

Public Health Council

STATE OF WISCONSIN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2013

LOCATION: STATE OFFICE BUILDING, 1 W. WILSON STREET, MADISON, WISCONSIN

Council Members Present: Dr. Gary Gilmore (Chair); Dr. Mary Jo Baisch; Mr. Bevan Baker; Ms. Bridget Clementi; Mr. William Keeton; Ms. Terri Kramolis; Dr. Ayaz Samadani; and Ms. Gretchen Sampson; Dr. James Sanders; Mr. Mark Villalpando, and Mr. Michael Wallace.

Council Members Absent: Ms. Faye Dodge; Ms. Susan Garcia Franz; Ms. Deborah Miller; and Mr. Thai Vue.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Staff: Division Administrator Karen McKeown; Ms. Patricia Guhleman; Ms. Nancy McKenney; Ms. Patricia Nametz; Ms. Jennifer Ullsvik and Mr. Kevin Wymore.

Guests: Dr. Seth Foldy; Ms. Kris Freundlich; Mr. Alex Ignatowski; Ms. Karlyn Raddatz; and Ms. Cynthia Verfueth

Call to Order

The Council meeting was convened, shortly after 9 a.m., by the Chair, Dr. Gary Gilmore. The Council conducted its inaugural meeting via the Adobe Connect videoconferencing tool, with all but two members, Dr. Gilmore and Mr. Keeton, attending electronically. The meeting originated from Room B370, State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson Street, in Madison.

Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the February 8, 2013 Council minutes draft. Ms. Gretchen Sampson moved approval and Dr. Ayaz Samadani seconded.

Evaluation

The Council heard the meeting evaluation results from the February 8, 2013 meeting. Mr. Kevin Wymore presented the overall average meeting evaluation score of 3.8 on a

4.0 scale, as well as qualitative comments. Feedback from Council members was generally positive.

Open Forum

Dr. Gilmore welcomed former state Division of Public Health Administrator Dr. Seth Foldy to the meeting in the Open Forum. Dr. Foldy indicated that he has transitioned from his former position with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to the Milwaukee area. Dr. Foldy also suggested that an opportunity for public comments at the conclusion of the Council meeting would provide the public with an opportunity to assess the meeting. Dr. Gilmore said he would take that suggestion under advisement.

Legislative Update

The Council heard Mr. Alex Ignatowski, DHS legislative advisor, provide an update on various state Department of Health Services (DHS) legislative issues. He said action in the biennial budget session was picking up with Gov. Walker's release of his biennial budget proposal. He noted that the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee is doing a series of budget briefings with each agency, including DHS. Regarding the state's option to administer the federal Affordable Care Act, Governor Walker has proposed to enroll Medicaid-eligible persons in Wisconsin in that program up to 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Above that income level, persons would be able to enroll in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's health insurance exchanges, which will commence operation in 2014. Mr. Ignatowski said that maintaining DHS full-time equivalent positions will be key. The new state fiscal year starts July 1, and Mr. Ignatowski said the Legislature would likely enact a biennial budget bill by sometime in June.

Council 2013 Strategic Priorities

Dr. Gilmore reviewed the Council's forthcoming meeting with DHS Deputy Secretary Kevin Moore. Participants from the Council will include the past, current, and future Chairs, and Committee Chairs. At the meeting, Council representatives will present the 2012 Annual Report and discuss Council activities in 2013. The one-hour meeting is scheduled for April 18.

State Health Plan Quality Improvement Committee

The Council also reviewed and approved a new "policy action framework" that partially frames and schedules several issues for the coming Council year. The issues are: quality and capacity; public health department accreditation; emergency preparedness; and State Health Plan data and tracking. Staff were directed to determine if the new policy framework had been approved. Council members also noted that the State Health Plan Quality Improvement Committee needs more members.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Ms. Jennifer Ullsvik updated the Council on events and issues related to emergency preparedness in Wisconsin. She briefed the Council on Year 2 of the current federal cooperative funding agreement for emergency preparedness. The current federal

paradigm combines public health and hospital preparedness into one grant application with two different funding streams. She said the emergency preparedness budget is seeing a 5 to 6 percent budget cut because of the federal budget sequester.

Division Administrator Update

Division of Public Health <http://www.wphca.org/homeless.html> Administrator Karen McKeown provided an update on DPH. She said the West Allis Health Department was the first local health department in the state to become accredited in the new national accreditation process. She said the DPH did a self-assessment as the state health department in 2012.

Ms. McKeown also detailed the state's most recent "race to the top" federal grant application. She said the most recent application involved a "data linkage hub."

Announcements/Completion of Evaluation Forms

Dr. Gilmore encouraged Council members to complete meeting evaluation forms, and also asked them to indicate if they wish to become members of either of the Council's two standing committees.

Kevin Wymore noted the recent release of a UW Population Health Institute report on binge drinking in the state.

Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at about 11:30 a.m.