

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Waukesha County Health and Human Services Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting Public Health Advisory Committee Thursday, February 11, 2021

- Present Committee Members:** Steven Andrews, Ross Clay, Andrew Dresang (Chair), Jessica Kadow (Vice Chair), Betty Koepsel, Colleen Peebles, Mary Reich, Sarah Butz
- Absent Committee Members:** Kerri Ackerman
- HHS Board Liaisons:** Mary Baer
- Present HHS Staff Liaisons:** Mary Jo Hamman, Ben Jones, Brittany Leising, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Laatsch
- Absent HHS Staff Liaisons:** Theresa Imp, Bridget Gnad
- Guests:** Tristin Bruno, Janelle McClain

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Butz, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from January 14, 2021. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Business

A. Community Needs Presentation

Dresang shared and reviewed a PowerPoint titled, "Public Health Advisory Committee Community Needs Presentation 2021."

Clay joined at 8:10 a.m. Andrews joined at 8:25 a.m.

Attendees provided the following feedback:

- Show which needs Waukesha County currently meeting which needs still need to be met.
- Add a statement of support from the healthcare community
- Add a list of organizations that have provided data for this presentation
- Add a request for a part-time nutritionist to address chronic disease prevention measures as related to diet, especially at the beginning of life

A revised version of the Community Needs Presentation will be reviewed and finalized at next month's meeting.

4. Agency Reports – ProHealth Care

Butz shared updates from ProHealth Care:

- Resumed construction on the expansion of their hospital location in Mukwonago. The expansion includes 24 in-patient rooms, a surgery center, lab, and a diagnostic area. The expected completion of the expansion is late 2021 or early 2022.
- Opened a new primary care center in Waterford to better serve residents
- Opened a new urgent care clinic on Capitol Drive in Pewaukee
- Focusing on vaccination efforts, averaging 400-800 vaccinations per day since December 23 – depending on the quantity of vaccine available

In January, ProHealth Care rolled out a food insecurity screening called the Hunger Vital Signs Screening. With approximately 2,500 screenings completed and roughly 30% of those clients screened positive, individuals are now receiving immediate distribution of an emergency food kit and documentation on resources throughout Waukesha County that offer a more sustainable approach to food. Current screening locations are at the Barstow Street clinic and Hispanic Resource Center. ProHealth Care is also looking to expand and secure additional funding to support screening efforts.

ProHealth Care is reviewing vendors for a Social Determinates of Health platform-at-large, which would integrate with their electronic medical record system, Epic. This tool would identify a patient need and allow ProHealth Care to generate a referral directly from Epic. The referral would then go directly to a resource, such as the free clinic, where staff would then login and find the patient's information and contact them directly for follow-up. This system would create a closed loop referral capturing the data of true individual patient needs.

Butz departed at 8:45 a.m.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

The next HHS Board meeting will be held this afternoon.

B. Environmental Health Division

The Environmental Health Division is updating the administrative codes to reduce the number of licensing categories from 12 to 5.

The division is currently undergoing an audit with the State Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCAP).

Many normal operations have been put on hold for staff to assist with COVID-19 response.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ARDC)

Many staff have been deployed to vaccine clinic. Feedback on the clinic operations from the general public has been positive.

ARDC is beginning a collaboration with the Hispanic Resource Center to improve dementia resources to Hispanic community, including training two

members of the Hispanic Resource Center staff to become Dementia Specialists.

Division reorganization has been going well with the new supervisor who started in late January and the redistribution of staff. There will be additional positions that the ARDC will be recruiting and hiring for in the next few months as well.

Development of the Aging Unit Plan is required every three years; in 2021, the ARDC is working on the Aging Unit Plan for 2022 to 2024. Creation of the plan includes an environmental scan, development of goals in multiple areas, and community input which will be collected through surveys. This plan is related to funding through the Old Americans Act.

ARDC conducted their dining survey to determine the next steps for senior dining centers and home delivered meal program. Responses to the recent dining service surveys are being tabulated to establish who is ready to come back to a dining center and who is ready for ARDC to deliver additional meals during the week.

6. Public Health Division Reports

A. Manager/Health Officer

• COVID-19 Updates

Cases are down with averages reduced from 140 cases per day to less than 100 per day, as of this week.

The UK variant was identified in Waukesha County. There have only been two confirmed cases of the UK variant in Wisconsin; however, less than 10% of all samples are being sequenced for new variants. Due to laboratory capacity, the turnaround time of approximately one month makes sequencing new variants challenging, thus increasing the likelihood that there are many more cases with the new variants.

• Testing

The state of Wisconsin is reaching about 1/3 of testing capacity. The cause of the reduced testing is unknown; however, the State has plenty of capacity, should demand grow.

• Vaccine

From what we know so far, the current vaccine seems to be effective against the UK variant, but there is not enough information regarding efficacy against other variants. In addition to the vaccine, other measures such as social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands continue to work to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Waukesha County is preparing to increase vaccination efforts. Ability to scale is solely based on vaccine supply available. The February 10 clinic was able to vaccinate 1,003 people. The challenges noted included ensuring proper social distancing in waiting areas, providing proper staffing levels, and using all doses of vaccine available when there are appointment no-shows by filling spots with additional

qualified recipients from the 65+ waiting list. Waukesha County has provided at least the first dose of vaccine for over 43,000 people, including 20,000 individuals aged 65 or older. These numbers were made possible due to massive efforts from all vaccinator locations.

Strategies are being developed to overcome objections, fears, and myths regarding the vaccine along with resources for making information available to non-English speaking populations and individuals without computer access.

7. Waukesha County Community Health Needs Assessment Data

- Assessment is generated through reporting of hospitalizations, communicable disease, cancer incidents, and key informant observations
- Most recent research shows that Waukesha County is getting older and heavier
- High blood pressure and high cholesterol continue to be prevalent in the community
- Some difficulty with access to dental care
- Waukesha County still ranks on the higher side for binge drinking
- Top health issues continue to include access to care, mental health, drug abuse, and chronic disease

8. Agency Announcements and Updates

Sixteenth Street Clinic was able to provide COVID-19 vaccinations last week. The agency received all 100 doses ordered and were able to get 120 doses out of vials. They filled additional available vaccination appointments by contacting patients who are 65 or older, ensuring no doses went to waste.

The heated tent is being used for COVID-19 testing and to see sick patients who are unable to come into the clinic.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Reich, to adjourn at 9:22 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tristin Bruno.

Minutes Were Approved: _____ Date: _____