

**Minutes  
Wisconsin Public Health Council  
State Health Plan Committee  
January 14, 2009 (Wednesday)**

**Location:** West Allis Health Department: West Allis, Wisconsin

**Attending:** Mary Jo Baisch, Susan Garcia Franz, Carol Graham, Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, Gary Hollander, Lynn Johnson, David Pate, Mark Powless, Pa Vang, Kathryn Vedder

**Absent:** Shannon Chavez-Korrel, Catherine Frey, John Meurer

**DHS Staff:** Seth Foldy, Margaret Schmelzer

**Invited Speakers/Consultants:** Dr. Anne Ziege, Division of Public Health

**Guests:** Chavilee Button (UWM Graduate Student)

<b>Agenda Item and Discussion</b>	<b>Decisions, Actions, Recommendations</b>
<p><b>Convene Meeting and Review Agenda:</b></p> <p>Seth Foldy, MD, MPH, new State Health Officer and Division of Public Health Administrator, welcomed the Committee. As the Administrator, Dr. Foldy stated that a key advocacy role of the Committee is to serve as a voice for accountability and visibility for public health and the state health plan. He acknowledged Committee members for their work and encouraged them to assist in turning public health challenges into opportunities.</p>	<p>No change to the agenda.</p>
<p><b>Report from the Chairs (Dr. Baisch):</b></p> <p>Dr. Baisch and Ms. Schmelzer reminded the Committee of the upcoming public health policy conference sponsored by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Wisconsin Public Health Association.</p> <p><b>Report from the Division of Public Health:</b></p> <p>Ms. Schmelzer reported that on 1/19/09 Dr. Seth Foldy begins his formal appointment as State Health Officer and Administrator of the Division of Public Health in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. She provided other updates under the state health plan agenda item.</p> <p>Motion by Ms. Carol Graham and seconded by Ms. Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp to approve the November 2008 minutes. Unanimous approval.</p>	<p>Unanimous approval of November 2008 minutes.</p>
<p><b>Review Mental Health Report:</b></p> <p>Mr. Mark Powless led the discussion concerning analytical and technical issues concerning the mental health report (insurance,</p>	<p>Mental health report approved contingent on the inclusion of</p>

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<p>parity, disparities, public and private sector data). Dr. Anne Ziege joined the discussion and provided guidance in interpreting the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance reports specifically concerning 2006 data as it pertained to the interpretation of anxiety/depression and serious psychological distress data.</p> <p>The Committee proposed the following additional recommendations (in concept):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Convene a task force through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Dr. John Easterday to identify and support culturally competent evidence-based and best practices to address the mental health needs of the groups contained in current recommendation #2.</li> <li>2. Modify the recommendation to include consideration of community-based initiatives and networking; after the word “networking” add the words “outreach” and “alternatives to treatment.” Dr. Hollander reported instances of reported “minor ups and downs” becoming “pathologized” by drug companies.</li> <li>3. The Committee discussed issues concerning current capacity of the public and private mental health system to address these types of issues and discussed the need for diversion programs within the system. The Committee agreed the mental health report should be strong and provide policy direction.</li> </ol> <p>Mr. Powless welcomed the changes and will join Dr. Baisch in making a formal presentation of the report and policy recommendations to the Wisconsin Public Health Council on February 13, 2009. After that, the report and related documents will be posted on the Council’s Web site.</p>	<p>revisions to certain recommendations.</p>
<p><b>Review Access to Primary and Preventive Health Services Report:</b></p> <p>Dr. Baisch asked for a postponement of the Committee’s progress report concerning access to primary and preventive health services due to a need for further analysis which will influence the currently proposed recommendations.</p>	<p>Committee agreed to postpone final review of the Committee’s state health plan report entitled: “Access to Primary and Preventive Health Services.”</p>
<p><b>Preparing the Committee’s reports for the Public Health Council:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Dr. Baisch and Mr. Powless will develop the formal presentation.</p>	

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<p><b>Setting the 2009 Objectives and Meeting Dates:</b>  The Committee has reviewed 13 of 16 priorities from Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 and has submitted formal reports and policy recommendations to the Public Health Council. It is expected that the policy recommendations will help shape both the plan and subsequent implementation plan for Healthiest Wisconsin 2020.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to six meetings in 2009. Whenever possible, the Committee will meet in a convenient location to enable more face-to-face meetings. All meetings will continue to be accessible through distance teleconferencing.</p> <p><b>March 11, 2009:</b> <i>Focus:</i> state health plan, role of the Committee, role of the Public Health Council, issues of accountability, and related business.</p> <p><b>May 14, 2009:</b> <i>Focus:</i> presentation of formal progress for the following priorities: (1) current, emerging, and re-emerging communicable diseases, (2) environmental and occupational health hazards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Note: Dr. Vedder and Ms. Haynes-Brokopp will write the report for communicable diseases. Two volunteers are still needed to write the report for environmental and occupational health.)</li> </ul> <p><b>July 8, 2009:</b> <i>Focus:</i> presentation of formal progress by the Division of Public Health for the following priority: social and economic factors that influence health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Note: Dr. Pate and Dr. Hollander will take the lead. This will include determining how the report to the Committee should be structured and who will give the report. Following this, Drs. Pate and Hollander will write the report for social and economic factors that influence health.)</li> </ul> <p><b>September 10, 2009:</b> <i>Focus:</i> to be determined</p> <p><b>November 11, 2009:</b> <i>Focus:</i> to be determined</p> <p>Ms. Schmelzer will try to identify a Waukesha location for one or more of the 2009 meetings.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment:</b>  The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.</p>	

Meeting notes taken by  
Margaret Schmelzer

C: Julie Willems VanDijk, Chair, Wisconsin Public Health Council  
Seth Foldy, State Health Officer and Administrator  
Patricia Guhleman, Director, Bureau of Health Information and Policy