

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 13, 2024
Health and Human Services Building, Room 114

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

Absent Committee Members: ProHealth Care Hispanic Health Resource Center (Jessica Kadow), Luann Ladwig

Present HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Elizabeth Laatsch, Gabrielle Manders, Theresa Imp

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Ben Jones, Sarah Ward, Mary Smith, Bridget Gnadt, Mary Jo Hamman, Lisa Kwiat, Frances Thomas

Guests: Debbie Heinowski, Susan Kaminski, Anna Miller

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Butz, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from April 11, 2024. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

A. Debrief of the Community Needs Presentation

Baer reported on the HHS 2024 Community Needs Presentation to the County Executive.

HHS emphasized the significant effect the loss of ARPA funding will have on budget requests for the next budget cycle. The emphasis was also on the alignment of the unmet needs with CHIP, and a reminder on two continuing unmet critical needs in Waukesha County – access to transportation and affordable housing.

ADRC focused on the growth of the senior and dementia population in Waukesha County. Focused areas of need for this year are volunteer engagement, caregiver support, and home delivered meals funding. The number of volunteers has not returned to pre-pandemic levels, but demand has continued to increase, and without a funding increase and more volunteers, ADRC may be forced to return to wait lists for services. As part of the ADRC's Healthy Aging, Caregiver Support has multiple community needs such as the need to increase awareness of the resources that are available, the need for additional funding to pay for needed resources when a caregiver cannot afford it, and the need for a community response to ensure Family Caregivers are identified and connected to resources.

Child and Family Services Advisory Committee emphasized their involvement in two CHIP goals -improving access to mental health and substance use services. The focus is to recognize the mental health and any drug/alcohol issues with children, especially teens, and their parents who may have mental health, drug/alcohol issues and may not have stable housing. Their need is to provide flexible funding to support the 2021 Family First Prevention Services Act that has a goal to keep children safely at home and out of foster care.

Public Health focused on building a strong Public Health 3.0 System in Waukesha County. This included six needs:

1. Sufficient and sustained flexible funding
2. Upgraded and expanded preparedness for future public health emergencies
3. Improved public health data and data analysis
4. A diverse, well-trained, and supported workforce
5. Consistent, clear communication with the public
6. Increased standardization of public health capabilities

The Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Committees (SUAC/MHAC) were presented together and made joint recommendations due to the commonalities and shared risk factors between individuals struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness. They asked for County support for a Peer Specialist Class Specification as Medicaid will be allowing billable reimbursements for this classification beginning next year.

SUAC/MHAC also focused on an unmet program need in Adult Comprehensive Community Services (CCS). The success of the expansion of the Youth CCS programming beginning in 2021, resulted in increased referrals from the youth to the Adult CCS programming – which cannot be met. Currently there are 20 clients waiting to be admitted into the Adult CCS program compared to when only 20 clients were admitted into the program during all of 2023.

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Committee also presented an overview of Delta 8, and it's affects. The HHS Board, and ultimately the County Executive, were asked to advocate for a potential County ordinance to prohibit the sale of Delta 8 products to anyone under the age of 21.

B. Elections (Term: September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025)

a. Chair

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Gorecki to approve the election of Butz to her first term as Public Health Advisory Committee Chair for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025. Motion passed without negative vote.

b. Vice Chair

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Butz to approve election of Reich to her first term as Public Health Advisory Committee Vice Chair for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025. Motion passed without negative vote.

C. Discuss and Consider – Membership Reappointments (Term: September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027)

a. Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Provider)

MOTION: Butz moved, second by Koepsel to approve the reappointment of Sixteenth Street Community Health Center as Public Health Advisory Committee Provider member for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027. Motion passed without negative vote.

b. Luann Ladwig (Citizen)

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Koepsel to approve the reappointment of Luann Ladwig as Public Health Advisory Committee Citizen member for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027. Motion passed without negative vote.

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

Action teams have been waiting for the results on ARPA grant awardees to determine if work plans may be impacted. Since the last CHIP meeting, the recipients have been announced and include:

City of Waukesha: Decrease falls and increase social connections through expansion of Ballroom Basics

Eras Senior Network: Increasing the social connections of those over 60 by reaching out via telephone, and intergenerational connections

University of WI System: Decrease falls through expansion of StrongBodies

La Casa de Esperanza: Increase intergenerational social connectedness between middle school and seniors in Seniors and Scholars Program

Aurora Health Care: Decrease fall through prevention and education by the Waukesha County Falls Prevention Coalition

WCS: Decreasing stigma and implementing evidence-based practices through peer supports

NAMI: Increase youth knowledge of and access to mental health care through expanding Ending the Silence, the Lighthouse Project, and promoting 9-8-8

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

There was no HHS Board report.

B. Environmental Health Division

There was no Environmental Health Division report.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

There was no ADRC report.

6. Public Health Division Reports

A. Public Health

Jones and Gnadl are currently participating in a Red Cross shelter simulation in preparation for the Republican National Convention (RNC) which will be held on July 15-18. The purpose of today's event is to ensure that everyone within HHS who

would be part of opening a shelter, if needed, feels comfortable and knowledgeable about their roles within the shelter. Public Health staff are a part of numerous workgroups and planning committees pertaining to the RNC.

The Overdose Fatality Review committee continues to meet. The third meeting will be in July, at which time they will review two cases, which has been the goal from the outset.

The draft 2025 Public Health budget will be presented to HHS Director Liz Aldred and HHS Deputy Director Lisa Roberts next week, and the final version will be presented in July.

The first round of interviews for the Public Health Strategist will be wrapping up this week with second interviews being held next week and a decision to be made at the end of next week.

Public Health is launching a new functionality in the electronic health record that will provide the ability to conduct telehealth visits. The goal is to go live in July and focus initially on video Directly Observed Therapy (DOT).

Manders said Public Health (PH) is a few months into the implementation phase of the Healthy Brain Initiative Grant. In partnership with the 'Taco About Wellness' County podcast, episode 2 of a monthly series was just released. Each session includes community experts who share insight related to brain health. Additionally, the ADRC will be training PH staff to conduct memory screenings in the clinic, adding the service to existing offerings.

Heroin Task Force

Imp reviewed the Heroin Task Force Quarter 2 Action Team Progress Update. This was the first time they have met since 2019.

Stigma Reduction Team

Their goal is to create key broad messages and communications campaign to reduce stigma that addresses biases and changes interactions and behaviors for those interacting with people who use substances.

The team determined that the Opioid Settlement Funds would better align with their goals versus the ARPA funding. Their next step is to create a proposal for the Opioid Settlement Funds by August.

Support Recovery Team

Their team is working on two strategic areas. The first is to better understand the needs of those in recovery, or currently using substances, and to support their journey. They are working with the Metrics & Measurements team to develop a survey to take data results to identify specific action to support those in recovery.

The second area of focus is to support parents and families through recovery. This subgroup is exploring SOAR (a program for children coping with parents in addiction or recovery), and Parenting through Recovery program. This subgroup is looking for funding to support these evidence-based programs.

Metrics & Measures Team

Their goal is to increase data literacy of the Heroin Task Force. They have completed a data literacy quiz and synthesized data and worked on developing a training curriculum and VOICES survey.

CHIP Substance Use Team

A meeting is scheduled in July to accelerate action planning, collaborating with health care and law enforcement agencies, and developing training.

Speakers Dr. Hillary Tamar and Dr. Kristen Fox appeared at their Waukesha County Heroin Task Force Community Partners Meeting.

B. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

There were no WIC updates.

C. Emergency Preparedness

There were no Emergency Preparedness updates.

7. Agency Report

Dr. Holmberg reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled Aurora Health Care - Waukesha Area, Waukesha County Public Health Advisory Committee.

8. Agency Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements or updates.

9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional agenda items for the next meeting.

10. Public Comment

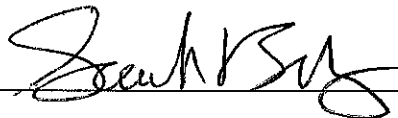
There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Gorecki moved, second by Koepsel to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Heinowski.

Minutes Were Approved



Date:

8/5/24