

## Public Health Council Minutes

Friday, December 10, 2004,  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
1 W. Wilson St. – Room 751

**Members in Attendance:** Sandy Anderson, Bevan Baker, John Bartkowski, Jayne Bielecki, Catherine Frey, Gary Gilmore, Terri Kramolis, Stephen Hargarten, Charles LaRoque, Loren LeShan, Corazon Loteyro, Richard Perry, Kurt Reed, Ayaz Samadani, Thai Vue, JoAnn Weidmann, Julie Willems VanDijk, Jeanan Yasiri

**Members Not in Attendance:** José Avila, Christopher Fischer, June Munro, Douglas Nelson, Elizabeth Raduege

**Guest Presenters:** Mary Jo Baisch, Carol Graham, Mark Huber, David Kindig, Steve Marshall, Patrick Remington

**Guests:** Herb Bostrom, Pat Guhleman

**Staff:** Susan Wood, Jacqueline Moss

- 10:00 Dr. Samadani opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and inviting new attendees to introduce themselves and share highlights of their affiliations. Minutes of the October 29 meeting were read, corrected, and approved.
- 10:15 Mary Jo Baisch, Mark Huber, and Carol Graham of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) presented insight into their Council's accomplishments and discussed inclusiveness and accountability between the two Councils. Discussion and a question and answer period followed.  
**Future Discussion:** Marketing idea of tobacco-free state.
- 11:10 Jim Vergeront and Dan Hopfensburger discussed the immunization shortages and gave insight into the ACIP/CDC actions for redistributing available vaccines under its Investigational New Drug policy. Communication between producers, CDC, etc. is key in preventing future shortages. Discussion followed.  
**Add to next agenda:** College students training in health care fields can earn certificate in Spanish, Hmong, and other languages to aid in communication.
- 11:30 Susan Wood updated the Council on the six options for a Public Health Institute and discussed the Secretary's response and suggestions for grant opportunities and grant writing. A planning symposium is scheduled for February 7, 2005, on the UW Medical School campus. Discussion followed.
- 12:00 Working lunch: Continued discussion of Public Health Institute options, measuring accountability, training medical students to help lessen language barriers, and curtailing flu and other vaccine shortages.
- 12:30 Dr. Kindig presented material and discussed health disparities in different populations of the state. Discussion of the ways to ensure that Healthy Wisconsin 2010 benchmarks are met, including developing long- and short-term strategies to decrease and eliminate disparities.

Drs. Kindig and Remington will use their expertise in further developing tracking methods and an annual report.

**Invite** the Governor's Oral Health Task Force to a PHC meeting.

- 1:00 Roundtable discussion of the state health plan evaluation and the Department's progress in achieving yearly goals leading up to 2010.
- 1:30 Council organization discussed previous meeting evaluation, Council schedule and locations, creation of a Web site for the Council, and attending the meetings through the Internet (webcasts). The subcommittee structure was initialized by creating the following:
- Executive Committee, whose members are Bevan Baker, Gary Gilmore, Steve Hargarten, Ayaz Samadani, Julie Willems Van Dijk, Susan Wood, and Jeanan Yasiri.
  - State Health Plan Oversight Committee, whose members are Sandy Anderson, Catherine Frey, Richard Perry, JoAnn Weidmann, and Julie Willems Van Dijk.
  - Preparedness Committee, consisting of John Bartkowski, Jayne Bielecki, Christopher Fischer, Terri Kramolis, Loren LeShan, Kurt Reed, and Thai Vue.
- A rough draft of the bylaws and mission of the Council will be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.
- 1:50 Next meeting: Suggestion to invite Adjutant General Al Wilkening to attend Council's next meeting; Dual Capacity Report to Division Administrator and preparedness focus group report.
- 2:00 Adjourned