

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 8, 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), Aurora Medical Center, Lake Area Free Clinic (Mary Reich), Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Abby Gorecki), Aurora Medical Center (Dr. Jim Holmberg), Luann Ladwig, Betty Koepsel

Present HHS Board Liaisons: Joel Gaughan

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

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

Guests: Debbie Heinowski

1. Call to Order

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

Ladwig entered 8:08 a.m. Gorecki entered 8:20 a.m. Holmberg entered 8:33 a.m. Ward left 8:47 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Kadow moved, second by Reich, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from January 11, 2024. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Committee Business

Dresang stated that the Community Needs Presentation – focusing on growth, prosperity, and impact on the community – is being created for the April 18 HHS Board meeting.

Attendees discussed the impact of the ARPA funds to the various programs within HHS. With the ARPA funding coming to an end, staff are looking for ways to keep the programs sustainable. A possible alternative to the funding being to utilize tax levy money to bridge the gap.

Gaughan requested that these concerns to bring forward to the Board. He said the State limits how much the levy can go up annually.

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

Jones reported the teams are finalizing their plans for the kickoff on March 14 at 8 a.m.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

Gaughan reviewed a presentation titled "2023 Public Health Department Accomplishments from the HHS Top 100 List."

B. Environmental Health Division

Ward reported that last month was Radon Action Month. They saw an increase in radon test kit sales.

There were updates in 2023 to the public swimming pool code and licensing is now risk based. They are in process of updating their documents and creating guidance to assist operators through the changes.

They are seeing interest from local municipalities for guidance and information related to mobile food trucks and tourist rooming houses to ensure regulation requirements are complementary.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Smith said that ADRC Board members, in preparation for the 2025-2027 County Aging Plan, will be gathering information on needs in the community.

She reported they are finishing the hiring process for a Nutritionist.

HHS has started an Adult Triage Group that deals with difficult client cases they encounter. Staff can bring a case to the meeting for discussion in hopes other departments can reach the needs of the client.

6. Public Health Division Reports

A. Public Health – Ben Jones

Jones reported they have begun a 3-year Strategic Plan furthering their role as a unified department. There has been one staff engagement session, with more to come.

The Overdose Fatality Review kicked off in January. Organizational Agreements were sent out this week.

The Annual Report will be brought to the April PHAC meeting.

Jones explained many of the ways they are preparing for the Republican National Convention.

Next week will begin interviews for a Public Health Nurse, and the search for a new member to join the strategy team.

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

There were no WIC updates.

C. Emergency Preparedness – Bridget Gnadt

There were no Emergency Preparedness updates.

7. Agency Report

There were no agency reports.

8. **Agency Announcements and Updates**
There were no announcements or updates.

9. **Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
There will not be a March meeting.

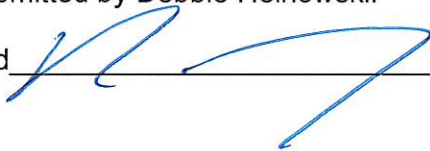
April – Draft Presentation for Community Needs Annual Report

10. **Public Comment**
There were no public comments.

11. **Adjournment**
MOTION: Koepsel moved, second by Butz to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Heinowski.

Minutes Were Approved



Date:

4/11/24