



Agenda

February 23, 2024

Virtual Meeting
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How will you be an Advocate --- Champion --- Connector for the Alliance?

- 8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome and Introductions** – *Dr. Diane Gerlach, chair*
- What's one thing you can do (or have already done) in 2024 to be a champion, advocate or connector for the Alliance and how can the staff help?
 - New board member introductions (Dr. Ford, Charlene Mouille and Tiffany Meredith)
- 8:45 – 9:00 **Executive Director Updates** – *Matt Crespin*
- Annual report
 - Staffing updates
 - Funding updates
 - #ForKidsHealth Summit
- 9:00 – 9:20 **Legislative updates**
- Oral health package – Jenna Linden
 - CDR Legislation – Karen Nash
 - Other pending or signed legislation of interest – Jodi / Jeremy
- 9:20 – 9:30 **Just in time updates and adjournment**
- Advisory Board / Staff Assessment – Heidi
 - Change in fall board meeting plans
 - Board Bio survey reminder - [Click this link](#)

2024 Executive Council meeting dates

April 25, August 22, November 14 – ALL VIRTUAL

2024 Advisory Board meeting dates

February 23, June 7, Sept 20 – ALL VIRTUAL

Save the date: Oct 7-8, 2024 - #ForKidsHealth Summit

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CHAW Advisory Board Meeting 9.29.23

Members Present: Jodi Bloch, Bridget Clementi, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Dr. Michael Kim, Dr. Todd Mahr, Brittany Mews, Dr. Thao Nguyen, Jay Shrader, Julia Stanley, Heidi Warpinski

Staff: Morgan Conti, Matt Crespin, Lindsay Deinhammer, Luna Font, Carissa Hoium, Sarah Mears Kroening, Colleen Lane, Sarah Leathrum, Jenna Linden, Karen Nash, Joanna O'Donnell, and Geeta Wadhwani.

Members Unavailable: Sarah Beversdorf, Dr. Kevin Dahlman, Dr. Christopher Ford, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Jeremy Levin, Tiffany Meredith, Charlene Mouille, Maria Elena Perez, Andrea Swenson, Brian Vigue

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Steps
Welcome	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees welcomed each other and introduced themselves. They shared a professional win or example of how they are serving as a champion, advocate or connect for the Alliance. Dr. Gerlach announced Jay Shrader has accepted the position as Vice Chair and will move to the role of chair when her term(s) are completed. Minutes from June 16th, 2023 were approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved as presented.
Raising Wisconsin Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackie Anderson, Director and Ruth Schmidt, WECA Executive Director presented on the impact Raising Wisconsin has and shared their policy priorities. Raising WI focuses on the priority areas such as, social determinant of health, brain development, WI Infant Mortality crisis, child care affordability and accessibility. WECA / Raising Wisconsin has created advocacy tools and resources intentionally with business and employer engagement. Their materials were provided in advance as part of the board packet and can be accessed on the board resources website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine if CHAW wants to sign on as a partner. Will discuss at the November EC meeting.
Strategic Input Session – Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geeta shared the Food Security initiative's goal; to support the development of integrated community and clinical systems to address the importance of food security. The Food Security initiative previously supported the Feeding America drive thru food distribution as well as receiving the AMCHIP (innovation hub award). The Goal of the discussion was to engage the Advisory Board to get their insights and input on the Food Security initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested to look into the immunization update; there will possibly be federal and state funding to support.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested that anytime CHAW can align with other statewide networks that are impacting hospitals, the better return on the investment or value statement will be understood and identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting data and evidence will speak volumes The first step could be understanding more what is happening in the communities and go from there
Executive Director Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha Horst welcomed a baby girl, she will be away for a few weeks. Erica Kane has moved to the American Academy of Pediatrics and is continuing to do EMSC work. The interview process is going on with current interviews scheduled. Amy Cline will be joining the Alliance as the program manager for Injury Prevention and Child Death Review Matt and Bridget explained the lower employee engagement scores have been reporting the same the last few years due to changes throughout the programs, grants and funding at Children's. The budget reflects the MATCH; we did pull a higher amount from the Children's foundation contribution as they were used to maximize the grant funds. Budget is in good shape for approval and funding for 2024 looks good. #ForKidsHealth Summit / CHAW's 30 year celebration will be held next year (Oct 7-8) and we are focusing on health equity. We have a few speakers lined up: DHS Sec Designee Kristen Johnson, MPH, Judge Derek Mosley, Marl Del Monte, JD and Dr. Natalia Chalmers. Matt updated the board on progress made in the last year as a result of our discussion on board/staff engagement. We will be doing an updated board/staff assessment in the winter and provide updates at the Feb meeting. We will not include any staff or board that have not been in their roles for at least 3-6 mo at the time of the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete new board / staff assessment.
Legislative updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jodi announced Dental therapy looks like it's going to be moving forward and Fatality review has a good chance to move forward. Anticipate the CDR bill we've been working on for the past several years to keep moving along. Has had hearings in both chambers. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a legislation out there right now, about ATV passenger restriction, removes the requirement how many passengers can be on an ATV. • There are some bills that dropped this week that would prohibit gender care services for a person under 18, the Governor said he would veto the bill if it was to come to him. • One of the areas we are continuing to focus on is the extending the postpartum to 12 months, it has senate hearing, it passed 32 -1, Assembly chamber sees it as a Wellbeing. 	
Board Member updates/ announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting dates for next year are at the bottom of the agenda so please mark your calendars. We will incorporate the in-person advisory board meeting into the #ForKidsHealthSummit in some fashion or hold virtual in Sept 2024. 	



Key Accomplishments and Policy Impact February 23, 2024

Accomplishments

Emergency care goal: To reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity resulting from severe illness or trauma by improving pediatric emergency care quality, both before and after the child arrives at the hospital.

- Through the Pediatric Readiness Program for Community Emergency Departments, funded by Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW), Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) has actively engaged 24 Emergency Departments (ED) to improve their preparedness for pediatric patients. The first cohort of 11 EDs closed out with an average improvement of 22.71/100 points.

WI EMSC's facility recognition program has been verified by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) making Wisconsin one of 19 states with a formal pediatric recognition program. WI EMSC is currently recruiting emergency departments that meet program criteria across the state in an effort to expand the program beyond the initially recognized pilot site in January of 2023. Currently they have one additional site visit scheduled.

Environmental Health goal: To reduce asthma mortality, emergency department (ED) visits and inpatient hospitalizations through implementation of the *Wisconsin Asthma Plan 2021-25*.

- The Love My Air Wisconsin program is being implemented in five Milwaukee Public Schools under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) three-year, \$500,000 grant funding air quality monitoring in communities vulnerable to pollution. Air quality sensors were installed on the exterior of the school buildings and the data is accessible to the public via a website. Lesson plans, an activity guide and an anti-idling campaign will be implemented at five schools this spring.
- The Wisconsin Asthma Coalition (WAC) meeting was held in person on Nov. 10. There were 49 attendees who gathered to learn about the asthma work happening statewide and to discuss the Wisconsin Asthma Plan. The coalition's timely input from this meeting will help guide future asthma work in the state as the application for the competitive renewal of the CDC asthma grant is currently being drafted.

Food security goal: To improve the whole health of children by bringing health and food systems together to build strong relationships.

- The team was awarded an Advancing Healthier WI Seed \$50K grant for 2024.
- An abstract was submitted and accepted for Wisconsin Public Health Association's conference in May

- An application was submitted in early January to the Medicaid Food Security Network; this is a national opportunity focused on integrating Medicaid and food and nutrition policy
- We continue to work with statewide groups including Food Is Medicine (FIM), Medicaid payers who are pursuing a Medicaid flexibility that would allow payment for nutrition services and statewide community organizations

Injury prevention and death review goal: To maintain Wisconsin’s comprehensive death review system, Keeping Kids Alive in Wisconsin, that identifies risk factors and circumstances related to fetal, infant and child deaths, and empowers local communities to take action to prevent future deaths.

- Held the first in person Keeping Kids Alive in Wisconsin conference since 2019. The two-day conference was held in Marshfield, WI and was attended by nearly 75 child fatality review and injury prevention professionals. Attendees heard opening remarks for the Dr. Lynn Sheets, co-chair of the Wisconsin Child Death Review State Advisory Council. Other highlights of the day included a Death Scene Investigation training by the Department of Justice, emerging data trends across Wisconsin presented by the Department of Health Services (DHS) and increased understanding of how local CDR efforts contribute to the national level.
- The final draft of the the newest version of the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Report is completed and features a more reader-friendly layout. In addition the new layout, several sections have been added; one that highlights local and national options for prevention and another that raises awareness about unsafe infant sleep products. Last but not least, a welcome letter co-authored by our executive director and the chief medical officer and state epidemiologist at DHS is featured in the opening. We are excited to share the new report widely when the finishing touches are complete.

Medical home goals: To ensure that all children are screened early. To ensure that children, especially those with special health care needs, receive family-centered, integrated care within a medical home.

- Developmental Screening:
 - Held a total of eight live trainings in 2023; trained 187 professionals including providers, health professionals and early intervention partners
 - Family input sessions were hosted in the fall, parents provided feedback and guidance about the trainings. This will be incorporated into 2024 changes to content
- Care Coordination:
 - November care coordinators collaborative featured experts to talk about Dental Health for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Joining us was a member from the Alliance’s oral health initiative discussing available programs that provide early dental prevention and intervention services for children. We had 40 participants
 - We will work in partnership with six Tribal Health Center (THC) grant teams on strategies to improve care coordination across their clinic and community. Most of the teams are focusing on children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Oral health goal: To improve the oral health of children and families by increasing access to preventive oral health programs and follow-up restorative services.

- Wisconsin Medical Dental Integration Project (WI-MDI):
 - A Health Resources and Services Administration grant application for 4 years and \$1.7 million of funding was submitted to support medical dental integration efforts in Wisconsin. The proposed grant objectives will utilize both a state and local level approach to spread the integrated model of dental hygienists as a member of the primary care team.
- Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS)
 - Through December 2023 of the 23-24 school year Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile affiliated programs have provided care to over 67,000 students during more than 1,000 school visits.
- Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition (WOHC) and Milwaukee Oral Health Coalition (MOHC)
 - Thanks to the collaborative and persevering advocacy efforts of many partners, *5 oral health bills*, to improve access to oral health and strengthen the oral health workforce, were signed into law by Governor Evers on January 31, 2024.
 - Act 87 - Authorizes the licensure of dental therapists
 - Act 88 - Ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact
 - Act 89 - Provides guidelines for \$20 million to support oral healthcare workforce program in coordination with Wisconsin Technical Colleges
 - Act 90 - Supports Scholarships for Marquette University School of Dentistry students who practice in dental shortage areas
 - Act 91 - Allows those with dental insurance coverage to assign reimbursement for dental services to a specific dental provider.

[See Governor Evers Press Release for more information.](#)