

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Health Equity Council			Attending: Council members: Gina Green-Harris, Jerry Waukau, Paula Tran, Maria Barker, Karen Timberlake, Gale Johnson, Dr. Dr. Michelle Robinson, Tamra Oman, Lisa Peyton-Caire, Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, Ellen Sexton, Janel Hines, Elizabeth Valitchka, Patty Metropulos, Sandra Brekke, Dr. Tito Izard, Vincent Lyles, Tia Murray, Dr. Jasmine Zapata, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Dr. Amy DeLong, Stacy Clark, William Parke-Sutherland, Dr. Julie Mitchell, Diane Erickson
Date: 4/27/2022	Time Started: 1:00pm CT	Time Ended: 4:00pm CT	Non-Council member staff: Donna Wong, Cecie Culp, Julia Nagy, Elizabeth Wikler, Camille Crary, Andrew Walsh, Sarah Schuit, Vipul Shulka, Kevin Reddy, Nadiyah Groves, MayChee Yang, David Frazer, TR Williams, sign language interpreters Dee and Lisa
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Gina Green-Harris
Minutes			

- Welcome.....1:00 to 1:05 pm**  
Gina Green-Harris welcomed Council members to this meeting, reviewed the agenda, and noted that there will not be time for public comment during this session, and that if anyone has comments on the recommendations presented today they may email [dhshealthequitycouncil@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhshealthequitycouncil@dhs.wisconsin.gov).
- Review and approve GHEC Full Council Meeting minutes from 11/17/21 and 3/23/22.....1:05 to 1:10 pm**  
Gina Green-Harris presented the November 17, 2021 and March 23, 2022 Council meeting minutes for approval. Dr. Michelle Robinson moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Gale Johnson. The minutes were approved.
- Remarks from Gov. Tony Evers..... 1:10 to 1:15pm**  
Governor Tony Evers spoke, thanking the Governor's Health Equity Council for their work. He recognized the diversity of thought, lived experience, and expertise of the Council. He acknowledged the hard work of the Council through the adversity of the pandemic and other circumstances. He emphasized the importance of the work of the Council in our current world and challenges.
- Vote on recommendations.....1:15 to 3:50 pm**  
Gina Green-Harris explained the purpose of voting on the recommendations and the purpose of amendments and revisions to the recommendations. She then explained the voting process and order in which the recommendations will be presented and voted upon.

<b>Recommendations with Chair amendments</b>			
<i>Recommendation name</i>	<i>Votes against</i>	<i>Votes for</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Rec 3. Related to minimum wage increases	3	21	0
<p>Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. William Parke-Sutherland spoke, describing the recommendation and how it would improve lives and health disparities.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris shared Chair amendment. Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation and amendment. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff asked if a higher wage recommendation was considered. William Parke-Sutherland said that yes, 40 for \$40,000 was considered. Tito Izard asked if any exclusionary criteria, e.g., for small businesses, was reviewed. Gina Green-Harris indicated that the task force element of the amendment is designed to address this.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation with amendment. Dr. Michelle Robinson made a motion to approve. Julie Mitchell seconded the motion.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 21, votes against: 3, abstentions: 0</p>			
Rec 16. related to recommendations from framing sub-committee	0	24	0
<p>Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff spoke in favor of the recommendation. Gina Green-Harris then shared the proposed amendment to the recommendation.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation and amendment. No one spoke</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation with amendment. Shiva made a motion to approve. Lisa Peyton-Caire seconded the motion.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 24, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0</p>			

<b>Recommendations with author amendments</b>			
<i>Recommendation name</i>	<i>Votes against</i>	<i>Votes for</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Rec 1. Related to expanding the Wisconsin EITC	1	23	0
<p>Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. William Parke-Sutherland spoke, describing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the need for its expansion in Wisconsin to boost financial security and health outcomes. He also described the two proposed amendments.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation and amendments. Dr. Tito Izard asked how “abused spouses” would be described. William said that would fall to the implementing state agency to determine.</p> <p>Dr. Tito Izard moved to exclude amendment 1A due to lack of information. The motion was not seconded and failed.</p> <p>William Parke-Sutherland moved to vote on the recommendation with both amendments and a recommendation that a revision is made clarifying how 1A will be implemented.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation and amendments with additional recommendation for revision of 1A. Dr. Julie Mitchell made a motion to approve. Gale Johnson seconded the</p>			

motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. Gale Johnson recommended going back to the stakeholders about amendment 1B and how other states have dealt with the issue. William Parke-Sutherland and Dr. Tito Izard provided additional context for the amendments.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 23, votes against: 1, abstentions: 0

Rec 7. Related to rural broadband	0	24	0
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Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Jasmine Zapata spoke, describing the need for rural broadband access improvement for telehealth equity. She also described the proposed amendment to expand scope to affordability and adoptability in both rural and urban areas.

Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. There was none.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation and amendment. Vincent Lyles made a motion to approve. Dr. Julie Mitchell seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 24, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0

Rec 12. Related to maternal health and birth outcomes	0	24	0
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Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Vincent Lyles spoke, describing the recommendation. Ellen Sexton described the proposed amendments around WIC and SNAP benefits and Medicaid housing benefits.

Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. Dr. Tito Izard asked about the mechanism for extending benefits. TR Williams clarified that an 1115 waiver could be needed. Dr. Jasmine Zapata asked what would make this time different when a one-year proposal was previously not approved by legislature. Vincent Lyles replied that it would be a challenge but there is hope that federal funding might help.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation and amendment. Lisa Peyton-Caire made a motion to approve. Dr. Jasmine Zapata seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 24, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0

#### Recommendations with no amendments

<i>Recommendation name</i>	<i>Votes against</i>	<i>Votes for</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Rec 2. Related to Medicaid eligibility to undocumented immigrants for family planning services and emergency services	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Maria Barker spoke, describing the recommendation and the need for it to address equity issues. Gale Johnson described the goals of the family planning only program.			
Rec 4. Related to Office of Environmental Justice	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes spoke, noting that this has been addressed through an Executive Order, but enshrining it through legislation would make it more enduring.			
Rec 5. Related to establishing GHEC permanence	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Jasmine Zapata spoke, emphasizing the need for multiple strategies to make this work sustainable.			

Rec 8. Related to transgender empowerment and safety	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Stacy Clark spoke, describing the need for this recommendation and how it was developed.			
Rec 10. Related to community health workers	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Sandra Brekke spoke, describing the benefits of community health workers.			
Rec 11. Related to health care partnerships	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Julie Mitchell spoke, described the goals and components of the recommendation.			
Rec 13. Related to oral health	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Elizabeth Valitchka spoke, describing the proposal and its aims.			
Rec 14. Related to data values statement	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff spoke, describing the recommended data framework and its aims.			
Rec 15. Related to narrative and principles statement	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff spoke, describing the recommendation describing of principles guiding the work.			
Rec 6. Related to maternal mortality reviews	0	22	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Jasmine Zapata spoke, describing the need for resources to expand the maternal mortality review process.			
Rec 9. Related to providing tuition waivers	5	15	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Amy DeLong spoke, describing the need for the recommendation and its impacts on health equity for American Indian people in Wisconsin.			

Gina Green-Harris invited discussion on all Recommendations without amendments. Karen Timberlake spoke on Rec. 2, indicating that DHS will continue to champion health access for the uninsured in Wisconsin and expressed appreciation for the work done here so far.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendations 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15. Dr. Michelle Robinson made a motion to vote. Vincent Lyles seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. Dr. Tito Izard asked if there may be separation for voting on a particular recommendation. Dr. Michelle Robinson clarified that he may move to separate a recommendation.

Dr. Tito Izard motioned to vote on Rec. 9 separately. Janel Hines seconded the motion.

Dr. Tito Izard motioned to vote on Rec. 6 separately.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendations 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15. Dr. Julie Mitchell made a motion to approve. Gale Johnson seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 22, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0

Gina Green-Harris invites discussion on Rec. 6. Dr. Tito Izard raised the criteria about recommendations being clear. He proposes clarifying what additional resources means. Dr. Jasmine Zapata clarifies that in the full recommendation there are further details.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendations 6 with understanding that clarification on further resources will be made through revisions. Dr. Tito Izard made a motion to approve. Gale Johnson seconded the motion. Gina Green-Harris invited further discussion. There was none.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 22, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0

Gina Green-Harris invites discussion on Rec. 9. Dr. Tito Izard asks for clarification around the decision to target one group in this recommendation. Dr. Amy DeLong described the unique relationship between Wisconsin and tribal sovereign nations and that the University of Wisconsin is built on native land.

Dr. Tito Izard motions to vote on the recommendation with an amendment stating provide tuition waiver to students experiencing health, economic hardship in Wisconsin. Dr. Jasmine Zapata seconded. She further offered that tribal nations are often lost in the discussion, and so are the specific target of this recommendation. She moved to revise the recommendation to keep the Native American focus, but also mention the need for language indicating the need for support in the future for the American descendants of the institution slavery. Janel moved to approve recommendation with revised language. Dr. Tito Izard seconded. Dr. Tito Izard withdrew his original motion.

Gina Green-Harris invited further discussion. Dr. Jasmine Zapata asked that Dr. Tito Izard help them to revise the language. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff raised that there are many groups that merit calling them out in a broader recommendation and would prefer to vote on the original narrower recommendation.

Gina Green-Harris pointed out the complexity and breadth or recommendations may make them more or less likely to move forward and will be changed at later stages if they move forward.

Dr. Jasmine Zapata withdrew her original amendment. Dr. Jasmine Zapata moved to approve and include the revision to insert a paragraph at the end of the original recommendation expressing the need for future support for marginalized groups including DACA recipients and American descendants of slavery. Shiva seconded.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote on Rec. 9 with revised language. Votes for: 15, votes against: 5, abstentions: 0.

<b>Recommendations from Chair and Vice-Chair and Tamra Oman</b>			
<i>Recommendation name</i>	<i>Votes against</i>	<i>Votes for</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Rec 17. Related to supporting the creation and expansion of community land trusts and greater homeownership support programs	1	18	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Michelle Robinson spoke, describing the components of the recommendation.			
Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. There was none.			
Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation. Gale Johnson made a motion to approve. William Parke-Sutherland seconded the motion.			
Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.			
Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 18, votes against: 1, abstentions: 0.			
Rec 18. related to implementing and evaluating a guaranteed income pilot program	3	16	0
Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Michelle Robinson spoke, describing the components of the recommendation and its importance to furthering the field.			

Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. Dr. Tito Izard raises the issue of income vs. wealth in defining eligibility. Dr. Michelle Robinson expressed the intention of the program to provide a financial safety net and support opportunity.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation. Gale Johnson made a motion to approve. Stacy Clark seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 16, votes against: 3, abstentions: 0.

Rec 19. Related to creating a baby bonds program for Wisconsin's children	1	18	0
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Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Michelle Robinson spoke, describing the recommendation and its aims.

Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. Dr. Jasmine Zapata asked for clarification of qualifications for receipt of funds. Dr. Robinson provided clarification. Lisa Peyton-Caire asked if there was reason low-income children were not being specifically targeted. Dr. Michelle Robinson responded that this is a targeted universalist approach.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation. Vincent Lyles made a motion to approve. Gina Green-Harris seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 18, votes against: 1, abstentions: 0.

Rec 20. Related to incorporating peer-led transitional services and diversion programs	0	19	0
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Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Tamra Oman spoke, describing the benefits of peer involvement to reduce recidivism and build on the strengths of incarcerated individuals.

Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. There is none.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation. Gale Johnson made a motion to approve. William Parke-Sutherland seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 19, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0.

Rec 21. Related to improving the health care and treatment of pregnant people in the criminal justice system	0	17	0
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Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Tamra Oman spoke, describing the burden of incarceration on pregnant people and describing the components of the proposal.

Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. Gale Johnson asked if the doulas would also include formerly incarcerated individuals. Tamra responded yes.

Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation. Gale Johnson made a motion to approve. Stacy Clark seconded the motion.

Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 17, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0.			
Rec 22. Related to incentivizing employers to hire formerly incarcerated persons	0	17	0
<p>Gina Green-Harris invited the author(s) of this recommendation to speak. Dr. Michelle Robinson spoke, describing components of the proposal.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris opened discussion on the recommendation. William Parke-Sutherland asked if there was a composition requirement or advisement for advisory board. Dr. Michelle Robinson explained the recommendations for composition the advisory board in the implementation section of the recommendation and acknowledged that it could be strengthened. Gale Johnson asked about what types of employers are involved in the recommendation. Dr. Robinson indicated it varies by recommendation component.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a motion to vote on the recommendation. Gale Johnson made a motion to approve. William Parke-Sutherland seconded the motion.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris asked if there was further discussion. There was no further discussion. Dr. Jasmine Zapata asked about language to encourage entrepreneurship. Dr. Michelle Robinson clarified that the worker cooperative model is based upon entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Gina Green-Harris called for a hand-raise vote. Votes for: 17, votes against: 0, abstentions: 0.</p>			

Gina Green-Harris ended the voting and thanked Council members for their votes.

**5. Next steps and adjourn.....3:50 to 4:00pm**

Dr. Michelle Robinson described next steps for amending and revising the appropriate recommendations. The internal team aims to release an Executive Summary of the report by tomorrow. The full report should be released in early summer. There will be one more meeting to conclude business and describe the next steps and work ahead.

Gina Green-Harris thanked the Council members for their work and tasked them with moving these recommendations forward.

Prepared by: Julia Nagy on 4/27/2022.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: