

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 11, 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, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Liz Kirsch)

Absent Committee Members: Aurora Medical Center, ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz)

Absent HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Bridget Gnadt, Ben Jones, Elizabeth Laatsch, Lisa Kwiat

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Theresa Imp, Sarah Ward, Gabrielle Manders, Mary Jo Hamman, Frances Thomas

Guests: Tristin Bruno

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Kirsch, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from April 13, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. Debrief of Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board on April 27, 2023

Dresang reported that County Board Supervisor, Larry Nelson, shared his thanks with the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) for their work on the Community Prioritized Needs Presentation.

The PHAC presentation focused on the strengths and goals of Public Health 3.0 which revolve around the social determinants of health and social drivers that impact community health.

The presentation was a call to advocate for increasing shared revenue from the State to support the cost for counties to continue mandated programs; changing the property tax funds formula to help cover the increased needs of counties and municipalities; recognize needs and call for other funding (state, federal, grants, local donations, etc.) to implement Public Health 3.0; and to educate legislators on what the true needs are in the community to adequately and fairly address the social determinants of health.

In summary, if Public Health 3.0 is fully supported, it will result in more tax revenue due to a healthier, fully-employed constituency.

5. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

Jones provided an update on the status of the CHIP Action Team activities. Each team is at a different stage, but all three are moving forward and there are still opportunities to join teams. The deadline for recommendations on initiatives has been extended to the end of 2023. Some funding will also be available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for future initiatives.

The Community Health Assessment (CHA), used to help determine the priority areas around which the Action Teams were created, will be printed and shared at the next PHAC meeting.

6. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

Jones stated that the Health and Human Services (HHS) Board felt that the divisional needs presented at the recent HHS Board meeting all aligned well with one another. The social determinants of health and the various ways they impact the community's health were underscored in each presentation. The HHS Board will now take the needs to the County Executive to request support in the continued evolution of services that HHS provides to the community.

B. Environmental Health Division

There was no update from Environmental Health.

C. Emergency Preparedness

Gnadt shared that Emergency Preparedness (EP) is working on a plan to improve sheltering so that the response does not hinge on a small number of people.

Additionally, Gnadt attended the recent National Association of Counties and City Health Officials (NACCHO) summit and learned about radiological emergencies. EP is working with the State to create a plan for local response to radiological emergencies.

EP continues to prepare for the Republican National Convention (RNC) with regularly scheduled meetings kicking off in June.

EP is also working with partners to increase redundant communications to strengthen the mesh network in the case communication networks are compromised. Jones added that the last few years have tested current emergency response procedures and highlighted where there were gaps. The preparedness team is in the process of finding solutions to fill these gaps.

D. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

There was no update from the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

7. **Public Health Division Reports**

Kwiat discussed the May 9 press conference announcing Waukesha County's partnership with area communities placing Overdose Aid Kits (OAK) boxes in locations across the county. Email overdoseprevention@waukeshacounty.gov or call 262-896-8061 to request OAK boxes. Bilingual (Spanish/English) education and resources are included in every box.

Currently, OAK boxes are in the Waukesha County parks system, Oconomowoc schools, and within the City of Oconomowoc. Additional locations are coming soon and a heatmap of locations will be added to the Waukesha County Overdose Prevention webpage. A list of community partners who offer overdose prevention and Naloxone training is available through the Resources link on the prevention webpage. The County is also working on a training video that will include a QR code for resources.

An overdose response dashboard has also been launched on the Waukesha County website. Currently, the page includes graphs on overdoses and an interactive Waukesha County opioid crisis response summary.

Additionally, the County has partnered with Marcus Theaters to incorporate awareness posters and a 15-second spot that will be played before each film June through August.

The Jump for Archie event is Saturday, May 13. There is still time to register to jump or donate.

Jones added that Public Health (PH) is preparing for the Chapter 140 review. Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 140 describes the required services of a local health department as well as Local Health Officer qualifications. This review will occur in 140 days and the division is working to ensure all required documentation of services are in order. PH will also be leveling up to a Level 3 Health Department.

The County is currently undergoing a general wage review, which will have a significant impact on budgets, as PH continues to work on filling two nursing positions.

The new electronic health record goes live next Wednesday. PH staff is going through final training today and tomorrow. There will be no electronic record Monday and Tuesday; work will be paper-based until the new system goes live on Wednesday.

Several Public Health staff will be attending the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) Conference, May 23-25.

The COVID team will be ending to coincide with the ending of the Public Health emergency declaration. Some information will continue to be collected by PH staff, but much of the reporting will be reduced as many statutory services will be returning to Public Health.

8. **Agency Report**

There was no agency report.

9. Agency Announcements and Updates

Dresang shared that JKV Research will be starting their annual key informant survey. The research requires a minimum of 400 interviews to provide data that will be used to determine the public's understanding of the local health system services.

10. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Agency Report: No report

11. Public Comment

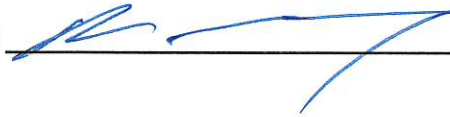
There were no public comments.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Ladwig to adjourn at 8:39 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tristin Bruno.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

8/10/23