



Wisconsin Division of Public Health

PROGRAM/GROUP: Public Health Council

MEETING TITLE: Public Health Council – Executive Committee Meeting

LOCATION: Zoom: <https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/16062213899?omn=1604432432> **Meeting ID: 160 6221 3899**

DATE/ TIME: Friday, March 28, 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, Chair	<p>Present: Paula Morgen, Jordan-Lindsay Morris-Greer, Bill Keeton, Catoya Roberts, Bob Leischow, Brittany Fry, Vipul Shukla, Paula Tran, Remona Baldoni-Lake, Jen Rombalski, Aisha Dogbey, Joe Tatar</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Chair Paula Morgen began the meeting by checking-in with everyone and to review the agenda.</p> <p>Public comment from Paula Tran provided an update on events over the past week including Termination of several grants to DHS/DPH for those connected to CHWs, COVID-19, CDC HD Grant, ELC/Immunization Grants, and SAMHSA grants and the impact on DPH. These funds were being used for the lasting impacts of COVID-</p>




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		<p>19. DHS informed subrecipients (200+) this week and have had 100+ staff impacted including many contractors whose contracts needed to be ended immediately. DHS is working with teams to identify what work can continue, identifying the fiscal challenges based on lost funding and are working on messaging stories of impact of this termination. She concluded by highlighting the local impacts of these federal changes.</p> <p>Discussion/questions followed. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are our options for advising or action within the PHC to do? Advocacy in some form of statement of the importance of the funds that were lost and delineate some of the felt impacts.• Decreased access to preventive service and higher healthcare costs for everyone. There is value in PHC issuing a statement to address false narratives in the assumptions of shifting federal costs to local-level revenue instead. This has real impact on local jurisdictions.• There is an opportunity to engage with the Joint Finance Committee to make a statement and have conversations to address needs and impact with those with budget input. There is already a public health financial ask that the council is already supporting/advising for the Governor's budget. These federal changes/cuts will have real impact that if there is a lack of statewide investment, this will affect at local level extensively.• If PHC can mobilize a statement and be available for the JFC sessions, this can help magnify messaging and create consistency. One of these sessions in West Allis overlaps with PHC in-person meeting.• Various ways to provide input: in-person on sessions and online conduits (email, online portal to gather feedback). It might be difficult to get face-to-face connect, but can share input/feedback in as many forums as possible. For online comments: https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments. Dedicated email: budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is DHS going to be called by the Joint Committee on Finance to speak? DHS was already called to speak to the DHS-related items in the budget and has not received any other invitations at this time. <p>Executive committee members discussed the possibility of using the council meeting to attend the session in West Allis that overlaps.. If the PHC were going to be able to speak, someone would need to get there early enough to sign up to deliver a statement and then others in attendance can be there to support with numbers. PHC will start with a statement with a clear, consistent message and provide this message out to all PHC members to take to these sessions and points-of-contact. These would be sent along with a listing of these sessions. A workgroup will be brought together to complete this.</p>
10:05 – 10:20 (15 minutes)	PHEP AC <ul style="list-style-type: none">UpdatesDiscuss & provide feedback: Letter of support regarding PH preparedness funding	Brittany Fry, PHEP AC Chair	 <p>Letter of Support Regarding Public Hea</p> <p>Brittany shared an overview of the letter of support from the PHEPAC for consideration by the PHC to advocate for stable preparedness funding (see above). This will be shared with WPHA/WALHDAB for some of their advocacy work and can be shared with all LTHDs as they are having conversations locally. Discussions in next PHEPAC meeting will be in collaboration with WPHA/WALHDAB and DHS to discuss future options.</p> <p>Discussion/feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Feedback was positive, not only in the incorporation of the why but also in the use of statutory language and requirements.Could this also be connected to federal funding changes? Given that most of the funding already comes from federal, the original goal was to advocate for more state funding. Brittany indicated that she could include that in a revised draft prior to the next PHC meeting.




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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Next step is to take this to the PHC meeting to review and approval.
10:20 – 11:25 (65 minutes)	Executive Committee Business <ol style="list-style-type: none">Recap of joint WPHA/WALHDAB meeting—vote to adopt notes.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss: how do our priorities align?What are the Council’s next steps/action items?Any state budget updates?<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public hearings for Joint Committee on Finance have been scheduled.Review of in person mtg agenda, any additional items?For awareness and tracking in case it may impact PHC—introduced bill SB27Additional walk on items	Paula Morgen, Chair	 03-13-25 PHC Joint Meeting Notes.docx WPHA/WALHDAB Meeting Recap <p>Vipul provided a brief overview (with reference to the notes—see above) on the conversation with WPHA/WALHDAB on 3/13. The Issues Committee also met about this and discussed opportunities for future work and collaboration following the joint meeting. Issues has another meeting coming up to start moving forward on action steps in the immediate- and long-term based on opportunity for this future work.</p> <p>Discussion/feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">May want to change some of the language that connects/relates to advocacy as it pertains to the PHC. Discussion on SB27 <p>Aisha shared with the group a proposed bill that would potentially impact the work of the council as it would potentially require all meetings to be in-person. Based on the Governor’s stance, it would be unlikely to make it into law now due to veto but could be an issue for awareness for the future, should it come up again.</p> Review of In-Person PHC Agenda <p>Aisha provided a quick overview of the draft agenda that was planned for Friday with the idea of if there is a change in plans for attending the JFC meeting, to identify what would need to change in the agenda to accommodate.</p> <p>During the discussion, the Zoom meeting link was hacked by an external entity and offensive content was presented. The meeting</p>




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			<p>was ended and a new link created to continue the conversation. Staff indicated that they would report the breach to the appropriate IT security entities and to the Zoom admin.</p> <p>After returning to the meeting, the group returned to the agenda. The initial conversation was around the gun violence/safety letter of support. A discussion was had around the PHC role and the language around advising vs. informing vs. advocacy and where that might tend to overlap with lobbying, which would be out of scope. Paula M. offered this as an idea of a discussion item within the next council meeting, should there be time.</p> <p>After continued discussion, the group discussed canceling the formal PHC meeting as it currently stands due to logistic concerns. As an alternative, some of the key agenda items could be shifted to a different meeting/time virtually. If there is any time after, that could be devoted to a debrief later at the next scheduled EC meeting (with all members).</p>
11:25 – 11:40 (15 minutes)	Discuss & provide feedback: SHP Committee charter	Aisha Dogbey , <i>Support Staff</i> Joe Tatar , <i>Support Staff</i>	 Public Health Council SHP Committee Chart Due to discussion elsewhere and the hacking interruption, this item was not covered. Instead, the group decided to send feedback via email to Aisha/Maggie for edit.
11:40 – 11:55 (15 minutes)	Committee Updates: 1. Issues Committee 2. SHIP Updates	Lieske Giese , <i>Issues Committee Co-Chair</i> Vipul Shukla , <i>Issues Committee Co-Chair</i> Aisha Dogbey , <i>Support Staff</i>	 Due to discussion elsewhere and the hacking interruption, this item was not covered.



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11:55 – 12:00pm	Wrap-up and Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of Meeting Minutes	Paula Morgen, Chair	 02-28-25 PHC Exe Committee Minutes.doc Motion to approve minutes was provided by Bill Keeton with a second from Jordan-Lindsay Morris-Greer. No edits suggested and motion to approve carried.
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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

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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