

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Health Equity Council Subcommittee: Structural Funding Inequities		Attending: Members: Andrea Werner, Janel Hines, Guy Reiter, William Parke-Sutherland, Mandela Barnes
Date: 9/22/2021	Time Started: 3:00 PM Time Ended: 4:30 PM	State staff: MayChee Yang, Cecie Culp, Dr. Michelle Robinson, Fred Ludwig, Cassie Frankel Members not attending: Isaak Mohamed (excused), David Frazer (excused)
Location: Zoom Video Conference Zoom Link: https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/86941196445?pwd=VG96cjNpd1drY0xneit1L1dKS5Hd5dz09 Toll-free audio: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 518 9805 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 869 4119 6445 Passcode: 803434		Presiding Officer: Chair: Gale Johnson; Co-Chair: Maria Barker

Minutes

1. Welcome and check-in

2. Review and approve minutes from 8/18/21 and 9/1/21 meetings

8/18/21 minutes: Andrea moved to approve, and Janel seconded the motion. All members in favor; none opposed.

9/1/21 minutes: William moved to approve, and Janel seconded the motion. All members in favor; note opposed.

3. Review results from Evaluation Phase

Ideation Proposal Title	Should the idea move to the drafting phase?			Notes
	% Yes	% Yes & Probably	% Do Not Advance	
One-year continuous postpartum coverage through BadgerCare	94	94	0	
Expansion of Medicaid programs, specifically Family Planning Only Services (FPOS)	94	94	0	
Closing Health Gaps by Expanding BadgerCare	89	100	0	
Ensure More Immigrants Can Receive Urgent Health Care by Expanding Emergency Services Under BadgerCare	83	94	6	This ideation falls out of top 5 when we sort on %Yes & Probably, replaces it (83% vs 78%)
Increasing Income and Workforce Participation by Expanding the State EITC to Include Adults Without Dependent Children	78	95	5	
Continuous Eligibility for Children on BadgerCare	78	95	5	This ideation jumps to top 5 when we sort on %Yes & Probably.
Raising the Minimum Wage	61	94	6	
Support Creation of Office of Environmental Justice	61	83	17	
Legal Driving Access for All	61	83	17	
Increase the Minimum Wage and Consider a "Living Wage"	56	89	11	
Health Insurance for All Wisconsinites	56	89	11	
Using Medicaid Funds to Address Social Determinants of Health	56	78	22	
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Expansion	55	83	17	
Restructuring Wisconsin Works (W-2) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Implementation to Meet the Needs of Low-Income Families	44	94	6	
Improve Food and Nutrition Security Among Wisconsin's Youngest Population by Formalizing Farm to Early Care and Education as an Inter-Agency Initiative	44	83	17	
Invest in Early Childhood Education That is Culturally Responsive	37	79	21	
Affordable Housing/Apartments	28	72	28	
Expand Food Rescue Initiatives by Reinforcing the Operations of Community-Based Food Rescue Organizations	22	78	22	
Affordable and Livable Housing	22	78	22	
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Reform	22	50	50	
Color Key				
Top 5 by % Yes & Probably				
Top 5 by % Yes				

Subcommittee members submitted 20 ideas for evaluation by the Gov's Health Equity Council (GHEC). As a result, the GHEC recommended 5-6 ideas to move forward into Drafting Phase (highlighted yellow/green).

4. Implement Prioritization Phase

Members discussed the fact that all 20 ideas/potential recommendations are important, challenging, and will require their advocacy and time to draft. Therefore, members decided to prioritize and focus on the ideas that mobilize and excite them the most, even if the idea(s) did not make it in GHEC’s top 5-6 evaluation results. After recommendations are drafted, they will land in 1 of 3 paths: narrative, minor recommendation, or major recommendation. The “major recommendation” path is an opportunity for the GHEC to put forth a recommendation that has not had a lot of attention/lacking energy overall, but something that members want to advocate for.

Do other ideas rise to the top?

William suggested being intentional in prioritizing the ideas that would otherwise NOT get done without the GHEC’s voice/power/credibility to move them forward in this space.

For example: Some ideas listed already have attention and energy within federal and/or local agencies and will likely be worked on and advocated for at multiple levels beyond the GHEC. Meanwhile, other ideas listed (that lack energy) would stop and end here unless prioritized as a potential major recommendation by this subcommittee for further consideration by the GHEC.

Consolidation and coordination:

Andrea suggested consolidating multiple ideas that are similar/fit well together as a packaged recommendation. It would also be helpful to know what other subcommittees are prioritizing as well.

Capacity, workload, and quality:

Dr. Robinson and Lt. Gov. Barnes noted that choosing to consolidate several ideas into one potential major recommendation or not will still require the same amount of work from members and other subject matter experts. We must be mindful of everyone’s demanding schedules; either way, it will not be easy. Having fewer, high quality recommendations (3-5) is stronger than having many recommendations of lower quality.

After much discussion, members decided to prioritize **3 main packages** as potential major recommendations (comprised of 6 total ideas), understanding that teams may choose to scale down these ideas later as needed.

1) ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	2) ECONOMIC SECURITY	3) Creation of an OFFICE of ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Expansion of Medicaid programs, specifically Family Planning Only Services (FPOS)	Raising the minimum wage/Increase the minimum wage and consider a “living wage”	
Ensure more immigrants can receive urgent health care by expanding emergency services under BadgerCare Continuous eligibility for children on BadgerCare	Increasing income and workforce participation by expanding the state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to include adults without dependent children/EITC expansion	

5. Decision voting

Members voted YES or NO to the prioritization of the 3 main packages: 5 out of 5 voted YES.

William – Y

Gale – Y

Guy – Y

Maria – Y

Andrea – Y

Janel – *did not vote, had to leave early*

Mandela – *did not vote, had to leave early*

6. Introduce Drafting Phase – Postponed to next meeting 9/29/21

7. Review assignments/tasks for next meeting 9/29/21

Build teams for each packaged idea: All members will think about which area they want to do. Today, some members voiced which areas they're interested in (below); however, no decisions/commitments were made yet.

Team #1) Access to Health Care: *William, Gale*

Team #2) Economic Security: *Possibly an SME from Kids Forward*

Team #3) Creation of an Office of Environmental Justice: *Guy*

8. Adjourn

Link to recording of 9/22/21 Zoom meeting (*Please note: The actual meeting content/discussion begins at 13:30.*)

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These minutes will be approved by the Governor's Health Equity Council subcommittee Structural Funding Inequity on: 9/29/2021