

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Health Equity Council Subcommittee: Structural Funding Inequities		Attending: Members: Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, William Parke-Sutherland, Guy Reiter, Andrea Werner
Date: 12/8/2021	Time Started: 3:00 PM Time Ended: 4:00 PM	State staff: MayChee Yang, Josh Lucas, Cecie Culp, Members not attending: Janel Hines (excused), David Frazer (excused)
Location: Zoom Video Conference Zoom Link: https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/86941196445?pwd=VG96cjNpd1drY0xneit1L1dKSHd5dz09 Toll-free audio: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 518 9805 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 869 4119 6445 Passcode: 803434		Presiding Officer: Chair: Gale Johnson Co-Chair: Maria Barker

Minutes

1. Welcome and check-in

2. Review and approve minutes from 12/1/21 meeting

12/1/21 minutes: Gale moved to approve, and Guy seconded the motion. All members in favor; none opposed.

3. Check-in with teams on progress in drafting proposals

This subcommittee has 3 teams currently working on 5 proposals prioritized as major recommendations to the GHEC. Each proposal falls under 1 of 3 themes (see below). As a subcommittee, once drafting is complete by 12/23/21, we will need to review each proposal and then decide by voting on which proposals will advance to the GHEC for further consideration by 1/10/22.

Access to Health Care

- a) *Expansion of Family Planning Only Services (Medicaid Program) – Maria is lead*
- b) *Ensure more immigrants can receive urgent health care by expanding emergency services under BadgerCare – Gale is lead*

After thoughtful consideration and discussion within these teams, Gale and Maria are considering to combine proposals A and B into one major recommendation renamed as ***“Expanding Access to Medicaid Services for Undocumented Populations/Individuals.”*** Originally, proposals A and B were being drafted as two separate major recommendations by two different teams. This will need a decision vote today, see #5. All members present voted in favor to combine A and B into one major recommendation. Maria and Gale will move forward with the help of William to draft this recommendation.

Economic Security

- a) *Raising the minimum wage*
- b) *Expanding the EITC to include adults without dependent children*

William updated that his team held a public listening session on 11/12/21 and received good public feedback and testimonies. His team is working on including this info as they continue to draft, with hopes to complete a 1st draft ready for review by 12/15/21.

Environmental Justice

Create an Office of Environmental Justice – Josh updated that Fred will be working with Guy and Andrea to update their proposal draft based on feedback received both from their listening session on 11/23/21 and MayChee's initial review of their draft.

Collecting Stories: Process

Reviewed GHEC guidelines on including personal stories into drafting proposals/recommendations. There was a question on whether drafts can include hypothetical examples that support the proposal/recommendation (like a real situation but not referencing a real person). Cecie will look into this and follow-up with everyone.

Timeline looking ahead/Important dates

12/23/2021: Submit your completed 1st draft to MayChee who will send out to everyone.

12/23/2021 – 1/5/2021: Internal review process; all members need to review all drafts.

1/5/2022: This subcommittee votes on which recommendations will advance to full GHEC.

1/10/2022: Submit final drafts to full GHEC.

Update on Continuous Eligibility for Children on BadgerCare+

William updated that there is hope this provision will pass at the federal level. He's spoken to Senator Baldwin's health lead, who is optimistic it will remain in the Build Back Better Act once it passes.

Internal Review process

Fidelity check = Subcommittee members will review and assess drafts of recommendations.

As a group, we went over the GHEC leadership powerpoint slide outlining the guiding criteria to keep in mind as we review drafts.

4. Public Comments/Q & A

None - no one from the public was present at 3:45 PM – 3:49 PM.

Update on public comments from 12/1/21: Mr. Ramsey Lee, who attended our 12/1/21 meeting, followed up with an email to MayChee voicing his concerns related to the Electronic Visit Verification requirement. MayChee is working with DHS to make sure someone follows up with him.

5. Decision voting

After discussing #3 with members, Maria asked if anyone would make a motion to vote today on combining both *Access to Health Care* proposals/recommendations into one major recommendation. Andrea moved to approve. William seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

6. Review assignments/tasks for next meeting 12/22/21

Continue working on drafting recommendations, deadline is 12/23/21.

7. Adjourn

Link to recording of 12/8/21 Zoom meeting. *(Please note: The actual meeting began at 5:00 mark.)*

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Prepared by: MayChee Yang on 12/17/2021.

These minutes will be approved by the Governor's Health Equity Council subcommittee Structural Funding Inequity on: 12/22/2021