


# Governor's Health Equity Council Meeting

APRIL 27, 2022

# Agenda

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- Welcome
  - Governor Remarks (flexible arrival)
  - Voting Instructions
  - Vote on Recommendations
  - Next Steps
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# Public Comment

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# Voting Instructions

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# Purpose of Voting

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- The primary purpose of the vote is agreement in principle.
  - The recommendations will undergo editing when folded into the report
- The GHEC Plan reflects the will of the full body.
  - Goal is not consensus, but a democratic process.
    - Simple majority for quorum
    - 2/3rds majority for vote to pass
  - Options: Yes, Yes with Amendments, No, Abstain

# Purpose of Amendments

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- Recommendations need to be actionable
  - Chair proposing two amendments that make the recommendations actionable
  - Three authors are also proposing amendments to their recommendations informed by feedback process
- Amendments are necessary in these cases since the changes impact the intended outcome of the original recommendations
- Most recommendations also have revisions that don't need formal amendments

# Voting Process

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- 1) Chair will invite introductory remarks from the authors
- 2) Authors speak – *up to 2 minutes*
- 3) Chair opens discussion – *total discussion time 2 minutes*
- 4) Chair calls for a motion
- 5) Chair asks for a member to second the motion
- 6) Chair asks if there is further discussion
- 7) Chair asks opposed/abstain/in favor raise your hand – *2 minutes total steps 4-7*

**NOTE: Vice-Chair will be serving as timekeeper. Mics will be muted once time expires.**

# Voting Order

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## Group 1: Recommendations with Chair Amendments


- **REC 3: RELATED TO MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES**
- **REC 16: RELATED TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FRAMING SUB-COMMITTEE**



# Voting Order

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## Group 2: Recommendations with Author Amendments

- **REC. 1: RELATED TO EXPANDING THE WISCONSIN EITC**
  - **REC 7: RELATED TO RURAL BROADBAND**
  - **REC 12: RELATED TO MATERNAL HEALTH AND BIRTH OUTCOMES**
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# Voting Order

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## Group 3: Recommendations with No Amendments

- **REC 2:** RELATED TO MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
- **REC 4:** RELATED TO OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- **REC 5:** RELATED TO ESTABLISHING GHEC PERMANENCE
- **REC 6:** RELATED TO MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEWS
- **REC 8:** RELATED TO TRANSGENDER EMPOWERMENT AND SAFETY
- **REC 9:** RELATED TO PROVIDING TUTION WAIVERS
- **REC 10:** RELATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
- **REC 11:** RELATED TO HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIPS
- **REC 13:** RELATED TO ORAL HEALTH
- **REC 14:** RELATED TO DATA VALUES STATEMENT
- **REC 15:** RELATED TO NARRATIVE AND PRINCIPLES STATEMENT

# Voting Order

## Group 4: New Recommendations (Co-Chair, Tamra Omann)

- **REC 17:** RELATED TO SUPPORTING THE CREATION AND EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS AND GREATER HOMEOWNERSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAMS
- **REC 18:** RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING AND EVALUATING A GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM
- **REC 19:** RELATED TO CREATING A BABY BONDS PROGRAM FOR WISCONSIN'S CHILDREN
- **REC 20:** RELATED TO INCORPORATING PEER-LED TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS
- **REC 21:** RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT OF PREGNANT PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- **REC 22:** RELATED TO INCENTIVIZING EMPLOYERS TO HIRE FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSONS

# Vote on Recommendations

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# Group 1: Recommendations with Chair Amendments

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# **Recommendation #3**

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**Increasing the Minimum Wage to \$15**

**William Parke-Sutherland, Andrea Werner**



# Chair Amendment: Recommendation #3

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## 3A.

- Modify the proposal to be an incremental increases to the minimum wage (\$8.60, \$9.40, \$10.15; indexed to inflation)
- Governor to appoint a task force of diverse stakeholders, representing the interests of government, small and large businesses, and community advocates, to develop a plan for achieving and implementing a statewide \$15 minimum wage or the equivalent inflation-adjusted minimum wage.
- Members of the Task Force should be appointed within 6 months of adoption of recommendation and should complete an interim report within 18 months and a final report within 2 years.

# **Recommendation #16**

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**Implement various data collection, analysis, and communication standards and practices**

Paula Tran, Shiva Bidar





# Chair Amendments: Recommendation #16

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- **16A.** Remove recommendation regarding Ch 250 changes
- **16B.** Revise recommendation regarding health equity assessments to be a directive to the Office of Health Equity at DHS

# Group 2: Recommendations with Author Amendments

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# **Recommendation #1**

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## **Expanding the Wisconsin EITC eligibility**

**William Parke-Sutherland**



# Amendments for Recommendation #1

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- **1A.** Recommend state law change to allow abused spouses to claim EITC
- **1B.** Increase 1- and 2- child household state EITC credit to 16 and 25 percent of the federal credit, respectively

# **Recommendation #7**

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**Improve Access to Telehealth in Rural Areas via Broadband  
Expansion**

**Dr. Jasmine Zapata**

# Amendment for Recommendation #7

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- **7A.** Add language to reflect broadband challenges in both rural and urban areas

# **Recommendation #12**

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**Lengthen Post-partum Medicaid eligibility to 12  
months**

Vincent Lyles, Ellen Sexton



# Amendment for Recommendation #12

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## 12A.

- Add to this recommendation an increase to the WIC and SNAP benefit amounts
- Give pregnant people and parents priority in receiving Medicaid housing benefits



# Group 3: Recommendations with No Amendments

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# **Recommendation #2**

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**Increase Access to Medicaid Coverage for Populations who are  
Ineligible Due to Their Immigration Status**

**Maria Barker, Gale D. Johnson, William Parke-Sutherland**

# **Recommendation #4**

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**Create an Office of Environmental Justice within the  
Executive Branch**

**Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Anahkwet Guy Reiter**

# **Recommendation #5**

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**Make permanent the responsibilities of the Health  
Equity Council**

**Dr. Jasmine Zapata**

# **Recommendation #6**

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**Provide additional resources for the Department of Health  
Services Maternal Mortality review process**

**Dr. Jasmine Zapata**

# **Recommendation #8**

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**Establish an Interagency Council on Transgender Health and Safety**

Stacy Clark, Vipul Shukla



# **Recommendation #9**

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**Provide tuition waivers to enrolled members of tribal nations  
in Wisconsin**

**Dr. Amy DeLong**

# **Recommendation #10**

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**Create a certification process for community health workers  
and create a community health benefit in the Wisconsin  
Medicaid program**

**Sandy Brekke**



# **Recommendation #11**

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## **Healthcare Partnerships to Diversify the Workforce**

**Dr. Julie Mitchell, Lilliann Paine**



# **Recommendation #13**

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**Provide Medicaid reimbursement for dental health coordination services and dental service reimbursement incentives**

Elizabeth Valitchka



# **Recommendation #14**

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**Narrative statement regarding equitable use of data**

Paula Tran, Shiva Bidar

# **Recommendation #15**

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**Narrative statement of justifications and principles  
for equity work**

**Paula Tran, Shiva Bidar**



# Group 4: Recommendations from Chair and Vice-Chair and Tamra Omann

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# **Recommendation #17**

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**Support the creation and expansion of community land trusts  
and greater homeownership support programs**

**Dr. Michelle Robinson, Gina Green-Harris**

# **Recommendation #18**

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**Implement and evaluate a Guaranteed Income Pilot Program**

**Dr. Michelle Robinson, Gina Green-Harris**



# **Recommendation #19**

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**Create a Baby Bonds Program for Wisconsin's children**

**Dr. Michelle Robinson, Gina Green-Harris**





# **Recommendation #20**

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**Incorporate peer-led transitional services and diversion programs**

**Tamra Omann**

# **Recommendation #21**

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**Improve the health care and treatment of pregnant people in the criminal justice system**

**Tamra Omann**

# **Recommendation #22**

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**Incentivize employers to hire formerly incarcerated persons**

**Dr. Michelle Robinson, Gina Green-Harris**

# **Congratulations!**

## **Next Steps**

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- **Timeline of Executive Summary and Final Report**
- **Future closing meeting and celebration**

# Thank you!

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QUESTIONS OR  
COMMENTS

