

Minutes of the Public Health Council on Emergency Preparedness of June 12, 2007

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 public health and hospital preparedness programs with other emergency preparedness efforts statewide.

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up Action
Introductions		
Review of Minutes of 3/13/07	Minutes were approved as written.	
PHC Update	<p>Bevan Baker reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 2 Resolutions of this Committee have been approved by the Public Health Council and have been forwarded to Secretary Hayden. ➤ Both the Public Health Council and secretary support requesting the Legislature to provide the necessary matching funds for the preparedness cooperative agreements. More information will be provided once the “guidance” is available. ➤ There was significant discussion on the hospital and tobacco tax issues at the Council. ➤ A Public Health Ad Hoc Financing Committee has been formed to address minimum funding needed for public health functions. Recommendations re due by December 2007. 	
Pandemic Influenza	<p>Lisa Pentony, the State Pandemic Influenza Coordinator, presented a summary of recent accomplishments. The following documents were reviewed and will be available on the Public Health Council web site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wisconsin Pandemic Influenza Operations Plan: All Priorities and Appendix A 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pandemic Influenza Medical Countermeasures Logistics Plan: Antiviral Distribution ➤ Community Disease Control and Prevention Plan ➤ Antiviral Prioritization Plan ➤ Wisconsin Pandemic Planning Up-Date, May 2007 ➤ State Health Officer Letter of May 9, 2007 	
Briefing	<p>The Committee was briefed by teleconference by David Heyman, Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Homeland Security Program, Washington D.C. on “Operational Guidelines for Disease Exposure Controls-- A Targeted, Layered Non-Pharmaceutical Approach to Protect Ourselves Against Contagious Disease”. The full details of his study can be found in "<i>Model Guidelines for Disease Exposure Control</i>", which can be found on the Public Health Council web site.</p>	
Public Health and Hospital Preparedness	<p>Dennis Tomczyk briefed the Committee on the public health and preparedness programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Search is taking place for Director, Public Health Preparedness and Coordinator of Public Health Consortia ➤ Public Health and Hospital Preparedness Grant Guidance documents are not yet available. There will be 30 days to complete the grant writing process. 	
Legislative Committee	<p>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. The proposed legislation will be posted on the Public Health Council web site.</p>	

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Strategic Priorities	The Committee reviewed its previous list of strategic priorities and discussed “special populations”. Oren Hammes and Dennis Tomczyk summarized the work that has been done. There was discussion that this Committee should make a recommendation about further work being done on special populations and to this effect will draft a “Resolution”, which will be presented to the Public Health Council for consideration.	Bevan Baker will present the “Resolution” to the Public Health Council for review.
Strategic Priorities	Bevan Baker recommended that the Committee begin to operationalize the 4 strategic priorities at its next meeting in September. It was commented that “public health” must always be considered in its fullest sense. For example, the trauma system is under the direction of DPH and is sorely lacking in funding, as are other public health functions.	
Next Meeting	The Committee has decided that the March and September meetings will be held in Stevens Point and the June and December meetings in the Wisconsin Dells.	
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 Peggy Sevesind Ernest Stremski JoAnn Weidmann Jeff Wilson Thai Vue</p>
Resource Staff	<p>Thomas Anderson Lisa Pentony</p>	<p>Dennis Tomczyk Paul Wittkamp</p>