

**Minutes
Wisconsin Public Health Council
State Health Plan Committee
October 18, 2007 (Thursday)**

Location: West Wood Health and Fitness Center
Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Attending: Mary Jo Baisch, Gary Hollander, JoAnn Weidmann, Leah Arndt, Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, Jan Seibert (phone), Catherine Frey (phone)

Absent: Carol Graham, Patrick Remington, Bridget Booske, Christopher Okunseri, Pa Vang

Guests: Joyce Allen, Peggy Helm-Quest, Tim Conner, Becky Cohen, Dr. Kathryn Vedder, Kristine Freundlich, Mark Powless

Staff: Margaret Schmelzer

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<p>Review agenda and approve minutes from July 2007 meeting: Agenda approved.</p>	<p>Motion Dr. Arndt, seconded by Ms. Haynes-Brokopp to approve minutes. Unanimous.</p>
<p>Report from the Chair: Dr. Baisch reported she and Ms. Vang had a successful presentation to the Public Health Council on the “Alcohol, Substance Use and Addiction” priority. In a subsequent discussion the Council decided to accept the recommendations in the report. The Council also discussed the recommendations from the Committee during 2007. Dr. Baisch reported that the Council heard and accepted the State Health Plan Committee report that she and Ms. Vang provided concerning the Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Use and Addiction health priority.</p> <p>The Council took action on the first five recommendations from the Committee on the Alcohol, Substance Abuse and Addiction priorities. With a motion by Cathy Frey and a second by JoAnn Weidmann, the Council asked the Division of Public Health to act upon the following five policy recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote measures for law enforcement to increase restrictions on the distribution and sale of alcohol and substance use. • Partner with the Governor’s state council on alcohol and other drug abuse systems to incorporate public health, mental health, and maternal and child health in a coordinated action plan. • Endorse and support the increase of taxes/surcharges on 	

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<p>alcoholic beverages as a means of funding a comprehensive prevention and control program; and alcohol and substance abuse treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit and retain behavioral health workers trained in alcohol and other drug abuse treatment and prevention programs. • Endorse measures that will improve data collection on the efficacy of substance abuse programs. <p>Report from the Public Health Council Finance Ad Hoc Committee: Discussed rationale and the direction they would like to double the investment in public health in Wisconsin. Dr. Hollander expressed that the recommendation is traditional and is focused on government not on the public health system as described in the current state health plan. Discussion ensued concerning assuring infrastructure supports through local health departments as a primary strategy to strengthen the community. Ms. Frey was asked to take these concerns back to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Report from Division of Public Health: Ms. Schmelzer reported that Dr. Johnson is exploring options concerning the next minority health officer. A recruitment decision is expected later this year.</p>	
<p>Evaluation of State Health Plan Priority: Mental Health and Mental Disorders. Presentation to be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Joyce Allen, Director, Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, DHFS ➤ Rebecca Cohen, Mental Health Planner and Analyst, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, DHFS ➤ Tim Conner, Mental Health Evaluator, University of Wisconsin, Population Health Institute ➤ Peggy Helm-Quest, MCH Supervisor, Bureau of Community Health Promotion, Wisconsin Division of Public Health, DHFS <p>An active and lively discussion ensued. Ms. Schmelzer will assure the handouts and PowerPoint presentation are posted on the Council Web page.</p> <p>Dr. Arndt and Dr. Seibert will serve as the lead writers to draft the recommendations and formal report to the Council. This report will be taken up by the Committee at its first meeting in 2008.</p>	<p>ACTION: Dr. Arndt and Dr. Seibert will prepare a provisional report and recommendations for the February 2008 meeting.</p>
<p>Status Reports:</p>	<p>ACTION: In follow-up to</p>

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Refer to actions in next column.	<p>the presentation on the statewide priority entitled “High-Risk Sexual Behavior,” Dr. Baisch reported that no resolution on the family planning waiver will be forthcoming as the work must be done at the federal level.</p> <p>Dr. Baisch has prepared a letter to Dr. Johnson and Secretary Hayden concerning infrastructure supports needed within the Department for Healthiest Wisconsin 2020.</p> <p>ACTION: Dr. Baisch will send the letter to the Committee and asked for input and comments no later than October 26, 2007. After that, it will be mailed to the Department.</p>
<p>Evaluation: Dr. Baisch recommended that the December 2007 meeting focus on several key issues: (1) review the report and provisional recommendations concerning the statewide priority “high-risk sexual behavior,” (2) receive updates and discuss Healthiest Wisconsin, and (3) set priorities and meeting schedule for 2008. Dr. Baisch recommended the meetings be held every other month.</p>	
Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm	

Notes taken by:
Margaret Schmelzer, RN, MS
Chief Staff to the Committee

- C: Ayaz Samadani, MD, Chair, Wisconsin Public Health Council
Sheri Johnson, PhD, Administrator and State Health Officer, Division of Public Health
Thomas Sieger, Deputy State Health Officer, Division of Public Health
Patricia Guhleman, MS, Director, Bureau of Health Information and Policy
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