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PROGRAM/GROUP: Public Health Council – Policy Committee
MEETING TITLE: PHC Policy Committee Meeting
LOCATION: 1-877-820-7831 / Participant Passcode: 767377#
DATE/ TIME: Friday, June 21, 2019 7:30 – 9:00am

Context: (Purpose, Vision, Mission, Goal):

<i>The Public Health Council was created by 2003 Wisconsin Act 186 (Wis. Stat. §15.197[13]). By statute, the Council’s purpose is to advise the Department of Health Services, the Governor, the Legislature and the public on progress in implementing the state’s 10-year public health plan and coordination of responses to public health emergencies.</i>	
Meeting Facilitator: Alan Schwartzstein, Policy Committee Chair	Meeting Recorder: Dominique Barthel

Members present: Dr. Alan Schwartzstein; Dr. Gary Gilmore; Ms. Joan Theurer
Staff Present: Dominique Barthel; Neil Ortmann

Agenda:

Time:	Topic:	Lead:	Notes/Follow-up:
7:30 am	Roll Call and Introductions		Roll Call was conducted.
7:35 am	Public Comment		There was no public comment.
7:40 –8:40 am	Policy Committee Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve May 31, 2019 Policy Committee minutes Review and discuss draft statement on measles Consideration of the topic of the next policy statement Discuss next steps and scheduling next meeting Open discussion (no action taken) 	Alan Schwartzstein ALL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve May 31, 2019 Policy Committee minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Gary Gilmore moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Joan Theurer seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved. Review and discuss draft statement on measles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Theurer raised the need to further describe herd immunity. She suggested a need for explanation towards the idea that a small subset of students who cannot medically be vaccinated are at risk without substantial herd immunity. Dr. Gilmore suggested that Ms. Theurer’s suggestion is not put into effect to avoid overstating the topic of exemptions. He suggested straying away from acknowledging non-medical exemptions. Ms. Theurer commented that she was content with the decision



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			<p>to leave the herd immunity discussion as is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Theurer raised the need to include information about the potential economic impacts of a measles outbreak and quarantine costs.• Dr. Gilmore mentioned that with new cases arising in the past week, vaccination is an urgent matter.• Dr. Gilmore put the following motion forward: That the Policy Committee accepts the draft as presented, and forwards it to the Public Health Council Executive Committee for action and expedited release.• The movement was seconded by Ms. Theurer.• Dr. Alan Schwartzstein announced a vote on the motion which resulted in three votes in favor and zero in opposition. The motion was unanimously approved.• Dr. Alan Schwartzstein stated that he hopes to have released the statement by the middle of next week (6/24). <p>3. Consideration of the topic of the next policy statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Schwartzstein suggested the release of a second statement in August or September.• Ms. Theurer suggested the next policy statement to be focused on vaping.• Dr. Gilmore suggested that vaping is more of an immediate priority compared to nutrition and physical activity due to the number of youth reported to be involved.• Dr. Gilmore recommends working with Dr. Michael Fiore from the UW-Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention to incorporate recent data from experts.• Dr. Schwartzstein agrees that working with Dr. Michael Fiore would be beneficial and suggested inviting him to the next Council or Policy meeting.• Dr. Schwartzstein stated that the topics of vaccination and vaping are prone to controversy. He suggested making the next statement focus on nutrition and physical activity.• Dr. Gilmore agreed that it would be a good idea to focus on nutrition and physical activity for the next policy statement. <p>4. Discuss next steps and scheduling next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Schwartzstein said he would like to meet again in July.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Theurer suggested meeting later in July. Dr. Gilmore agreed and suggested another Friday meeting. He suggested it be on July 19th. <p>5.Open discussion (no action taken)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no open discussion.
8:40 – 8:50am	Wrap-up and Adjourn	Alan Schwartzstein	<p>Dr. Alan Schwartzstein motioned to adjourn. Dr. Gary Gilmore seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 am.</p>

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