

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County**  
**Public Health Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, April 13, 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, Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich), ProHealth Care (Sarah Butz), Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Liz Kirsch)

**Absent Committee Members:** Aurora Medical Center, Luann Ladwig

**Present HHS Board Liaisons:** Mary Baer

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

**Absent HHS Staff Liaisons:** Mary Jo Hamman

**Guests:** Tristin Bruno, Stephanie Engle, Janelle McClain, Jaime Penza

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Kirsch moved, second by Kadow, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from March 9, 2023. Motion passed without negative vote.

**3. Committee Business**

There was no committee business.

**4. Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board on April 27, 2023**

Dresang distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Community Needs 2023."

Attendees noted minor cosmetic changes that needed to be made.

Motion: Kadow moved, second by Koepsel, to approve the Community Needs Presentation for the Public Health Advisory Committee, with noted changes. Motion passed without a negative vote.

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

Jones stated that the CHIP website is in the process of being updated and will include the Community Health Assessment.

The three CHIP Action Teams – Health Aging, Mental Health, and Substance Use – launched officially on Monday and are working on obtaining additional members.

Utilizing the model for Results Based Accountability, the teams will develop their improvement plans between now and November, present their ideas in December, and then start acting on the plans in 2024.

## **6. Committee and Organizational Updates**

### **A. Health and Human Services Board**

Baer reported that the March HHS Board meeting was a joint meeting with the HHS Committee.

HHS Director, Elizabeth Aldred, and HHS Deputy Director, Lisa Roberts, presented the HHS Annual Report and the report was accepted by the HHS Committee.

The HHS Board approved the privileging for Dr. Andrew Kordus, who will be providing coverage at the Mental Health Center on Friday and weekends.

Attendees heard a presentation from Economic Support Coordinator, Bob Klingforth, regarding the Moraine Lakes Consortium and the “Unwinding” of the FoodShare and Medicaid programs, now that the public health emergency is coming to an end. Those receiving services will receive letters in the next few months and will need to work with Economic Support (Moraine Lakes Consortium) to continue their services.

### **B. Environmental Health Division**

Ward is at the beginning of the budget process, which will include requesting an unfunded sanitation position.

The division is focusing on the project of testing lead in the water at 30 childcare facilities in the county. If the testing is well-received, they may research methods that will allow them to test additional facilities.

As the weather gets nicer, the division has been seeing an influx of licensing for temporary events, as well as the well and septic crew handling inspections.

### **C. Emergency Preparedness**

Gnadt stated that Emergency Management is working with an outside company to map the County buildings. These maps would then be uploaded into a program that law enforcement and first responders could utilize when necessary.

Gnadt is updating internal fire procedures, as well as policies and procedures, to reflect the new HHS spatial arrangements since division locations are no longer distinct.

Gnadt will be attending the 2023 Preparedness Summit in Atlanta on April 24-27.

In an effort to alleviate the issue of department-wide emergency preparedness hinging on only a few individuals, a new structure is being developed that will disseminate the responsibility throughout the department.

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

There was no ADRC report.

**7. Public Health Division Reports**

Jones reported that the division has hired many new staff members, positioning the division well as they move forward toward Public Health 3.0; however, there has been difficulty obtaining applicants for nursing positions.

There is a new electronic health record that the division will be going live with on May 17.

COVID Response Team activities will come to an end on June 30.

Public Health staff are actively following the Marburg virus out of Africa.

Baer commended the Public Health staff for the division tour opportunity last week.

**8. Agency Report**

There was no agency report.

**9. Agency Announcements and Updates**

There were no agency announcements and updates.

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

- Agency Report: No report
- Update from new Director at the Housing Action Coalition

**11. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**12. Adjournment**

MOTION: Butz moved, second by Kirsch, to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_