

**Minutes
Wisconsin Public Health Council
State Health Plan Committee
March 13, 2008 (Thursday)**

Location: Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Attending: Mary Jo Baisch, John Meurer, Shannon Chavez-Korell, Carol Graham, Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, Lynn Johnson, Jan Seibert, Pa Vang, Kathryn Vedder

Absent: Catherine Frey, Mark Powless, Patrick Remington, Leah Arndt, Susan Garcia Franz, Gary Hollander, Christopher Okunseri

Staff: Margaret Schmelzer

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<p>Welcome and introduce new members, roll call, check in</p> <p>Dr. Baisch welcomed and introduced the newest Committee member and Co-Chair: John Meurer, MD, MBA, Chief of General Pediatrics and Professor of Pediatrics and Population Health, Medical College of Wisconsin</p>	
<p>Review agenda and approve minutes from the January 2008 meeting</p> <p>Minutes approved. Agenda modified due to no reports on the mental health and high-risk sexual behavior priorities of HW2010. Dr. Baisch requested that all reports be sent out in advance of meetings.</p>	<p>Motion by Ms. Graham and seconded by Ms. Haynes-Brokopp to approve the January 2008 minutes. Approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Report from the Chair</p> <p>Dr. Baisch asked Ms. Carol Graham to use this time to provide an overview of the processes and recommendations of the public health financing report that was developed for the Public Health Council. The intent is to request an increase in state funding of \$33 million annually to bring Wisconsin in the mid-range of other states. This would increase state public health appropriations to \$12.50 per capita. Funding would be targeted to state and local governmental public health agencies. The focus is on health not infrastructure. Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future reports to the Council from the State Health Plan Committee should highlight public health financing. 2. The next state health plan must address evidence- 	

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<p>based interventions with fidelity to obesity, AODA, and health disparities.</p> <p>Related discussion included the “Gruen Model” that posits the work of physicians obligates them to focus on public health.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding how the Public Health Council might bring larger structures into its sphere of influence (e.g., the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Medical Society, Wisconsin Nurses Association, Wisconsin Public Health Association) and should connect with other councils and like-minded bodies to foster cross-systems thinking and action (e.g., State Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse). Make certain that evidence is a driver for the next state health plan.</p> <p>Ms. Graham brought two published articles to the attention of the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Climate Change: The Public Health Response. Frumkin et al. AJPB (March 2008). Vol 98, No 3. (2) The Public Health Approach to Eliminating Disparities in Health. Satcher and Higgenbotham. AJPB (March 2008). AJPB (March 2008). Vol 98, No 3. <p>Report from the Division of Public Health Ms. Schmelzer provided an update on plans for the next state health plan. She thanked the Committee for its input on the strategic planning model for Healthiest Wisconsin 2020.</p>	<p>Ms. Schmelzer will bring several copies of these articles to the next meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Schmelzer will mail the revised strategic planning “affinity model” to the Committee.</p>
<p>Report: Mental Health and Mental Disorders</p> <p>Report: High-Risk Sexual Behavior</p>	<p>Both reports deferred to May 8, 2008</p>
<p>Review: DHFS Midcourse Review - HW2010</p> <p>Ms. Schmelzer provided an overview of the HW2010 Midcourse Review. This report may be accessed at: http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/StateHealthPlan/status2005.htm</p> <p>During the meeting, concerns were raised regarding the data used to evaluate the objectives in the <i>Healthiest Wisconsin 2010</i> report.</p>	<p>The Committee asked Ms. Schmelzer to invite Ms. Patricia Guhleman, Director, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, to the next meeting to discuss data and tracking.</p>

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<p>Key issues included:</p> <p>(1) Small sample sizes - The sample sizes for underrepresented groups (e.g., Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Asian) were small and thus the conclusions drawn were negligible; (2) Data fluctuation within a group – The sample size within groups fluctuated from year to year and thus it was difficult to determine whether changes in percentages were due to progress or due to dramatic fluctuations in sample size; (3) Varying sample sizes across groups - the different sample sizes across groups made comparisons difficult; (4) Change in percentages – Although change appeared in the percentages across years, further examination of the margin of error often revealed that little or no change had occurred and thus, reporting solely on the change in percentages would be misleading.</p> <p>Some recommendations discussed included: (1) Identifying alternative data sets to use in addition to the current data sets; (2) Recommending larger sample sizes as a means of ensuring that the results reported are accurate and the findings substantive; (3) Limitations in the data should be stated in the report; and (4) When reporting conclusions drawn from the examination of data it was recommended that the evaluator include statistical factors such as significant changes in sample size and/or margin of error.</p> <p>The addition of this information provides report readers with critical information that aids in accurately understanding the degree of progress made toward achieving the specified objectives. The committee agreed that data limitations should be developed for all former and future reports from the SHPC.</p> <p>Ms. Schmelzer welcomed the Committee’s request to meet with Ms. Guhleman to discuss these data concerns. Ms. Schmelzer reminded the Committee about the minimal investments in Wisconsin’s public health system and the fragile nature of funding for surveillance and data collection. Infrastructure support affects real people and whether we can do the job to assess the health of the public.</p>	

<p>Confirm May 2008 agenda Provisional agenda items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule reports on mental health and high-risk sexual behavior • Invite Ms. Patricia Guhleman to discuss data • Update on membership • Update: Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 	<p>July meeting scheduled for 7/17/08.</p> <p>Ms. Schmelzer to invite Ms. Guhleman</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.</p>	

Notes taken by:
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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
Kevin Wymore, Staff, Wisconsin Public Health Council
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