

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance			Attending:
Date: 2/12/2025	Time Started: 9 am	Time Ended: 10:30 am	
Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 161 736 0278			Presiding Officer: Susan Davidson

Minutes

Meeting Invitees (Required):

	Krishna Acharya	X	Anne-Marie Coy	X	Susan Davidson, chair	X	Maureen Durkin
X	Nate Keeley	X	Kia Kjensrud		Kyle Mounts	X	Jennifer Neugart
X	Hanna Rakovec		Dana Romary	X	Jessica Scott Schwoerer	X	Dany Sun, cochair
	Jasmine Zapata	X	Ann Zenk				

Meeting Invitees (Optional):

X	Jennifer Camponeschi		Vince Milisaukas	X	Isabella Walters	X	Julie Thiel
X	Leah Eckstein		Michelle Lund				

Council Staff:

X	Melissa Olson, program epidemiologist	X	Kaitlin Tolliver, staff lead				
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Agenda:

Topic:	Lead:	Follow-up Items:
Meeting Opening: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Roll Call Attendees Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2024 Review of Agenda Public Input 	Susan Davidson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions Minutes reviewed. Dany motioned. Second by Anne-Marie. All in favor. Agenda reviewed. No public input.
Advisory committee review of WI DHS 116 draft rule text	Kaitlin Tolliver	The Birth Defects Program has drafted a Proposed Rule Order to update WI DHS 116 and repeal Appendix A and B. The Birth Defects Council is acting as the advisory committee for this work. The entire Proposed Rule Order was reviewed. Feedback was gathered related to minimum data items to obtain and the definition of a birth defect to be eligible for inclusion in the birth defects registry.
Review Council's draft regarding Birth Defect Program expansion	Susan Davidson	<p>Strategy group have met and have determined that the Council needs to improve the Birth Defect Program's surveillance practice. Specifically, the recommendation is to increase from passive surveillance to passive surveillance with verification. This would help the Program be eligible for further CDC funding.</p> <p>The Council is not in a place to ask for funding with the Governor's upcoming budget. Therefore, the goal is to get the request to people who can put discretionary funding into statute. Susan and Dany wrote a document requesting 3 additional FTE.</p> <p>Susan met with Kathy Blumenfeld, secretary of DOA, at two non-official events. Kathy is interested in supporting the work of the Council. Susan saw</p>

		<p>her again yesterday and said she was 'committed to doing this'. Kathy is interested in the cause, and her staff have reached out to Susan to schedule a 15-minute meeting.</p>
<p>Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WBDR Updates - WiSPER - Funding opportunity - Logo development 	<p>Melissa Olson Kaitlin Tolliver</p>	<p>Wisconsin Birth Defects Registry (WBDR) – DHS Office of Health Informatics was able to fix the issue that existed where information that should have been redacted when families requested was not – and other information was instead. Now, only addresses and names are being redacted.</p> <p>Team is scheduling a meeting with vital records and OHI to discuss the process of linking WBDR with birth certificates. The program does have funding to cover that.</p> <p>Data has been submitted a couple times by UW Health (contact there is on paternity leave for another 45 days). Recently received first submission from Children's. SSM has had a lot of staffing turnover – Melissa meets with them again next week. Marshfield was getting ready to submit. Still working with them to start.</p> <p>Program is finalizing process of sending information/resources to families when a child is entered into WBDR.</p> <p>WiSPER (Wisconsin Screening Prevention and Early Recognition of CMV) – Taskforce being led by Dr. Kessel and Dr. Goetz at Meriter/UW. Last taskforce meeting was in Onalaska. Two Minnesota DHS staff presented on Minnesota's universal screening of cCMV. Next meeting, March 18, is in Milwaukee and Dr. Mark Schleiss will be presenting. The taskforce's three subcommittees (Audiology, Newborn Screening/Hospitals, and Families) continue to regularly meet. Each group has issued a survey, and the data will be compiled and shared back with DHS to influence next steps.</p> <p>Program recently released a funding opportunity to support increasing genetic testing on babies in NICUs. The award was offered to an agency yesterday and is awaiting confirmation of their acceptance.</p> <p>Program received internal approval to develop a logo for WBDR. Kaitlin is working with a marketing company to complete.</p>
<p>Annual Business Meeting: Chairperson</p> <p>Excerpt from the Bylaws: <i>Article V. Council Leadership</i> <i>Section 1. Chairperson and Co-Chairperson</i> <i>There shall be a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson identified by Council members. Chairperson shall be elected for a two-year term in February of odd numbered years and the Co-Chairperson in February of even numbered years.</i></p>	<p>Dany Sun Kaitlin Tolliver</p>	<p>Susan Davidson nominated for reelection as chairperson by Maureen Durkin. Anne-Marie seconded the motion. All in favor.</p>

Next Steps	Dany Sun	2025 Meeting Schedule: February 12, 2025, 9 am – 11 am (annual business meeting) May 14, 2025, 9 am – 11 am August 13, 2025, 9 am – 11 am November 12, 2025, 9 am – 11 am Council members should email Kaitlin with any ideas for speakers/topics to be explored in 2025.
Adjourn		10:27a.m.

Prepared by: Kaitlin Tolliver on 2/17/2025.

These minutes are finalized as of: 5/14/2025