

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 11, 2024
Health and Human Services Building, Room 114

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), Aurora Medical Center (Hailey Nenonen), Luann Ladwig, Betty Koepsel, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Abby Gorecki)

Absent Committee Members:

Present HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Ben Jones, Elizabeth Laatsch, Gabrielle Manders, Sarah Ward, Mary Smith, Theresa Imp

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Bridget Gnadt, Mary Jo Hamman, Lisa Kwiat, Frances Thomas

Guests: Alyssa Rohner, Trista Mathisen, Riley Pavelka, Beth Liermann

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.
Butz entered 8:04 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Kadow, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from February 8, 2024. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

A. PH Annual Report

Jones distributed and reviewed the "2023 Public Health Annual Report."

B. Draft Presentation Community Needs for HHS Board

Dresang distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled "Community Needs 2024."

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

Jones reported that the teams are now in the implementation phase of their plans.

The ARPA award process was shared with the teams and community stakeholders during the kickoff on March 14. There have been 16 award applications received to date. Applications will be reviewed thru May with awards presented in June.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

Baer reported that the HHS Annual Report and HHS Communications Report were shared at the joint HHS Board/Committee meeting in March.

The Board voted to privilege two additional clinicians at the Mental Health Center.

B. Environmental Health Division

Ward reported Environmental Health is entering their busy season with license renewals going out, temporary events and farmers markets are starting, and construction is increasing due to the nicer weather.

Environmental Health is currently recruiting for two open positions, Environmental Health Sanitarian and Environmental Health Supervisor.

Efforts continue in the lead and water testing and remediation in childcare centers. The division initially reached out to 105 childcare centers regarding testing with response and participation by three centers at the end of 2023. To date this year there are 15 participating centers.

They are currently in the process of updating the dangerous/prohibited dangerous animal code.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Smith reported that the ADRC is in the development and planning process of the three-year County Aging Plan. They will be conducting stakeholder interviews, community surveys, and staff interviews to establish the goals for 2025-2027.

The Adult Protective Services (APS) unit is currently rounding with law enforcement agencies and municipalities in a collaborative effort with Clinical Services. They are working on establishing appropriate protocol of emergency protective placements, increasing early intervention with consumers. After meeting with healthcare systems throughout the County, it was decided that detainee placement would be divided amongst all healthcare systems, based on the individual's identified medical home rather than inundating one system. Traditionally, individuals have been taken primarily to ProHealth.

The ADRC is applying for a social isolation and loneliness state grant of \$100,000. This fits in with the healthy aging action team planning. If received, the goal would be to use the funds to hire an additional workforce member and formalize a coalition. ERAs would take on the data reporting in an effort to help sustain long-term.

6. Public Health Division Reports

A. Public Health – Ben Jones

Jones reported that the Community Health team is now fully staffed.

There has been an increase of Category I diseases and outbreak situations.

The division is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan, focusing on staff (development, recruitment/retention, adaptability), stepping into the Public Health 3.0

role, internal infrastructure (equipment, software, internal efforts), and better integration with other divisions within department.

Public Health and HHS are taking on a leadership role at a regional level for the upcoming Republican National Convention, given historical knowledge and expertise. Planning for this event is occurring County-wide.

B. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – Mary Jo Hamman

There were no WIC updates.

C. Emergency Preparedness – Bridget Gnad

There were no Emergency Preparedness updates.

7. Agency Report

A. Sixteenth Street Community Health

Gorecki shared that services of Sixteenth Street Community Health include primary care and family medicine, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use, and HIV/STI.

Community care programs offered include WIC (in Milwaukee County), parenting resources, HIV program, community wellness (education, listening sessions, patient engagement), environmental (sustainability, equity, partnerships with schools) and a lead outreach program (only funded for Milwaukee County).

Medicaid insurance is accepted, and the clinic offers a sliding fee schedule for patients.

They are currently working on bringing a prevention team to Waukesha for HIV/STI testing, substance use, patient education.

8. Agency Announcements and Updates

There were no announcements or updates.

9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional agenda items discussed for next meeting.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

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

Minutes Were Approved



Date:

7/12/24