

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 11, 2024
Health and Human Services Building, Room 114

Present Committee Members: Froedtert Health (Andrew Dresang, Chair), ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz, Vice Chair), ProHealth Care Hispanic Health Resource Center (Jessica Kadow), Aurora Medical Center, Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich), Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Abby Gorecki), Aurora Medical Center (Dr. Jim Holmberg), Luann Ladwig

Absent Committee Members: Betty Koepsel

Present HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Ben Jones, Elizabeth Laatsch, Theresa Imp, Bridget Gnad, Gabrielle Manders, Sarah Ward, Mary Smith

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Mary Jo Hamman, Lisa Kwiat, Frances Thomas

Guests: Debbie Heinowski

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Gorecki arrived at 8:17 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Ludwig moved, second by Butz, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from November 9, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

Jones said the teams are finalizing the current phase of CHIP. In 2022, teams did a Community Health Assessment and picked the leading priorities, which were mental health, substance use, and healthy aging. In 2023, teams were compiled, and worked on putting together a plan of what to do in these areas. Those plans are due later this month giving the Steering Committee a chance to review.

The kickoff will be March 14, with the DHS Secretary planned to be in attendance, and the County Executive scheduled to speak. Concurrently, they will be launching their plan to put the \$300,000 worth of ARPA funds behind the CHIP projects that their partner agencies will be applying for and will be awarded based on how closely they align with the CHIP plan.

Smith reported both the ADRC and Adult Protective Services have received an increase in call volume since the holidays.

There is a new Adult Services supervisor, along with a new team. There are some open social worker positions they are hoping to fill in the next couple of months.

~~Smith is looking forward to working collaboratively with Public Health on the~~ Dementia Services for Waukesha County. There are 1½ Dementia Care Specialists who are doing remarkable work in the community.

Every three (3) years, the State requires the ARDC to prepare an Aging Plan on how they spend the funds from the Older Americans Act. The ARDC is currently wrapping up the 2022-2024 plan.

It has been a challenge for the ARDC to disenroll clients from managed care programs, and as a result, they have been working with the State to simplify this process.

The new 2024 ARDC Resource Guide is now available in both English and Spanish.

6. Public Health Division Reports

A. Public Health – Gabby Manders

Manders reported that prior to the holidays a Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) grant was applied for and has since been approved. This will help strengthen community collaboration partnerships and recognition not only at the state level, but at a national level.

B. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – Mary Jo Hamman

There were no WIC updates.

C. Emergency Preparedness – Bridget Gnad

Gnad announced that Jamie Penza is now full time. This brings the preparedness team to 2.5 FTEs.

The preparedness team is involved with several groups to help prepare the community and region for any emergency that could arise during the Republican National Conference (RNC). They are leading the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC)/Family Assistance Center (FAC) Regional Workgroup. They are also participating in the Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Dispensing Regional Workgroup, the Consequence Management Workgroup, Training and Exercise Workgroup.

Gnad said they are planning a regional VRC exercise for March 5. Anyone interested in learning what a VRC is and how it works is encouraged to sign up at <https://forms.office.com/g/gb8sLNZ7Zr>. There is a strong need for people to play the role of spontaneous volunteers and pretend they want to assist in the emergency response.

Emergency Preparedness continues to work with long term care organizations to recruit and train closed Points of Dispensing (PODs). Closed PODs are mass clinics that are not open to the public but rather just to the entity's residents, staff, and staff's families.

They continue to implement the new preparedness structure throughout HHS and so far have implemented 12 subcommittees.

D. Public Health – Ben Jones

Jones commended Gnadl and her team for training other departments in Health and Human Services on how to work together with Public Health to provide all the services needed in the event of an emergency. He highlighted this as being highly innovative and a model in Wisconsin.

Jones shared a letter from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services congratulating Waukesha County Public Health for demonstrating the infrastructure and program capacity to be certified as a Level III Health Department.

Jones said Public Health will now be moving towards the Pathways to Accreditation.

Public Health is undergoing a Strategic Planning process laying out what the vision is and how to get there in the next three (3) years.

The Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) has a Team Orientation meeting January 18, and will be reviewing its first case in March. This will be a comprehensive approach to every aspect of an overdose fatality.

Recruitment for a strategist will begin soon to help with some of the massive projects.

7. Agency Report

Dresang reviewed a presentation titled, "Waukesha County Public Health Advisory Council, Froedtert Health Update."

Laatsch reported the COVID Response Team are brainstorming how to keep the partnerships formed during the pandemic strong going forward.

8. Agency Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements or updates.

9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Preparation for the April 18 Community Needs Presentation to the County Board

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

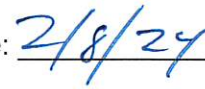
MOTION: Reich moved, second by Kadow to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Heinowski.

Minutes Were Approved:

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Date:

A handwritten date '2/8/24' in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.