Ward

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Bridget Gnadt, Theresa Imp, Gabrielle Manders, Frances Thomas

Guests: Mary Jo Hamman, Lisa Kwiat, Janelle McClain, Mary Smith

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Butz moved, second by Kadow, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from January 12, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. Community Health Improvement Plan and Process (CHIPP)

Jones reported that, despite the action teams still in the process of soliciting additional members, they hope to have the teams launched by March. This will allow each of the action teams to develop their plan with a goal deadline of September so implementation can begin by 2024.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Environmental Health Division

Ward reported that in 2022, the DNR initiated a research study on groundwater quality in Wisconsin. This project involved sampling and testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pesticides, metals, nitrate, pharmaceuticals, and personal care products in 450 wells throughout the state. Wells were selected to obtain an even geographic distribution throughout the state. Participation was voluntary by the owners and costs to analyze the samples were paid for by the DNR. The goal of the study was to better understand the

prevalence of PFAS in Wisconsin's groundwater through tracing the sources of compounds derived from human waste and agriculture.

Four private wells were tested in Waukesha County. These wells were located in Hartland, Mukwonago, Waukesha, and New Berlin. None of the PFAS analyzed were detected at levels of health concern. One well had elevated sodium.

In 2017, a ruling, known as the "Cookie Bill," legalized the sale of non-potentially hazardous home-baked goods, defined as products containing flour as an ingredient. These goods could then be sold directly to consumers, such as at farmers markets. In December 2022, a judge ruled in favor of expanding the Cookie Bill to include legalizing the sale of non-potentially hazardous products that do not go in an oven – such as hot cocoa bombs and roasted coffee. The State has 45 days to appeal the ruling. DATCP and agents are unable to provide guidance or interpret the ruling.

B. Health and Human Services Board – HHS Board Liaison

Baer reported that at the January 19 HHS Board meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Mary Berg had announced that City of Waukesha parks now have AED machines in the shelters
- Reviewed the Wisconsin Counties magazine article regarding the embedded mental health professional at the Sheriff's Department
- Reviewed the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) budget proposal for 2023-2025
- Reviewed the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) 2023-2024 initiatives
- Introduced Andrew Grzybowski as the Administrator of the Mental Health Center and approved him for the position
- Introduced Nicole Kelly, the new HHS Public Communications Coordinator
- Reviewed a presentation on the Clinical Services Division and the upcoming ARPA projects and the Crisis Intervention/Law Enforcement collaboration

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Smith reported that Amy Meyer, a second Coordinator, started last week. Meyer will oversee the Adult Protective Services (APS) and Aging Services areas.

Medicare is unwinding as the Public Health Emergency comes to an end. Individuals have not had to complete any application during this time. Over the next year, everyone on Medicaid will receive a letter that they will need to have their annual review. Many individuals may lose benefits, so the ADRC will need to counsel those individuals to help find other options for them. Also due to the emergency ending, the allowance for verbal approvals will be coming to an end. This will require staff to physically meet with individuals to obtain in-person signatures, thus adding to their workload.

The ADRC and ADRC Advisory Board is focusing on the transportation issue that they are responsible for, acknowledging that there is a larger county-wide issue that needs to be addressed in the future. For the first time since 2019, all of the providers met for a transportation network meeting. Smith added that the new provider, WI Transportation LLC, has been covering the Menomonee Falls/Sussex/Butler area since January – filling a large gap in services.

Lisa Bittman is working on a collaboration with the Hispanic Resource Center, addressing numerous topics that affect the Hispanic population such as nutrition, health promotion, and financial abuse and scams.

D. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Hamman reported that while the physical presence and remote services waivers are scheduled to expire in August as a result of the end of the Public Health Emergency, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has allowed states to opt into extending the waivers until 2026; Wisconsin's State WIC office has agreed to the extension. The extension will allow WIC to continue to offer families the flexibility of remote services, provided the family provides current anthropometrics and bloodwork from their provider within 60 days of the appointment. Failure to do so would result in termination and the need to repeat the appointment.

6. Public Health Division Reports

Jones updated attendees on the following personnel changes:

- Interviewing for the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Social Worker based out of the Medical Examiner's office
- Interviewing for a full-time nurse
- Interviewing for a .8 nurse
- Gnadt is attempting to hire a part-time preparedness staff member

The Public Health division continues to prepare for the 140 Review at the end of September, developing an internal process to compile everything that is needed. Jones added that moving to Level 3 will increase the collaboration with Environmental Health.

Kwiat has been working on updating the Public Health Annual Report and plans to share the report at the next PHAC meeting.

This month, the One Pill Campaign focused on partnership – working with the agencies Love, Logan and Saving Others for Archie (SOFA). County Executive Farrow has conducted recent interview on the movement, and social media posts have increased. Signage will also be sent to county middle and high schools to encourage a partnership with the schools and Public Health.

The OFR process continues to progress. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with the Medical Examiner's (ME) office to allow sharing of information. Public Health will be sending staff to the ME's office tomorrow to begin the process and start reviewing records from the last 5 years. The Social Worker that will be hired to work at the ME's office will also be providing support for families from every overdose death.

Jones has been attending meetings regarding the 2024 Republican National Convention that will be held in Milwaukee.

7. Agency Announcements and Updates

There were no agency announcements and updates.

8. Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board on April 27, 2023

Attendees discussed points that they felt should be noted in the annual presentation.

Some of the points include:

- Show what Public Health 3.0 will be in the future and the benefits of the change, noting the collaboration that already exists
- Include success stories from various units of Public Health
- Share information surrounding the One Pill campaign
- Discuss the efficiencies that will result from the new ARPA positions
- Address the gap in funding due to many services not being revenue-generating, but still being statutorily required

Dresang will work on compiling the presentation and will share a draft at the March PHAC meeting and review the final version at the April PHAC meeting.

9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Agency Report: Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Kirsch)
- Annual Report
- Community Needs Presentation
- Update from new Director at the Housing Action Coalition

10. Public Comment

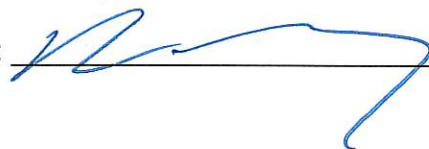
There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Kadow moved, second by Ludwig, to adjourn at 9:08 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

3/9/23