

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 14, 2021
Health and Human Services Building, Room 271**

Present Committee Members: Andrew Dresang (Chair), Jessica Kadow (Vice Chair), Mary Reich, Sarah Butz, Betty Koepsel, Steven Andrews, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Luann Ladwig

Absent Committee Members:

HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Theresa Imp, Ben Jones, Mary Smith

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Bridget Gnad, Mary Jo Hamman, Elizabeth Laatsch, Sarah Ward

Guests: Janelle McClain, Heather Heard, Jake Ekdahl, Saul Juarez-Aguilar

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Koepsel, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from September 9, 2021. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

A. Membership Reappointments (September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2024)

i. Approval of Luann Ladwig for Citizen Membership

Luann Ladwig, NP, the Head of the Nurse Care Coordinator Group with General Electric, has been nominated to replace Dr. Clay as Citizen Member. The nomination was approved from Dresang as well as the Waukesha County Executive.

Motion: Andrews moved, second by Koepsel, to approve Luann Ladwig as a citizen member of the Public Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

4. Flu FUNdamentals Coalition Updates – Saul Juarez-Aguilar, ProHealth Care Hispanic Resource Center

Juarez-Aguilar distributed and shared a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Hispanic Health Resource Center."

Flu FUNdamentals Coalition is a collaboration with community partners.

There was a challenge last year with COVID being so prevalent and the coalition being unable to fully share information regarding the flu vaccine.

There was an increase in flu vaccine administration during the 2020/2021 flu season.

The Coalition compiled a bi-lingual resource guide to provide the public and providers with information for the flu vaccine.

COVID and flu vaccines will be distributed in the community this month, thanks to the effort of community partners.

The Coalition has a goal to have a consistent message to bring awareness, not only of the flu and COVID vaccines, but also for childhood immunizations. They work with the community members and influencers to share the message of why the public should get vaccinated.

Messages are being targeted to the Hispanic population via radio ads.

Kadow arrived at 8:24 a.m.

5. Bethany Recovery Center – Deb Adamus, Director

This has been tabled until a future meeting.

6. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

The Board received an update on two grants for prevention and treatment programs.

There will be many computer system changes and updates, including for Public Health. The updates will allow for better data analysis.

The Veterans Board gave a presentation.

The Board is piloting hybrid meetings via Teams.

B. Environmental Health Division

There were two rabies-positive bats that had contact with an unvaccinated puppy and a vaccinated dog. The dogs would have to be either put down or quarantined.

Public Health and Environmental Health are working together to update an online reporting program for lead cases. There are also new lead abatement funding options.

There are many operational changes as the division wraps up their busy time of year, as well as transitioning from a revenue-based fee structure to a risk-based fee structure.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

The ADRC Advisory Board approved the County Aging Plan, to begin in 2022, last week. The County Aging Plan is a thorough and detailed process that is

required every three years to inform the State of how Older American Act funds are being spent. There will be a public hearing held on Friday regarding the plan, and the plan will be presented to be approved by the HHS Committee at the next meeting. Many of the goals included are related to community outreach and nutrition.

Congregate dining sites are being reopened. At the beginning of October, drive through/carry out locations were started at two locations. The next four will be opened in mid-November – Menomonee Falls, Sussex, Brookfield, and Oconomowoc.

The ADRC is planning on adding a few new positions in 2022, including an Adult Protective Services (APS) Social Worker, and increasing public promotions.

The division is down three staff members, and they have been unable to fill the positions with the current employee situation.

7. Public Health Division Reports

A. Public Health Coordinator

- **COVID-19 Updates**

Waukesha County is averaging 175 cases a day. When reviewing a 2-week period, this shows a downward trajectory.

There were just over 4000 cases in September. This is 25% higher than August and almost double from last September. 34% of the September cases were under the age of 20. Typically, this age range is at 22%. The increase is primarily due to school starting.

October is mirroring September in terms of cases; however, the percentage of youth is decreasing and is at about 25%. The active cases in schools have also been decreasing.

Jones meets routinely with area hospital partners. While the hospitals are busy, compared to their capacity, they are stable for COVID-driven cases for the county and region.

Children's Hospital has a weekly summary available on their website every Wednesday. The message remains that, while they are busy, it does not appear to be COVID as to the reason that the youth are in the hospital.

Delta does not appear to be any more severe.

Severe illness in children appears to be rare, although not impossible.

71% of those eligible to begin the vaccination process in Waukesha County, have done so. 53% of 12–17-year-olds have begun the process, and up to 50% of them have completed the process. These percentages are higher than many other counties.

The public are looking to hear information about the vaccine from those they trust, such as a doctor or clergy member.

Jones hopes to have additional information by the end of October regarding boosters for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, as well as children aged 5-11 to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

The flu is being reported in Wisconsin; however, it is more focused up north.

State systems do not communicate well together to collect data for breakthrough COVID cases; however, those that are vaccinated are having milder cases and are able to move on from COVID quicker.

Waukesha County works with Summit Labs for COVID testing, and the results are typically received the same day or the next day. The County is looking to expand partnerships for testing.

8. Agency Reports

Andrews reported that Aurora Summit is completing the 2019-2021 3-year Community Health Plan that focused on: access and coverage, focusing on behavioral health, and building a seamless continuum of care.

Access and Coverage: Aurora has partnered with Silver Streak and Lake Country Cab Companies to subsidize rides for 3000 patients per year. They are also partnering with free clinics to provide diagnostic and specialty care vouchers.

Focus on Behavioral Health: A social worker has been hired to assist with referring patients to inpatient or outpatient care. They have also provided outreach training sessions on topics such as ADHD, autism, and trauma.

Seamless Continuum of Care: The focus for continuum of care was on chronic disease, senior health, workforce development, and social determinants of health. There have been dozens of meetings held on these topics.

9. Agency Announcements and Updates

Sixteenth Street is transitioning to the Epic Ocean electronic health record system. This will allow for easier sharing of records between partners.

The Menomonee Falls Free Outreach Clinic received the "Gold Seal of Excellence" through the Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics two weeks ago.

The Hispanic Health Resource Center has hired two more health promoters.

10. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Randy Setzer for HHS Administrative Services presentation
- ADRC presentation on dementia and Alzheimer's?
- IMPACT-211 and NowPow

11. Public Comment

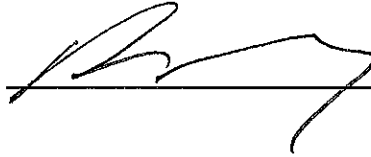
There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

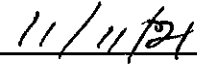
MOTION: Andrews moved, second by Reich to adjourn at 9:19 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved:

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Date:

A handwritten date '11/1/21' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.