# Minutes
Wisconsin Public Health Council  
State Health Plan Committee  
January 20, 2010

**Location:** Teleconference

**Attending:** Mary Jo Baisch, John Meurer, Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, Mark Powless, Gary Hollander, David Pate, Carol Graham, Judy Burrows

**Absent:** Catherine Frey, Pa Vang, Susan Garcia Franz, Shannon Chavez-Korell, Katherine Vedder

**Invited Guest:** Katherine Brusky

**Staff:** Margaret Schmelzer

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<td><strong>Convene meeting, review agenda, approve July 22, 2009 meeting notes:</strong></td>
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<td>Motion by Graham and seconded by Baisch to approve minutes (Unanimous). There was no change to the agenda.</td>
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<td><strong>Environmental /Occupational Report</strong></td>
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| Dr. Baisch introduced Ms. Katherine Brusky, graduate nursing student at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, College of Nursing. Ms. Brusky led the discussion which included her analysis and a set of provisional recommendations. The Committee discussed the recommendations and gave direction for further refinement. Ms. Brusky will continue to consult with the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health in the Division of Public Health to assure an accurate analysis and invite a review of the proposed recommendations. | Dr. Baisch  
Ms. Brusky  
Final report to be scheduled for review and approval on March 11, 2010.  
Final State Health Plan Committee report to be presented to the Public Health Council on April 9, 2010. |
<p>| <strong>Next steps:</strong> Ms. Brusky will prepare the final draft of the report for the March 11, 2010 meeting. |                                     |
| The Committee thanked Ms. Brusky for her report and acknowledged her for an excellent analysis. |                                     |
| <strong>Report from Co-Chairs:</strong> Dr. Baisch reviewed the Committee’s grid that documents all recommendations to the Public Health Council. She thanked the Committee for its excellent work including the Committee’s report of lessons learned. | After its final meeting on May 6, 2010, the Committee will end its work. The |</p>
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<td>She led the discussion of the future focus, role, and membership of the State Health Plan Committee. Given that there are 23 focus areas in Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, she stated the Committee cannot sustain this level of work with the current membership. The future role and membership of the State Health Plan Committee need to be reviewed. She indicated that the Public Health Council will dedicate its April 2010 meeting to identifying its role with the new state health plan. As part of this, the charge to the State Health Plan Committee will need to be reviewed and the Committee given a new charge with an infusion of new members.</td>
<td>Wisconsin Public Health Council will be asked to review the Committee’s charge and recommend an infusion of new members.</td>
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<td>Because Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 will be released during the spring, Dr. Baisch recommended that the Committee set aside evaluating the remaining two health priorities from Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 (Intentional and Unintentional Injuries and Violence; Social and Economic Factors that Influence Health). She further recommended the Committee finish its analysis of the environmental and communicable disease priorities, provide recommendations to the Public Health Council by June 2010, and then rely upon the Council to provide direction on reconstituting a new State Health Plan Committee. Committee members reflected on the good work they have done in identifying the larger issues that are not being addressed in the indicator tracking. After a discussion, the Committee concurred with Dr. Baisch concerning the future direction of the next State Health Plan Committee and that the current Committee will end its work in June 2010.</td>
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<td><strong>Report from the Division of Public Health – Healthiest Wisconsin 2020:</strong></td>
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<td>Ms. Schmelzer provided an overview of progress to date. She reported that Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 will include a strong focus on eliminating health disparities including specific additional objectives for special population groups who suffer disproportionately. These special population groups include low income/low education, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, and people with disabilities. The plan is currently being prepared on behalf of the public health partners. It is expected that the plan will be submitted to Secretary Karen Timberlake on March 31, 2010 for her review. After her review, the plan will be prepared for publication on the Web and in print.</td>
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<td>Dr. Pate added to the discussion on health disparities. He indicated that he is writing a book chapter that focuses on race, gender, and</td>
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<td>class and how the interplay of these factors influences health, illness, premature death,</td>
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<td>and disability in the population. Providing clarity about the importance of these factors</td>
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<td>in Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 is important for Wisconsin and for the nation as a whole.</td>
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<td>Finally, Ms. Schmelzer reported that she is looking forward to decisions that the Public</td>
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<td>Health Council will make concerning its leadership and accountability role concerning</td>
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<td><strong>Other Business:</strong></td>
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<td>The Environmental Health Report will receive a final review. Once approved by the</td>
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<td>March 11, 2010</td>
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<td>May 6, 2010</td>
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<td><strong>Adjournment:</strong></td>
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<td>The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM</td>
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Meeting notes taken by:  
Margaret Schmelzer  
C: Julie Willems Van Dijk, Chair, Wisconsin Public Health Council  
Seth Foldy, State Health Officer and Administrator  
Patricia Guhleman, Director, Office of Policy and Practice Alignment