

# State Health Plan Committee

## Report to the Wisconsin Public Health Council

### December 2007

The State Health Plan Committee is one of two standing committees established by the Public Health Council. Its charge is to propose public health policy recommendations and strategies to monitor progress toward achievement of the state health plan. The current 10-year state health plan is mandated in Wisconsin Statute, Chapter 250.07. It is entitled: *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public*. The specific responsibilities of the State Health Plan Committee are: (1) monitor, evaluate and communicate progress toward and away from achieving the state health plan; (2) champion achievement of the state health plan; and (3) promote broad-based ownership for achieving *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*.

#### **Members:**

(Note: \* indicates Public Health Council Member)

The current chair is Mary Jo Baisch, PhD, RN, (UW-Milwaukee) She succeeded Mr. Richard Perry\* (Beloit Community Health Center) as Chair in June 2007.

New and continuing members include: Leah Arndt, PhD (UW-Milwaukee); Shannon Chavez-Korell, PhD (UW-Milwaukee); Carol Graham, MS, RN (Public Health Advocate); Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, MS, RN, BC (UW-Madison); Susan Garcia Franz\* (Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin); Catherine Frey\* (UW-Madison); Gary Hollander, PhD (Diverse and Resilient); Lynn Johnson, PT, MHA (Waukesha Memorial Hospital); Christopher Okunseri, DDS (Marquette University); Mark Powless, MS (Marquette University); Patrick Remington, MD, MPH (UW-Madison); Jan Seibert, ND (Seibert Health and Wellness); Pa Vang, BS, RN (Public Health of Madison and Dane County); Kathryn Vedder, MD, MPH (Public Health Advocate).

Resignations during 2007: Peggy Hintzman, MBA (Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene); Mark Huber, MA (Aurora Health Care); Amy Murphy (Medical College of Wisconsin); JoAnn Weidmann\* (Public Health Council); Julie Willems Van Dijk\* (Marathon County Health Department).

#### **Committee Organization:**

The Committee uses broad criteria to select its 15 members. The Committee held eleven meetings in 2007 and formally reviewed progress on three statewide public health priorities (access to primary and preventive health services, mental health and mental disorders, and high-risk sexual behavior) and made policy recommendations to the Public Health Council. The Committee uses an evaluation model that includes analysis of epidemiological data and expert review by the public health partners to propose policy recommendations to the Public Health Council (Attachment 1). The Committee has set its goals and meeting dates for 2008. The Committee is staffed by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

During 2006 – 2007, the Committee formally evaluated progress in achieving 12 of 16 priorities (75 percent) set forth in *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*. Their policy recommendations concerning public health financing were instrumental in the appointment of a special study committee by the Public Health Council to make recommendations to assure equitable, adequate, and appropriate financing of Wisconsin’s public health system. The results are attached to the Council’s report.

### **Evaluating Progress of Healthiest Wisconsin 2010:**

The Committee has formally evaluated the following statewide health priorities:

1. *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* Priority: High risk sexual behavior. (Led by Dr. Gary Hollander)
2. *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* Priority: Mental health and mental disorders. (Led by Dr. Arndt, Dr. Seibert)

### **Policy Recommendations to the Public Health Council:**

The Committee has prepared policy recommendations based on its formal evaluation of five statewide health priorities and five statewide public health infrastructure priorities. A complete list of public health policy recommendations can be found in Attachment 1.

#### ➤ February 9, 2007 Recommendations to the Public Health Council:

##### ***Statewide Health Priorities:***

1. Adequate and appropriate nutrition. (Led by Dr. Baisch, Ms. Frey, Ms. Weidmann)
2. Alcohol and other substance use and addiction. (Led by Dr. Baisch, Mr. Perry, Ms. Vang)
3. Overweight, obesity, and lack of physical exercise. (Led by Dr. Baisch, Ms. Frey, Ms. Weidmann)
4. Tobacco use and exposure. (Led by Dr. Remington, Ms. Hintzman)
5. Access to Primary and Preventive Health Services. In process. (Led by Dr. Baisch, Dr. Chavez-Korell, Ms. Garcia Franz, Dr. Okunseri)

##### ***Statewide Public Health Infrastructure Priorities:***

1. Integrated electronic data and information systems. (Led by Ms. Graham, Dr Hollander.)
2. Community health improvement processes and plans. (Led by Ms. Graham, Dr Hollander)
3. Coordination of state and local public health system partnerships. (Led by Ms. Graham, Dr Hollander)
4. Sufficient, competent workforce. (Led by Ms. Graham, Dr Hollander)
5. Equitable, adequate, and stable funding. (Led by Ms. Graham, Dr Hollander)

#### ➤ October 12, 2007 Recommendations to the Public Health Council:

##### ***Statewide Health Priority:***

1. Alcohol and other substance use and addiction. (Led by Ms. Vang and Dr. Baisch)

The Committee remains committed to providing collaborative policy leadership to protect the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin

### **Attachments (1):**

2007 Policy Recommendations