

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 12, 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, Luann Ladwig, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Liz Kirsch), ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz)

Absent Committee Members: Aurora Medical Center, Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich)

Present HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Bridget Gnadt, Theresa Imp, Ben Jones

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Elizabeth Laatsch, Gabrielle Manders, Frances Thomas

Guests: Janelle McClain, Dhruvi Shah

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 December 8, 2022. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board

Dresang provided a brief overview of the annual Community Prioritized Needs presentation that will be given to the HHS Board on April 27.

Jones shared information with attendees regarding Public Health funding and grants, as well as the issues that arise from unfunded or underfunded mandates. For this reason, Public Health needs to find longer-term solutions for sustainability. Attendees agreed that some of the concerns that Jones addressed, such as employment, affects their organizations as well.

McClain will send out an email to committee members to solicit help with the presentation concept/focus.

4. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

5. Community Health Improvement Plan and Process (CHIPP)

Jones reported that the Tri-chairs of the three action teams will be trained this month, while stakeholders continue to solicit members. The hope is for the initial action teams to come together in February or early March. The teams are focusing on system level, social determinants, and will have a data-focused liaison on every team.

The Change Champions pillar of the Heroin Task Force will serve as the action team for CHIPP.

The timeline is to have plans in place by this September, and then work on implementation so that action can begin in 2024.

6. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board – HHS Board Liaison

There is no HHS Board report.

B. Environmental Health Division

There is no Environmental Health Division report.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

There is no ADRC report.

D. Emergency Preparedness

Gnadt reported that the Emergency Preparedness unit has also been experiencing staffing difficulties, resulting in a team of two LTEs at an equivalent of 1.2 FTEs.

There has been a lot of progress made with incorporating lessons learned into existing plans, including for pandemics and mass clinics.

The unit continues to develop staff education projects.

7. Public Health Division Reports

Jones reported that 15 staff were hired in 2022, including strategy personnel for the new strategy unit. Public Health is in the process of hiring a third Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) and a benefited part-time (0.8) Public Health Nurse.

Public Health is also recruiting for a Social Worker to be embedded in the Medical Examiner's office as a component of the Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs). The hope is that data will be collected on every single overdose death to assist in determining how the trend(s) have changed over the years. The Social Worker will also reach out to family members 6-8 weeks after the death to offer services and assistance. Jones also hopes that the Social Worker will be able to obtain releases of information so that stakeholders can discuss all aspects of a case during the OFRs.

Jones reported that Public Health will likely be going live with an electronic health record by June.

Cases of RSV and the flu appear to be on the decrease. COVID cases, following a small surge after the holidays, appears to have steadied.

8. Agency Reports

Dresang distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Froedtert Health, FMFH/Waukesha County Implementation Strategy."

Imp complimented the efforts of Froedtert to bring awareness to the HIV stigma.

9. Agency Announcements and Updates

There were no agency announcements and updates.

10. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Agency Report: No report
- Annual Report
- Community Needs Presentation
- Update from new Director at the Housing Action Coalition

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Butz, to adjourn at 9:18 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: _____ Date: _____

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