

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance			Attending:
Date: 11/12/2025	Time Started: 9 am	Time Ended: 10:00 am	
Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 160 785 2558			Presiding Officer: Susan Davidson

Minutes

Meeting Invitees (Required)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Krishna Acharya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne-Marie Coy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Davidson, chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maureen Durkin
	Nate Keeley		Kia Kjensrud		Kyle Mounts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Neugart
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hanna Rakovec		Dana Romary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Scott Schwoerer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dany Sun, cochair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jasmine Zapata	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann Zenk				

Meeting Invitees (Optional):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Camponeschi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vince Milisaukas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Lund	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julie Thiel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Gill						

Council Staff:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Olson, epidemiologist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 August 13, 2025 Review of Agenda Public Input 	Susan Davidson	Called to order 9:04 Roll call Approve minutes at next meeting as there was insufficient time to review. No public input.
Council member updates	Dany Sun	Susan shared that the Wisconsin Environment Network is having their annual meeting on health in the environment on March 6, 2026. Presentations on toxins, climate change and health, cosmetics/consumer products/toxins and a social justice panel. In person and virtual options. Kaitlin shared about Title V funding opportunities and the new opportunity on genomic testing. Krishna shared that she is making some videos for families as an aide for parental counseling once families find out their child has a birth defect. Families that are seen in their fetal concern center will have access to these videos.
Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WBDR Updates Program funding allocation use CCMV conference May 4 	Melissa Olson Kaitlin Tolliver	Melissa shares that we continue to try and increase reporters. UW Health is up to date and has submitted records as far back as 2020. Marshfield and Children's have both submitted some data and DHS staff are working with them to fix a couple things within their files. SSM has all their data prepared but continue to struggle on the front in around their process of notifying families.

		<p>DHS has had some additional conversations around others who are not reporting or who are manual reporting. Aspirus has been reporting manually but are now in the tech 'queue' to develop the batch report. Spoke with a provider in Milwaukee (possibly Aurora) who shared that as a contractor for her provider, she will not be reporting and feels that CW will report on the kids they see. DHS staff met with Meriter. Meriter also contracts with all of their providers so they do not feel like they can report on their behalf. However, most of those children are being referred to UW. The main gap remaining is WBDR's ability to document stillbirths and other deaths that occur soon after birth at the birthing hospital, as they are not captured by specialty care providers. Meriter will have conversations internally to identify a process for reporting these few cases.</p> <p>WBDR challenges – issue with the report for sending families letters. Currently only sending letter to families who are manually entered.</p> <p>Working with OHI to link with vital records to pull in potentially missing data (gestational age, birth weight, race/ethnicity for birth mother, etc.). This should help us to have more complete data.</p> <p>Kaitlin shared that the current \$95,000 annual program budget can be utilized for staffing. Historically, the program was told that we could not do that. This is something that the program will consider moving forward.</p> <p>The WiSPER project keeps moving forward! Kaitlin shared a 'save the date' for a cCMV conference on May 4, 2026. It will be in person and virtual.</p>
<p>Update on proposed legislation</p>	<p>Susan Davidson</p>	<p>A bill was introduced in October to increase the program budget by \$405,000 annually. It was introduced in the Senate and Assembly. No bipartisan support. When the bill goes to Committee, Susan shares that we will need support from the Council members and their networks. Dany is working on a one-page handout to provide to our members that can be distributed among our networks. Susan shared that administratively within DHS and legislatively she will continue to advocate.</p> <p>Ann shared that next year is a budget year. Susan should advocate within DHS to try and be included on the next budget. Susan will reach out to Dr. Zapata to strategize.</p>
<p>Council member terms</p>	<p>Kaitlin Tolliver</p>	<p>For renewal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Zenk • Dany Sun • Hanna Rakovec • Jenny Neugart • Krishna Acharya • Kyle Mounts

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Clinical leads to review new ICD code and present to Council in February	Kaitlin Tolliver	<p>Became effective on Oct. 1, 2025 QA0: Neurodevelopment disorders related to specific genetic pathogenic variants.</p> <p>NBDPN is redoing their surveillance guidelines.</p> <p>Susan is wanting to hold off and see if the national organization add the condition to WBDR. Maureen agrees. Jess is willing to look into the Q code. Her initial thought is that you don't identify a neurodevelopment disorder at birth, so you would be identifying this due to genetic testing and not evaluation. Jess is happy to look into it and will bring it to the February meeting.</p>
Next Steps	Kaitlin Tolliver Susan Davidson	<p>2026 Meeting Schedule:</p> <p>Wednesday, February 11 at 9:00 am – business meeting, co-chair elections Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00 am Tuesday, August 4 at 9:00 am Wednesday, November 11 at 9:00 am</p>
Adjourn		10:00am

Prepared by: Kaitlin Tolliver on 11/17/2025.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 2/11/2026