

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County**  
**Public Health Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, November 9, 2023**  
**Health and Human Services Building, Room 271**

**Present Committee Members:** Froedtert Health (Andrew Dresang, Chair), ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz, Vice Chair), ProHealth Care Hispanic Health Resource Center (Jessica Kadow), Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich), Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Cindy Soto Acevado), Luann Ladwig, Betty Koepsel

**Absent Committee Members:** None

**Present HHS Board Liaisons:** None

**Absent HHS Board Liaisons:** Mary Baer

**Present HHS Staff Liaisons:** Ben Jones, Elizabeth Laatsch, Theresa Imp, Bridget Gnadl, Gabrielle Manders, Sarah Ward

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

**Guests:** Debbie Heinowski

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Ladwig moved, second by Reich, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from October 12, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

**3. Committee Business**

Dresang said a representative for Aurora is still in the works.

**4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update**

Jones reported the date has been extended from December to January for the action teams to complete their plans that will be presented to the Steering Committee. The CHIP kickoff is scheduled to occur in March.

**5. Committee and Organizational Updates**

**A. Health and Human Services Board**

There were no updates from the Health and Human Services Board.

**B. Environmental Health Division**

Ward said they were once again fully staffed and that both the Public Swimming Pool and Rec. Ed. Camp Codes had recently been updated. Licensing for them is now risk based, like food establishments. They are attending training sessions for the updates and are in the process of updating their documents and applications.

As part of the 2024 budget, they have added an Environmental Health Supervisor position and reclassified the Administrative Specialist to Senior Administrative Specialist.

**C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)**

There were no updates from the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

**6. Public Health Division Reports**

**A. Emergency Preparedness – Bridget Gnadt**

Gnadt said she is continuing to implement the new preparedness structure, consisting of 12 new subcommittees, to kick off by the first week of December. Currently, 3 of the 5 safety subcommittees have been implemented, and the shelter subcommittees will be implemented next week.

The Radiological Workshop registration has been extended through next Tuesday. Currently around 85 out of a maximum of 100 people have registered.

Head of Household training was held yesterday to train hospitals and long-term care facilities to be a closed Point of Dispensing (POD), which is mass clinics for their specific population rather than open to the public. Another training will be offered in December.

**B. Public Health - Gabrielle Manders**

Public Health is applying for the Healthy Brain Initiative Grant through the Alzheimer's Association in collaboration with the ADRC. This grant is due November 15 and efforts will be focused on education, early detection, and awareness for early onset dementia.

As of November 1, RSV and COVID hospitalizations are reportable and will be monitored by Public Health.

**C. Public Health – Ben Jones**

Jones reported they have not heard back from the State on the 140 Review and noted it can take several months.

With regards to the recent Measles case identified in Milwaukee, testing has increased with no additional cases.

The 2024 HHS budget will be presented next Tuesday. It would allow for two new positions; one would be a full time Public Health Strategist who would work with Thomas on the strategy team and the other converts a part time position to a full-time preparedness position.

The Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) continues to review the Medical Examiner's data from the past five years. OFR will begin next of kin interviews as part of the selection process with full reviews being conducted next year.

**7. Agency Report**

**Lake Area Free Clinic (LAFC) – Mary Reich**

Reich gave an overview of how LAFC has been providing medical services to the residents of Waukesha County who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for health care for 22 years. She explained how they are the medical home for their patients and detailed the medical services provided. Reich said they utilize community

partners to avoid duplication of services and receive donated diagnostic services from ProHealth Care and Advocate Aurora Health. Since 2017, they have provided dental services to adults who are uninsured and those with Medicaid.

**ProHealth Care Hispanic Health Resource Center - Jessica Kadow**

Kadow reported the Hispanic Health Resource Center is a department of ProHealth Care that has been around since 2001. Their vision is to promote health and wellness in the community with a focus on the Hispanic population. The focus of certain programs changes with the numerous grants they receive. They coordinate efforts within ProHealth Care to support hospital initiatives so that they are accessible to the Hispanic community.

Various brochures were distributed.

**8. Agency Announcements and Updates**

**Sixteenth Street Community Health Center – Cindy Soto Acevedo**

Acevedo said that last month they started offering their Doc on Demand services. These are virtual visits available for established and new patients. They are offering same day and next day appointments and see all ages. During these virtual sessions, patients will be evaluated for conditions that do not represent an emergency. The patient may be asked to come in person if their concerns are unable to be fully evaluated over a video visit or if lab testing is necessary.

**ProHealth Care – Sarah Butz**

Butz reported ProHealth Care will begin screening inpatients for Social Determinants of Health beginning next week. The Unite Us platform will be utilized to help make referrals for patients who need assistance.

**9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- No Meeting in December – next meeting is January 11, 2024

**10. Public Comment**

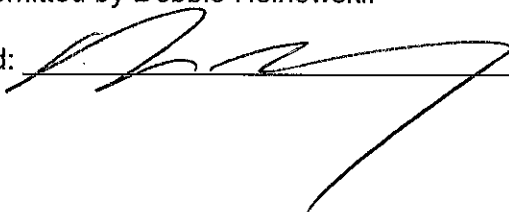
There were no public comments.

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: Butz moved, second by Koepsel to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Heinowski.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

11/11/24