

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County**  
**Public Health Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, August 8, 2024**  
**Health and Human Services Building, Room 114**

**Present Committee Members:** Froedtert Health (Amanda Wisth), ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz, Vice Chair), Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich), ProHealth Care Hispanic Health Resource Center (Jessica Kadow), Luann Ladwig, Betty Koepsel

**Absent Committee Members:** Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Abby Gorecki), Aurora Medical Center (Dr. Jim Holmberg).

**Present HHS Board Liaisons:** Mary Baer

**Present HHS Staff Liaisons:** Ben Jones, Gabrielle Manders, Sarah Ward, Mary Smith, Bridget Gnad, Frances Thomas

**Absent HHS Staff Liaisons:** Elizabeth Laatsch, Theresa Imp, Mary Jo Hamman, Lisa Kwiat

**Guests:** Ashley Kosciak, Janelle McClain, Courtney Nathan

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Butz called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Kadow moved, second by Koepsel, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from June 13, 2024. Motion passed without negative vote.

**3. Committee Business**

There was no committee business.

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

Jones shared that all teams continue to meet and work on their action plan, but as of now, there are no updates. Out of 22 applications to the CHIP AARPA grants, seven recipients were awarded a total of \$300,000; the contracts are being finalized. Two of the seven grants were for larger initiatives regarding substance use and mental health. Five of the seven grants were for smaller initiatives regarding healthy aging.

**5. Committee and Organizational Updates**

**A. Health and Human Services Board**

Baer was not at the last Board Meeting. She commented on how the silos between various Health and Human Services (HHS) committees are coming down and the impact that is having.

## **B. Environmental Health Division**

Ward shared that the licensing year was completed in June. Last week, there was a rabies positive bat incident. Staff were able to locate those that had contact with the bat by utilizing locally posted signage.

The Childcare Lead and Water Grant has allowed 12 facilities to be sampled. Staff are still awaiting results for the three facilities.

They are currently working on changes for the animal program to remove the humane portion of the division. Most other communities have law enforcement enforcing humane laws and practices.

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

Smith stated that the ADRC received a \$100,000 grant from the State, allowing the division to hire an LTE Project Manager that, through March, will help address CHIP's social isolation concerns. This will include conducting an environmental scan and developing a Social Collectiveness Coalition.

The ADRC is currently working on their 3-year Aging Plan as required by the State for 2025-2027, including an environmental scan of the community. They are required to complete different goals, including Community Support, Healthy Aging, the Nutrition Program, and Caregiver Support.

The ADRC has been meeting with local law enforcement to educate on the work that the ADRC does. There is hope that law enforcement will be taking on the aspect of early intervention for people that first responders see need more support. First responders have been asked to send a referral or call ADRC about individuals they see are in need. Aging Services will then evaluate the individual to determine if they can offer support before the situation becomes a crisis. There have already been several situations that they have been able to offer support.

The budget process just finished and there is concern about funding for 2025. The dollars have gone back to pre-pandemic levels, so the ADRC is trying to stretch dollars and be creative to continue to provide the same level of service they have been able to provide in recent years.

## **6. Public Health Division Reports**

### **A. Emergency Preparedness**

Gnadt shared information on her future employment opportunities, as she is leaving Waukesha County next week.

Gnadt stated that overall, the Republican National Convention was uneventful, with only a few events that did end up not being a concern. The team was kept up-to-date with situational briefings twice a day.

Gnadt shared Jennifer Vaclav, a member of the Emergency Preparedness Team, retired shortly after RNC. Jamie Penza will continue to handle activities for the team until new staff is hired.

The team is shifting focus to the review of building policies and procedures, as well as implementing a new preparedness structure. The Shelter Team is now operational, and the next step is to develop Mass Clinic teams.

Attendees expressed gratitude to Gnadl for all she has done for this committee.

## **B. Public Health**

Manders shared that ADRC Dementia Care Specialists trained the Public Health Nurses to do free Cognitive Memory Screenings, which will be implemented into the Public Health screening clinic. Public Health is also creating Public Health 101 videos to inform the public about what Public Health is, what they offer, and where to find them.

The Communicable Disease team offers appointments for international travel immunizations on Wednesday's and Thursday's now due to higher demand. They are still seeing Pertussis, also known as Whooping Cough, and Covid outbreaks coming in. The nurses have been busy with disease surveillance for that recently.

Thomas shared the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team had their third review in July. The OFR Coordinator, Stephanie Engle, continues to work with members to ensure that the meetings are productive and informative. While the OFR team strives to share information with the public, certain legal aspects create a burden to achieve that. Engle had a successful next-of-kin (NOK) outreach for the July meeting and identified a need for person bereavement support. In response, Public Health is transforming a clinic room into bereavement support area.

Public Health is continuing to do Narcan outreach in the county. The County Fair was staffed for the entire fair and centered around Narcan education.

Jones shared that they are interviewing replacements for Gnadl. Courtney Nathan joined the Public Health Strategy Team to help manage community projects and how they engage the public.

Jones shared that the County is in the final phases of the budget. Next week, the Department presents the budget to the County Executive on Tuesday, and the Public Hearing is Thursday. Immediately following the Public Hearing, the budget presentation to HHS Board begins.

## **C. Women, Infants & Children (WIC)**

There were no WIC updates.

## **7. Agency Report**

### **A. ProHealth Care – Sarah Butz**

Butz presented PowerPoint titled "Community Benefit Update."

### **B. ProHealth Hispanic Resource Center – Jessica Kadow**

Kadow shared the Hispanic Health SharePoint site titled "The Hispanic Health Resource Center offers the following programs and services in Spanish." Butz will distribute screenshots of the site to committee members.

**8. Agency Announcements and Updates**

Froedtert is creating a Community Health Implantation Plan that is to be approved at the end of the month. The plan is focused on chronic disease, substance use, and mental health. They are looking at how to invest in organizations by providing support outside of programming and education.

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

- Lake Area Free Clinic – Mary Reich

**10. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Kadow to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ashley Kosciak.

Minutes Were Approved: Mary Reich Date: 9/12/2024