

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting
Public Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 10, 2021**

Present Committee Members: Steven Andrews, Ross Clay, Andrew Dresang (Chair), Jessica Kadow (Vice Chair), Mary Reich, Sarah Butz, Betty Koepsel

Absent Committee Members: Colleen Peebles

HHS Board Liaisons: Mary Baer

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

Absent HHS Staff Liaisons: Bridget Gnadt, Elizabeth Laatsch, Mary Jo Hamman

Guests: Tristin Bruno, Carly Corcoran

1. Call to Order

Chair Dresang called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Reich moved, second by Andrews, to approve the Public Health Advisory Committee minutes from May 13, 2021. Motion passed without negative vote.

3. Business

Due to updated COVID-19 guidance and regulations, the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) decided that the remaining meetings for 2021 will be offered in a hybrid format, when physical meeting space is available.

4. Committee and Organizational Updates

A. Health and Human Services Board

Baer shared that Smith's presentation to the HHS Board was well-received and helped to clarify the services provided by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The presentation explained how the division's services meet the needs of ADRC clients and why these services are crucial to the community. Baer requests that more Health and Human Services divisions put together service presentations for the HHS Board in order to encourage collaboration and better familiarization with division programs.

Baer mentioned that the COVID-19 updates that Jones shared with the HHS Board were positive and showed numbers generally trending in the correct direction.

Baer discussed the changes taking affect within the Youth Justice system. The Juvenile Justice Center's detention center in Waukesha will be closing as the County explores a new approach to the youth justice system. It is estimated that the facility will be closed by October 2021. The Youth Justice Division will be shifting focus to more community-based programing which will offer more support to individuals dealing with substance use or mental health issues - possible contributing factors in their detention.

Kadow joined at 8:16 a.m.

B. Environmental Health Division

Ward discussed the licensing renewal updates and changes to the Wisconsin Food Code. The fee structure changes will go into effect on January 1, 2022. Licensing will be changing from a revenue-based structure to a risk-based structure. However, Environmental Health (EH) is already implementing the new licensing and inspection program. The Division will be transitioning their Health Space application, which is used for the inspection process, to the cloud. EH is considering exploring cloud-based applications for other programs as well.

Many summer events are planned which will also include additional food trucks. Temporary and mobile licensing is transitioning back to local authority from the State authority. With this change, EH is exploring strategies that will avoid requiring vendors to obtain licensing in each county where they will operate throughout the season. The entity may be licensed in the County where they are based or in the County where they will first operate. In instances where licensing is being granted at an entity's first operation, the inspection will occur at the first event and, upon passing inspection, the license will be issued on the spot.

The new Humane Officer has started and is already busy with dog bite reports, which traditionally increase in the summer.

Ward and the group of County employees who worked with school nurses through COVID attended a meet and greet at Minooka Park. This provided the first opportunity for these teams to meet in person.

C. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Smith discussed the ADRC PowerPoint presentation given to the HHS Board and is happy to share the presentation with any divisions or partners interested in additional information on ADRC programs. The presentation allowed the Division to explain how it will look different, post-COVID. These differences will be reflected in the ADRC budget as well.

Though they may not be re-opening all congregate dining facilities yet, the ADRC has reinstituted the normal hot meal delivery schedule.

The staff has resumed home-visits.

The division has fully implemented the Electronic Health Record (EHR).

Nearly all 600 sets of the annual farmer's market vouchers have been distributed. There are a few distribution locations in the community, but most were mailed directly to qualified recipients.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. There are several events being held throughout the County to raise awareness of elder abuse issues. In 2021, the focus is on preventing scams that target the elderly.

Calls for general ADRC services are increasing from 30 to 40 calls per day during COVID to 60 calls per day. Adult Protective Services (APS) calls have increased to five to six calls per day. APS has seven social workers to take cases and complete investigations.

5. Public Health Division Reports

A. Manager/Health Officer

• COVID-19 Updates

Rates have dropped to the "medium" phase, meaning the County is only seeing approximately 10 cases per day, down from 550 in November 2020. Due to several factors - the number of people vaccinated, the summer season, how few people are currently sick, and the public's understanding of mitigation efforts - it is unlikely that infection numbers will begin to rise within the near future. It is also unlikely that the County will achieve the "low" phase as that definition requires the population to see only 3 cases per day.

Currently, 85% of the 65 and older population have received at least their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Early research is showing that both vaccinated and recovered individuals are more likely to be immune to further infection. What is still unknown is how long that immunity will last or when children under the age of 12 will be cleared to receive the vaccine. School districts will continue to make their own decisions on COVID-19 mitigation efforts, regardless of CDC guidance.

• General Updates

Most Public Health (PH) services have restarted and are available by appointment-only, which helps with staffing as well as COVID-19 mitigation. PH will continue to re-evaluate the services offered as well as appointment availability to ensure client needs are being met.

Public Health is turning the division's focus toward more collaboration with community agencies, therefore elevating the services offered by Public Health and other local providers.

During COVID, the State conducted an abbreviated version of the 140 Review to maintain certification as a Health Department; a full review is expected as the pandemic winds down. In early 2022, the Division will endeavor to reach certification Level 3, which is the highest certification level. While currently certified at Level 2, the requirements for all levels have recently changed and the Division will focus on

meeting the requirements for Level 3 before the full 140 Review is completed.

The budget request for additional positions has been further elevated. The request now includes a role for an Epidemiologist, changing a currently vacant position into a Health Educator position, and the addition of a Health Strategist position. HHS will also receive the annual \$100,000 tax levy increase.

The Community Health Improvement Plan and Process (CHIPP) Steering Committee will begin their next phase in 2022. CHIPP will be conducting a Community Health Assessment which will identify the leading health issues facing Waukesha County. A multi-disciplinary, community-based committee will develop the plan to address these issues in 2023. The finalized plan would then be implemented over the next three to five years. There are many new faces in health partnerships within the community so this will be a good opportunity to rejuvenate projects and affiliations.

Public Health is also in the process of updating their EHR which will give PH an opportunity to find a way to connect digitally with partners through programs, such as NowPow, a screening tool used to refer and connect clients to specialist providers and community resources. Dresang will reach out to resource representatives to arrange a presentation on using the NowPow system.

6. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

7. Agency Announcements and Updates

The HHS Board meeting will be available in a hybrid meeting format and open to the public.

The Public Hearing is on July 8 and is open to the public. Currently, it is unknown if the meeting will be offered in a hybrid format.

8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Request to add to the August agenda:

- Mary Smith's ADRC presentation as an agency report
- Reschedule the Sixteenth Street presentation
- Project Manager from Impact211 for NowPow system

9. Public Comment

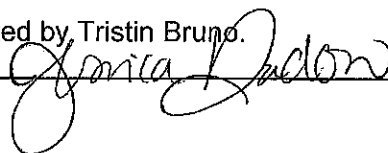
There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Butz moved, second by Reich to adjourn at 9:06 a.m. Motion passed without negative vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tristin Bruno.

Minutes Were Approved: _____



Date: _____

