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PROGRAM/GROUP: Public Health Council

MEETING TITLE: Public Health Council – Executive Committee Meeting

LOCATION: Zoom: <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16062213899?pwd=AulvbTkGK5Ma7n6JCsgCLx3VqHzIEA.1&omn=1617760410> Meeting ID: 160 6221 3899

DATE/ TIME: Friday, February 28, 2025 Time Reserved 10:00am – 12:00pm

Context: (Purpose, Vision, Mission, Goal):

The primary purpose of the Council is to inform and advise the Governor, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin State Legislature, and people of Wisconsin on prioritized public health issues important to the needs and wants of the public in a manner that is equitable, inclusive, and responsive to the diversity of the State. This work will include attention and advice on the progress implementing the state's public health plan and coordination of responses to public health emergencies.

Equity Questions

- Who is left out by this decision or policy?
- Who *should* benefit from this decision or policy? Who *benefits* from this decision or policy?
- What groups are burdened by potential inequities resulting from this decision or policy? Where are these groups located?
- What decisions or policies in other areas impact the effectiveness of this policy in achieving equity? Would this decision or policy impact other decisions or policies being made?
- Were those most impacted included in the decision making process? If not, why not?

Meeting Facilitator: Paula Morgen

Meeting Recorder: Joe Tatar

Agenda:

Time:	Topic:	Lead:	Notes/Follow-up:
10:00 am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Roll Call	Paula Morgen, <i>Chair</i>	<p>Present: Paula Morgen, Jordan-Lindsay Morris-Greer, Bill Keeton, Bob Leischow, Brittany Fry, Vipul Shukla, Lieske Giese, Nina DeJesus (guest), Natalie Easterday, Aisha Dogbey, Jen Rombalski, Maggie Northrop, Joe Tatar</p> <p>Absent: Bill Keeton, Catoya Roberts</p> <p>The group began with quick introductions to support guests in the meeting. Paula then walked the group through the agenda to level-set.</p> <p>Public comment: last week, there was an open records request from the legislature's GOAT committee to audit activity that is DEI-related. These have been shared with a number of health</p>



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			<p>departments across the state and this has been a significant blow to the morale and work of health departments across the state and Jordan would like to lift up a conversation around this topic and its impact on our work. Would also like to know what the state and others are doing about it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the GOAT committee has yet to meet, nor has it defined its charge but does seem to align as a mirror organization to the federal DOGE agency in Wisconsin. This has already had impacts on health departments across the state.• Significant concern as it also pertains to funding, not only federally but state/local.• This information has already been shared with the state for awareness and discussion. WCA is also working on providing guidance as well as the League of Wisconsin Municipalities (see here).• The letters have also been going to municipalities as well as health departments. The state has been receiving these kinds of requests since last year.• representatives included on the GOAT committee listed here.
10:05 – 11:15 (70 minutes)	Executive Committee Business <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review 2/7 PHC meeting & any follow up items2. State budget has been released, what are the next steps? (WPHA/WALHDAB memo here, budget documents here)3. Discuss: is there a need for an adhoc meeting to discuss federal budget?4. Review of changes/updates to PHC website.5. update: WPHA Conference session6. update: PHC reappointments	Paula Morgen, Chair	<p>The group began with a discussion to review the most recent Public Health Council meeting on 2/7. Paula particularly highlighted the background information on the governor's budget and if the PHC would need to engage in any action in support of the budget. This could also include setting up an additional PHC meeting to discuss more. Paula also referenced Michael Best's overview of the budget and opportunities. Highlights of the discussion & questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engaging with WPHA/WALHDAB to align budget related efforts would be a great idea for whatever action is decided.• Lots of opportunities for SHP aligned efforts.• A 2-3 hour meeting between PHC and WPHA/WALHDAB was proposed for discussion on alignment.• Aisha suggested an extension or repurpose of an upcoming EC meeting (on March 28th) prior to the April 4th meeting.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is window for advocacy/action? Generally-speaking, any advocacy would need to be to the joint finance committee by roughly June. Most impactful engagement would likely be through individual members.• WPHA will be holding a meeting with DHS OS on March 10th to discuss budget and any PHC members that are part of WPHA are suggested to attend; language was shared from an email about this to share with the PHC.• Paula indicated that she would reach out to Jamie Michael to identify the desire/need and will work with Aisha to schedule a meeting, if possible. The attendees will include all of the EC there, representation from the Issues Committee, PHEPAC, and SHP Committee.• Question for state staff: would it be appropriate for state staff to be a part of this meeting/conversation? PHC will lead the meeting & state staff could be present to support logistically, provide updates programmatically, or take notes, but would need to be mindful of how involved they could be due to conflict of interest.• What would we want to tackle in terms of state vs. federal budget? Focus would likely be most on state budget/funding but these are linked and would like to also consider federal funding changes in the process as they are linked. PHCs need to be very clear of asks to advocate with the state legislature. This goes broader to federal budget impacts as well. This has also been a topic for PHEPAC and that they have shared interest in advocacy.• Are we able to get an additional download on tracking of federal budget impacts as part of this? This seems to be something that was discussed in the PHC meeting and perhaps staff could support with an environmental scan and risk assessment of impact? This is going to be hard to track at the moment with things being up in the air but knowing specifically what the goals and product would be would help in identifying how staff could help. Further discussion was pushed to next week's chairs check-in.
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			<p>The discussion then transitioned to looking over the public health council website for review. Aisha gave an overview of the pages and asked for input on what is missing/needed and if members would like PHC members' affiliations/representation listed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No concerns raised about listing affiliations/representation.• There was a question about missing meeting minutes/agendas for more recent meetings (within the last year)—Aisha indicated she would check in with the website contact for that as items shifted in the update.• Suggestion to add a section for Contact Us to include a point-of-contact for concerns/issues to address from the Issues Committee.• PHEPAC edits were in progress, and not live at the time. <p>Updates on WPHA Conference session: A meeting is being planned to help plan and assign tasks for putting together the presentation/panel/Q&A. The session will be held on May 21st at 2:30pm. Focus of the presentation is on the council itself, engagement/collaboration beyond, which includes WPHA/WALHDAB. Not only what has been done so far but opportunities for the future.</p> <p>Update on PHC appointments: Staff support is working to stagger appointments with the GO and it appears that there may be an option in place for this moving forward, understanding that there may be some limitations in the short-term but this will likely result in a good staggering of renewal and refreshing of representation. Aisha and others are working on this and will share more as it becomes available. Additionally, we have identified PHC liaisons for PHEPAC (Doug Gieryn and Laura Scudiere).</p>
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11:15 – 11:35 (15 minutes)	Discuss & provide feedback: Drafted Statement re: Gun violence as PH issue	Jordan-Lindsay Morris-Greer, <i>Chair-Elect</i>	<p>The conversation then shifted to a discussion and provision of feedback on the Drafted Statement regarding gun violence as a PH issue. If approved, this could be put on the PHC website as an initial location for highlighting the PHC stance and then we could also distribute in letter form in other areas if we choose to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noting that this is something that is also connected to one of the main charges of the PHC, the State Health Plan, which is why it is highlighted extensively here.• A suggestion was made to move a statement that discusses root causes before the bullet points.• Opening feels late to send condolences—rather than sending that, be more factual in the statement. This was not a completely shared perspective so this should be just left for consideration.• Should also consider including a connection to PHEP through planning for and response to mass shooting event. This document should be shared for awareness with PHEPAC and consider seeking feedback from them, depending on timing.• Include a why statement for the section on emotional health and well-being for consistency.• Recommendation to also include Sara Kohlbeck’s perspective, given her area of focus/expertise.• The group also discussed possibilities for action and communication to others. WPHA/WALHDAB was one potential communication source as well as the usual communication structure for DHS Secretary, Legislature, and Governor (beyond the website).
11:35 – 11:50 (15 minutes)	Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Issues Committee2. PHEP AC3. SHP Committee	Lieske Giese, Co-Chair Vipul Shukla, Co-Chair Brittany Fry, PHEP AC Chair Maggie Northrop, State Health Plan Team/ Support Staff Aisha Dogbey, Support Staff	<p>Issues Committee:</p> <p>The discussion at the recent committee meeting was on governor’s budget and homework for the committee was to read over the budget and identify any concerns or focus areas for the group/broader PHC to consider. Next meeting’s discussion would focus on identifying potential focus areas to mobilize action within Issues Committee and PHC. Discussion also focused on cycling action for the Issues committee as it pertains to the two-year</p>





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			<p>budget cycle. Also connected with Maggie and the SHP Committee to discuss and consider opportunities for alignment on shared work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In preparation for the WPHA/WALHDAB meeting, could PHC identify a template of opportunities for shared interest/collaboration based on priorities? Something visual to react to? This is something that the Issues Committee can potentially put together. <p>PHEPAC:</p> <p>PHEPAC now has PHC liaisons (Doug and Laura). In response to the challenge of document storage and access on behalf of the group, the PHEPAC has created a section on the PCA Portal for shared work. The group also updated the PHEPAC Mechanisms to Action to move issues, concerns, and proposals forward to ensure that Wisconsin can address emergency preparedness events. This also included a flow chart/process for establishing PHEPAC Urgent/Special Meeting Processes. The group was also discussing and looking for feedback on where to provide updates and engage input with PHC. Executive Committee would be the first logical place and can extend to the rest of the PHC from there.</p> <p>The committee has been discussing providing a letter of support regarding public health preparedness funding to send to the governor and legislature focusing on PHEP as a foundational public health service/capability. Brittany shared a draft of this support letter for awareness. This letter still needs to be approved by the PHEPAC before shared more broadly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jordan also suggested that this be finalized sooner rather than later to present to the legislature's Joint Committee on Finance during the feedback period (April/May).• Should the PHEP funding also be a priority for the WPHA/WALHDAB meeting where we prioritize actions?
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			 PHEPAC Mechanisms to Action.docx SHP Committee: Maggie shared that a planning group of council members got together to develop a draft charter. The next step is to connect with the JEDI committee to identify flow and connection—have already done so with Issues Committee. Once a draft is finalized, it will be brought up to EC and then eventually PHC for voting and adoption. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHA Updates: The team is in the analysis stage of all of the data (both quantitative and qualitative) to start organizing themes and thoughts to then move into the drafting and communication stage—likely in the next month or two. For specific themes that have emerged, Maggie will connect with Julia to provide an update at an upcoming meeting.
11:50 – 12:00pm	Wrap-up and Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of Meeting Minutes	Paula Morgen, Chair	 01-24-25 PHC Exe Committee Minutes.docx Motion to approve provided by Bob Leischow with a second from Jordan-Lindsay Morris-Greer. No discussion on the minutes. Motion to approve carries.

CMO: Chief Medical Officer

DPH: Division of Public Health

DHS: Department of Health Services

JEDI: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

MLT: Medical Leadership Team

OPPA: Office of Policy and Practice Alignment

OPEHC: Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care



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PHAB: Public Health Accreditation Board

PHC: Public Health Council

PHEP AC: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory

SHP: State Health Plan

SHIP: State Health Improvement Plan

WPHA: Wisconsin Public Health Association

WALHDAB: Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards

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