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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, June 27, 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 and Public Comment	Paula Morgen, <i>Chair</i>	Present: Paula Morgen, Jordan-Lindsay Morris Greer, Bill Keeton, Lieske Giese, Brittany Fry, Catoya Roberts, Oby Nwabuzor, Karen Odegaard, Paula Tran, Ramona Baldoni-Lake, Jen Rombalski, Aisha Dogbey, Maggie Northrop, Joe Tatar Absent: Bob Leischow
10:05 – 11:25 (80 minutes)	Executive Committee Business <ol style="list-style-type: none">6/6 PHC meeting debrief<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any next steps?7/14 Quarterly OS MTG<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda suggestionsMedicaid statement	Paula Morgen, <i>Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk-on from Jordan – Hill Day on 3rd day participation with Dr. Gilmore. They went to Ron Johnson's office and advocated for public health. Dr. Gilmore talked about the PHC with staffer. An opportunity to debrief will be added to future PHC agenda.• 7/14 Quarterly OS Meeting• Suggested agenda items/priorities: budget process status, federal budget status/impacts including decisions relating to






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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• follow up: rewrite? <p>4. Gov. Evers Releases Independent Instructional Audit of Milwaukee Public Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps/council action? <p>5. Additional walk on items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gun violence statement		<p>Medicaid and prohibition of funding for planned parenthood (provision of primary care in WI and inability to select provider). How work with OS to assure a strong public health system (HIV, family planning, primary care). Karen O will confirm who will be on from DHS team but assumes Arielle Exner and least one of the policy directors will be on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHC alignment around budget cycle• Once through reconciliation, more space to discuss budget proposal for FY26 (includes reorganization of CDC and HRSA, significant changes like block granting, reducing funding and consolidating public health prevention grants) <p>3. Medicaid Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicating broadly with state legislators on Medicaid challenged by rapid shifting and changing. The letter relied on the analysis released by DHS which became old and outdated. There is concern was that the statement would cause confusion due to outdated information.• Appropriate to send to targeted groups like Co-Chairs and staffers of JFC and leaders of legislature including minority and majority leaders in Assembly and Senate, but broad dissemination may not be strategic at this time.• Potential to send a simplified statement as cuts to Medicaid are not good for WI and could be an opportunity to get PHC name recognition and support of DHS.• Suggested revisions include: frame why cuts matters to public health including impact on health outcomes knowing access to care is a critical issue in WI and public health. Point to expertise in the topic and remove analysis elements.• Best timing is likely now with shorter statement (to JFC today) and after analysis of actions in JFC today. Aisha, Lieske, and Jordan-Lindsay willing to work on revising the statement to send out today.• A motion to accept revised version of statement for distribution to members of JFC and majority/minority leaders with incorporation of changes as discussed was provided by Jordan-Lindsay and seconded by Catoya Roberts. All EC members present voted in favor. No opposed or abstained.
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			<p>4. Audit of Milwaukee Public Schools and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need grounding of what the audit says and then identify a unified approach forward. Suggestion to have Committee members review the audit.• Small subgroup (Oby, Catoya, Aisha) plan to provide briefing at next full Council meeting and revised statement for review and consideration. Bring to Executive Committee meeting on 7/25 in prep for that Council meeting. Reach out to Oby if others want to be involved. Chair Morgen encouraged Oby to reach out to others on or off the Council as needed.• Suggestions provided to connect to state health plan and financial breakdown per county for education (County Health Rankings). <p>5. Walk On Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On gun violence, Jordan-Lindsay work with Aisha to meet and make edits.• Working to develop relationship with Maggie Gow; include connection with OS.• Paula Morgen asked Lieske and the Issues Committee to take the feedback from the council regarding engagement with the budget cycle and review to identify opportunities during the budget cycle to solidify changes to our process in the future.• Consider press releases as a tool for the PHC – lift up with PHC given last part of the PHC charge to inform the public. This could begin with informing health departments. If a press release to media, there would need to be a point person (not staff). The council has previously discussed the need for a public relations/communications committee.
<p>11:25 – 11:55 (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Committee Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PHEP-AC<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ potential vote on prioritization document2. SHIP Updates	<p>Brittany Fry, PHEP AC Chair Aisha Dogbey, Support Staff</p>	<div><p>PHEP Grant Award Update.pdf</p><p>PHEPAC Funding Initiatives.pdf</p><p>Public Health Emergency Preparedness</p></div> <p>PHEPAC</p> <p>Brittany Fry gave updates on the PHEPAC work on advocacy around funding. As of two days ago, there has not been a notice of award for PHEP—the new budget period starts on 7/1, so this is a concern</p>



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		<p>for the committee and the work. The GovD that Aisha shared (see above) references, there are likely to be expected cuts coming from the CDC (likely 70% of what is usual). More limited funding means needing to cut back on preparedness work and hard decisions for prioritization are required. As such, there is a need to still maintain systems to fulfill our obligations to the state. With this in mind, the PHEPAC put together a letter identifying what would be recommended pending budget cuts to funding pertaining to preparedness (see above-“PHEPAC Funding Initiatives” and “Public Health Emergency Preparedness Prioritized Outcomes”).</p> <p>Discussion/feedback/questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you need from the PHC and the EC to help elevate this work? PHEPAC hasn’t been able to share this letter yet. And, if there are other mechanisms by which this could be shared, identifying those would be helpful.• From the Issues Committee perspective, there is logic to have a document that could be shared that would also be sponsored by the PHC, given the charge.• Is there a way to elevate the opportunity cost or what would fall off the plate if these outcomes are not achieved? Is there a minimum dollar amount that gets associated with these two priorities—how do the funders know how much this might cost? It’s hard to know a specific number—preparedness covers a lot of different avenues including Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) and labs. So, knowing just how much and how the impact based on dollar amount varies might be hard to quantify because there are a lot of interconnected pieces. For instance, 50% of the funding goes directly to LTHD agencies and 22% goes to labs (the rest goes to internal staff and administrative grant pieces)—cutting this will have broad ramifications.• With timing of this funding source (July 1), getting something out now would be important. Later, the PHEP committee could explore both what would stop and how much funding could be looked at over time. Also, a simple addition related to national security language is important. At least a communication to the DHS Secretary as an audience would be necessary as well.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is the audience? Paula Tran (who can share with SO), OPEHC, WALHDAB, and LTHDs. Who is this coming from? The Council or both the Council and the PHEPAC jointly. EC is able to make decisions on behalf of the council and as such, can keep the rest of the PHC informed about the decision and the letter (via Paula Morgen). Thoughts on national security framing? Jordan sent some language to Brittany for consideration of added language in the opening paragraph. Motion to approve (pending national security language) provided by Jordan-Lindsay Morris Greer, and seconded by Catoya Roberts. Motion carries unanimously. <p>SHIP Updates</p> <p>SHP committee is still being stood-up. Maggie has connected with Jamie Michael with WPHA/WALHDAB to recruit health officer representation. Maggie has also been connecting with other community groups for engagement and incorporation into the SHP committee. Maggie is expecting that membership will likely be identified and sorted by the next PHC meeting (August 1st). Maggie is also coming to the JEDI committee to align efforts between these committees (next JEDI committee meeting on 7/10).</p>
11:55 –12:00pm	Wrap-up and Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Meeting Minutes 	Paula Morgen, <i>Chair</i>	There were not enough of the members present at both this meeting and the meeting for which the minutes were taken, there was not enough quorum to approve. As such, this was tabled until the next meeting.

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

PHAB: Public Health Accreditation Board

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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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