

# Public Health Council

STATE OF WISCONSIN

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2013

**LOCATION: RISSER JUSTICE CENTER, 120 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BLVD, MADISON, WISCONSIN**

**Council Members Present:** Dr. Gary Gilmore (Chair); Dr. Mary Jo Baisch; (Vice-Chair); Mr. Bevan Baker; Susan Garcia Franz; Mr. William Keeton; Ms. Terri Kramolis; Ms. Deborah Miller; Dr. Ayaz Samadani; Ms. Gretchen Sampson; Mr. Mark Villalpando; Mr. Thai Vue and Mr. Michael Wallace.

**Council Members Absent:** Ms. Bridget Clementi; Ms. Faye Dodge (Secretary) and Dr. James Sanders.

**Division of Public Health (DPH) Staff:** Division Administrator Karen McKeown; Ms. Patricia Guhleman and Mr. Kevin Wymore.

**Guests:** Mr. Alex Ignatowski, Department Secretary's Office; Ms. Kristine Freundlich, DHS Facilitator; and Mr. Ed Rabotski, Bureau of Information Technology Services.

### **Call to Order**

The Council meeting was convened, shortly after 9 a.m., by the Chair, Dr. Gary Gilmore.

### **Minutes**

The Council reviewed and approved the August 9, 2013 Council minutes draft. With the correction of a segment to read a \$4 million budgeted sum for graduate medical education, Mr. Mark Villalpando moved approval of the revised document, and Ms. Terri Kramolis seconded.

### **Council Letter of Support for UW Grant Application**

The Council reviewed copies of the already-sent Council letter of support for a University of Wisconsin grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Executive Committee had already approved the letter at its September meeting.

## **Executive Committee Report**

The Council deliberated over several items included in an Executive Committee report. The body approved its calendar of Public Health Council and Executive Committee dates as envisioned, with the exception of substituting March 28 as its March date for the Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Terri Kramolis moved approval of the revised calendar, and Dr. Mary Jo Baisch seconded. Further discussion centered on the optimal number of in-person v. electronic meetings. Ms. Susan Garcia Franz stated she felt that electronic meetings were less effective for her; she said it was harder to “isolate herself with the meeting” when she physically was in her own office. Other members from the state’s northern reaches said the winter meetings of December and February might be good candidates for electronic meetings, due to potential travel difficulties during winter months. No decision was made on the “in-person v. electronic meeting” format issue for the 2014 Council meetings. DPH management will indicate the number of electronic meetings needed, as they are necessarily influenced by budgetary realities.

## **Open Forum**

Due to time constraints, the Council did not hear Dr. Mary Jo Baisch’s invited PowerPoint presentation on the public health implications of her trip to Galway, Ireland.

## **Division Administrator’s Update**

The Council heard Division Administrator Karen McKeown describe details of a \$4 million sum of graduate medical education funding that will be contracted by the Department. Ms. McKeown said DHS staff had been reaching out to affected stakeholders to expand the number of “slots” for medical residents and potentially create new residency programs and specialists. Beyond the period of residency, there is no guarantee the doctors will remain in practice in the rural areas, however.

## **Legislative Update**

The Council heard Mr. Alex Ignatowski, DHS legislative adviser, provide the legislative update. The legislative update included these two items. In addition to a planned bill in the Legislature to make it easier to administer Narcan in connection with the escalating number of heroin overdoses in the state, Mr. Ignatowski talked about the implementation issues surrounding the October 1 roll-out of the Affordable Care Act enrollment efforts in Wisconsin. They fielded several questions and comments on the upcoming implementation of the national Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

## **State Health Plan Quality Improvement Committee Meeting**

The Council received a briefing by Ms. Terri Kramolis and Ms. Patricia Guhleman about the State Health Plan Quality Improvement Committee’s latest efforts. Ms. Kramolis had previously informed the Council about plans for completing a Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 “midcourse review” report roughly halfway to the end of the decade in 2020. The report is tentatively scheduled to be finished by December 2014. A revised timeline document was forwarded to the Council.

## **AODA Data Presentation**

The Council heard a baseline PowerPoint presentation from DPH epidemiologist Ms. Mari Gasiorowicz about pertinent statistics regarding the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse focus area in the State Health Plan. Among the key findings were: 1) more than a third of high school students reported drinking alcohol in the last 30 days; 2) the state's adults ranked first in the nation in 2011 for both heavy drinking and binge drinking; and 3) binge drinking rates were significantly higher among males and younger groups, but binge drinking rates were significantly lower for black adults compared with whites.

### **AODA Expert Presentations**

The Council heard information about the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) from Mr. Lou Oppor, Department of Health Services, and Mr. Duncan Shrout, vice-president of the State Council. Following their overview of the SCAODA, and how it relates to HW 2020, the Council heard from several local public health practitioners about their views about how public health interventions or plans are being carried out in their communities. Mr. Doug Mormann, Health Officer at the La Crosse County Health Department, provided his perspective. Ms. Catherine Kolkmeier, from the La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium, discussed her agency's efforts to create a safer environment surrounding that city's "festival culture" that prominently features drinking to excess. Over several years, a number of young men have drowned in connection with such excesses. Finally, Ms. Terri Kramolis, Bayfield County Health Officer, provided an overview about how Bayfield and Ashland counties' public health planning processes had concluded that alcohol consumption presented a primary concern to those counties.

### **AODA Dialogue among Council Members**

At the conclusion of the AODA presentations, the Council discussed three related questions: a) Does Wisconsin appear to be "headed in the right direction" in its AODA interventions; b) are there opportunities that are being overlooked; and c) what should the state's emphasis be in the next five years.

### **Accreditation Update**

The Council heard a short update from Ms. Patricia Guhleman about public health accreditation efforts in the state.

### **Emergency Preparedness Report**

The Council heard Mr. Kevin Wymore and Mr. Bevan Baker provide a very brief report on the DPH emergency preparedness advisory council's current issues, including the pending site visit to the emergency preparedness staff by a funder, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### **Announcements/Completion of Evaluation Forms**

Council members were asked to complete their meeting evaluation forms right after the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The Council meeting adjourned shortly after 2 p.m.