

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Health Equity Council			Attending: Dr. Amy DeLong, Andrea Werner, Diane Erickson, Elizabeth Valitchka, Ellen Sexton, Gale Johnson, Gina Green-Harris, Guy (Anahkwet) Reiter, Janel Hines, Dr. Jasmine Zapata, Jerry Waukau, Julie Mitchell, Lillian Paine, Lt Governor Mandela Barnes, Maria Barker, Mary Thao, Dr. Michelle Robinson, Patricia Metropulos, Paula Tran Inzeo, Sandra Brekke, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Stacy Clark, Tia Murray, Dr. Tito Izard, Wanda Montgomery, William Parke-Southerland State Staff and Guests: Beth Wikler, Cecie Culp, David Frazer, Faith Russell, Meghan Elledge, T.R. Williams, Katie White, Vincent Lyles, Zoe Kujawa, Shaun Hernandez, Laurice Lincoln, Ramsey, Kim Peters, Jennifer Winter, Fred Ludwig, Jennie Safka, Brenda L, Amy Somonsen (interpreter), Tracy Kleppe (interpreter)
Date: 1/20/2021	Time Started: 1:00 p.m.	Time Ended: 4:00 p.m.	
Location: Zoom Video Conference			Presiding Officer: Council Chair Gina Green-Harris

Minutes

1. Welcome and overview of agenda
 - a. Transition for Andrea Palm: The chair noted that former WI Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm had been nominated to serve in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and would no longer be a member of the Council. She introduced Shaun Hernandez who was representing the DHS at the meeting. Interim DHS Secretary Karen Timberlake will join the Council for future meetings.
 - b. Background Materials: presented by Gina Green Harris along with David Frazer, Associate Director of the Center for Urban Population Health (see attached presentation)
 - i. Review of Planning Process:
 1. Learn – 4 months
 2. Create – 5 months
 3. Recommend – 3 months
 - ii. Review of the Gina’s council-related activities since the last meeting
 - iii. Current thought about GHEC role and the intersections with:
 1. State of Wisconsin
 2. Communities Across Wisconsin
 - iv. Six conditions of systems change: 3 tiers (structural, relational, transformative)
 1. Internal focused work: transformative change
 2. External focused work: structural change – external focused impact & Council opportunities
 3. Council opportunities: structural change & relational change
 - v. Member comments:
 1. We need to keep in mind that we are all connected in some way
 2. We are all at different places- mental models help us move along the journey
 - vi. Housekeeping
 1. Reminder to complete the public records training

2. For Council members, DHS to serve as the “agency” (referenced in the public records training) for members’ Council work
2. Review and approve minutes from 11/20/2020:
 - a. Janel Hines moves to approve; Patricia Metropulos seconds
 - b. No objections
 - c. Minutes approved for November 20, 2020
3. “How Government works” -- T.R. Williams of the Governor’s Office (see attached presentation)
 - a. The WI Legislature has a “Notification Service” where you can sign up to get notifications of legislative actions by topic and/or bill number. Sign up at: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>
 - b. There were questions about advocacy, including advocating with legislators. The presentation has a section on advocacy; in addition, Gina suggested it would be useful to ask T.R. to return to discuss more fully at a future Council meeting.
4. Response to Executive Order #59: Laurice, Lincoln, Direct of the Bureau of Equity and Inclusion in the Department of Administration (see attached presentation)
5. Parking Lot
6. Opportunity for public comment on Council Vision
 - a. A member of the public stated that she doesn’t like the term “target,” which has a negative connotation for her. Suggests Council members use the term “priority area” instead
7. Review of Next Steps and Adjourn

Prepared by: Beth Wikler, DHS on 1/20/2021.

These minutes were approved by the Governor's Health Equity Council on: 3/17/2021