

Public Health Council Committee on Emergency Preparedness
 March 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

<p>Mission Statement: The Public Health Council Committee on Emergency Preparedness will provide guidance and oversight to the planning and implementation of the public health, hospital and pre-hospital emergency preparedness programs. Members will work to ensure the engagement of local health departments and hospitals, EMS and their key partners in the program and will facilitate the integration of the CDC and HRSA programs with other emergency preparedness efforts statewide.</p>		
<p>Members can access the minutes of the Public Health Council and its committees at http://publichealthcouncil.dhfs.wi.gov</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up Action
Introductions		
Review of Minutes of 12/12/2006	Minutes were approved as written with the note that the September meeting is 9/11.	
Membership Query	<p>In response to a letter about continued membership, all members agreed to continue with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Frank Rejdik will be the delegate for John Bartkowski ➤ No response was heard from Aaron Harris; Chris Fischer will serve as the fire service representative ➤ Marge McFarlane is the hospital representative, replacing Bob Wilcox ➤ Peggy Sevesind is the representative of the Office of Rural Health ➤ Vacancy for EMS will be filled when an EMS Section Chief is hired ➤ The Wisconsin Medical Society has not been able to fill the vacancy for Lloyd Clark 	
PHC Update	<p>Bevan Baker reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PHC is delaying its presentation of its 2 year report to the Governor scheduled for April ➤ The intersection between the 2 PHC committees is sustainable public health funding 	

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<p>Pandemic Influenza</p>	<p>Lisa Pentony was introduced as the State Pandemic Influenza Coordinator. She presented a summary of recent accomplishments (see Attachments). This Committee is legally charged with oversight of the state’s pandemic influenza planning. One option is to consider the criteria for a “good” plan. Lisa requested feedback form the committee and will attend these meetings on a regular basis. It was emphasized that sustained messaging about seasonal influenza is remains a critical strategy to manage pandemic influenza.</p>	
<p>Public Health Preparedness</p>	<p>David Pluymers summarized recent accomplishments and issues of this program (see Attachments). A Preparedness Unit is being created to better manage this program. A critical issue is that preparedness funding continues to decline. This is a very serious issue recognizing that there is very little GPR funding to support public health in general.</p>	
<p>Hospital Preparedness</p>	<p>Dennis Tomczyk summarized recent accomplishments and issues of this program (see Attachments). Key gaps are funding for physician offices and non-hospital healthcare facilities. This discussion raised the issue of “special needs populations”. It was agreed that there is no definition of this outside of a very broad and inclusive definition. It was agreed that further research needs to be done on this issue. It was also mentioned that “public health” must be used in its widest sense and not just in reference to the work of the state and local health departments. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities face the same budget problems with sustaining preparedness.</p>	<p>Staff will research what has been done to define and address “special needs populations”.</p>

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Legislative Committee	This Committee has completed its work and several good products are resulting, e.g. immunity for healthcare facilities. This Committee has led to a standing Assembly Committee on Emergency Preparedness, led by Rep. Joan Ballweg.	
Strategic Priorities	<p>The Committee reviewed its previous list of strategic priorities, agreeing that our approach is to be an “all hazards” approach. The 4 strategic priorities are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The state will have a GPR budget, in addition to federal funding, that will sustain public health preparedness ➤ The state and all emergency responders have the ability to respond to pandemic diseases and other all hazard catastrophic incidents ➤ The state and its emergency responders have the ability to recognize and address the needs of special populations in response to pandemic diseases and other all hazards catastrophic incidents ➤ The public has awareness of these three goals so as to support the sustainability of public health preparedness ➤ 	<p>A remaining task is to follow up on the “Resolution on Emergency Preparedness that will be reviewed by the PHC at its April meeting. One aspect of this is the responsibility of this Committee to draft a list of “Universal Indicators of Preparedness”</p>
Sustainability of Funding	<p>The Committee held a significant discussion on long-term funding to sustain public health preparedness due to new legislation that requires state matching funds (a 5-10% match is required and there are penalties of 5-25%) and also penalties for non-compliance. The Committee agreed that it needs to draft two budget plans to present to the PHC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a sustainability budget that includes both GPR funding and federal preparedness funds, recognizing that this latter funding will continue to diminish over time. (This budget will include what is needed, how it will 	

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	<p>be used and the effects if sufficient funding is not available)</p> <p>2) a contingency sustainability budget that will involve minimal GPR funding and diminishing federal preparedness funds (This budget will include the minimum to sustain preparedness and the effects of not having a comprehensive budget)</p> <p>It was agreed that we need to make a strong case of what the ROI has been from the more than \$100 million already given to public health and hospitals for preparedness, given all the strong competing interest for GPR funding.</p>	
<p>Immediate Action</p>	<p>The Committee agreed it needed to take immediate action to address the requirements of the new legislation that demands 5-10% matching funds.</p>	<p>A draft resolution will be developed and given to Bevan Baker to present to the executive Committee of the PHC. (The following is the draft resolution)</p>
<p>The State of Wisconsin recognizes the primary importance of emergency preparedness and response to the continued vitality of the state, its economy, and population. Therefore we will strive to fully fund emergency preparedness plans and systems. To this purpose we reference the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act of the 109th Congress which calls attention to state matching of Public Health Preparedness funds.</p> <p>Beginning in fiscal year 2009, in the case of any State or consortium of two or more States, the Secretary may not award a cooperative agreement under this section unless the State or Consortium of States agree that, with respect to the amount of the cooperative agreement awarded by the Secretary, the State or consortium of states will make available (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-federal contributions in an amount equal to—</p> <p>(i) for the first fiscal year of the cooperative agreement, not less than 5 percent of such costs (\$1 for each \$20 of Federal funds provided in the cooperative agreement); and</p> <p>(ii) for any second fiscal year of the cooperative agreement, and for any subsequent fiscal year of such cooperative agreement, not less than 10 percent of such costs (\$1 for each \$10 of Federal funds provided in the cooperative agreement).</p>		

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Because of this recent legislation, and in order to sustain the preparedness levels Wisconsin has achieved, we urgently request that matching funds be included in the next biennium budget.

Next Meeting	<p>The focus of the next meeting will be on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of Universal Indicators ➤ Development of two budgets: a Sustainability and Contingency Budgets ➤ Further specification of special needs populations <p>It was also agreed that the committee will meet in the Wisconsin Dells in June and December and in Stevens Point in March and September.</p> <p>It was also agreed that there will be an attendance list showing who has attended meetings.</p>	
Committee Members In Attendance (BOLD)	<p>Bevan Baker John Bartkowski Bill Bazan Jayne Bielecki Christopher Fischer Gregg Gibbons Oren Hammes Stephanie Harrison/Amanda Wilkins Terri Kramolis Loren Leshan</p>	<p>Marge McFarlane Doug Mormann Marianne Peck Lawrence Reed Glen Safford/Carol Wright/Nitin Bagul Peggy Sevesind Ernest Stremski JoAnn Weidmann Jeff Wilson Thai Vue</p>
Resource Staff	<p>Thomas Anderson Lisa Pentony David Pluymers</p>	<p>Carolyn Strubel Dennis Tomczyk Paul Wittkamp</p>
Guests	<p>Torrey Nelson</p>	