



## Agenda

### June 16, 2023

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#### ***How will you be an Advocate --- Champion --- Connector for the Alliance?***

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| 8:30 - 8:50   | <b>Welcome</b> – <i>Dr. Diane Gerlach, chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and introductions – <i>share one quick professional highlight or any ways in which you've been an advocate, champion or connector for the Alliance in 2023</i></li><li>• Approval of minutes from February 17, 2023</li></ul> |
| 8:50 – 9:10   | <b>Executive Director Update</b> – <i>Matt Crespín</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staffing updates</li><li>• Board composition / outreach</li><li>• Children's Health Summit / 30 year celebration – Oct 2024</li></ul>   |
| 9:10 – 9:30   | <b>Environmental Health: EPA Grant Overview</b> – <i>Carissa Hoium &amp; Sarah Kroening</i>  |
| 9:30 – 9:40   | <b>Stretch Break</b>   |
| 9:40 – 10:15  | <b>Legislative and Policy Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CDR legislation – Karen</li><li>• Pediatric legislative priorities and state budget analysis – Jodi</li><li>• Oral Health legislation – Matt</li></ul>   |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | <b>Advisory Board Member updates</b> <p>Please share any announcements, updates or events that you want our board or staff to be aware of.</p>   |
| 10:30         | <b>Adjourn</b>   |

#### **2023 Executive Council meeting dates**

August 10, September 28 (Dinner meeting), November 16

#### **2023 Advisory Board meeting dates**

September 29 (in person)

#### **CHAW Initiative Meeting Dates**

[Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition Annual Meeting](#) – Oct 18-19 (Appleton)

[Wisconsin Asthma Coalition Annual Meeting](#) – Nov 9-10 (Madison)

Keeping Kids Alive in Wisconsin – Nov 14-15 (Marshfield)

## 2023 WISCONSIN ORAL HEALTH COALITION MEETING

POPLAR HALL | 141 S. RIVERHEATH WAY | APPLETON, WI 54915



## 2023 WISCONSIN ASTHMA COALITION MEETING

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS | 3330 ATWOOD AVE. | MADISON, WI 53704

NOV.  
9-10



## KEEPING KIDS ALIVE IN WISCONSIN 2023 CONFERENCE | SAVE THE DATE | NOV. 14-15

HOTEL MARSHFIELD | 2700 S. CENTRAL AVE. | MARSHFIELD, WI 54449



### Tuesday, Nov. 14

Workshops noon-4 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and networking 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Join child death review (CDR) and fetal infant mortality review (FIMR) team members from across Wisconsin to explore trends in child death at the local, state and national level.

### Wednesday, Nov. 15

Keynote and general sessions 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Learn about best practice prevention strategies and collaborate with other team coordinators, data users and child health advocates.

Details and registration coming soon. For more information contact Karen Nash at [knash@childrenswi.org](mailto:knash@childrenswi.org).  
This conference is made possible by Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Justice.

## CHAW Advisory Board Meeting 2.17.23

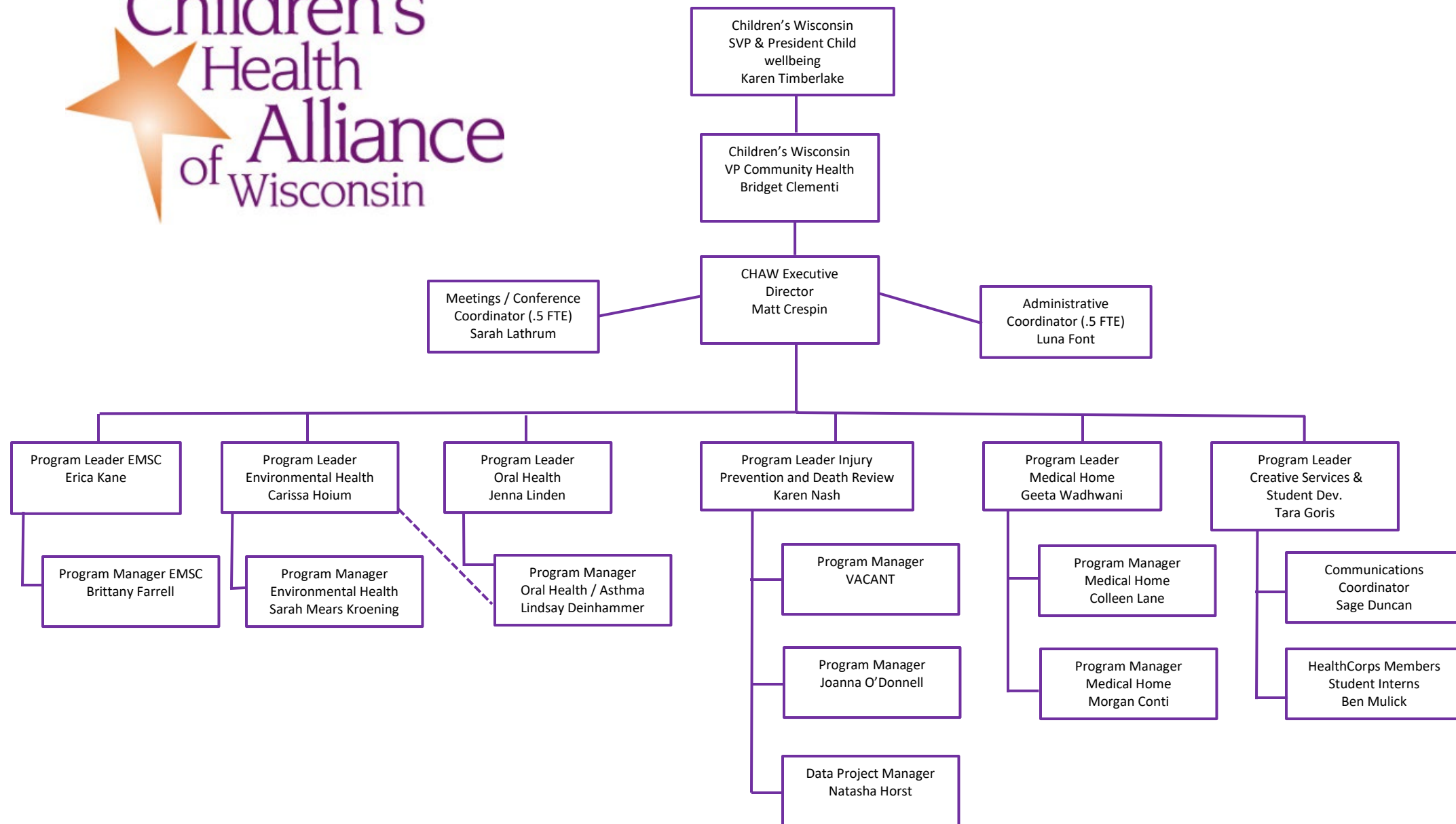
**Members Present:** Ashley Bergeron, Jodi Bloch, Sandi Cihlar, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Caroline Gomez-Tom, Maria Elena Perez, Jeremy Levin, Dr. Thao Nguyen, Antonina Olszewski, Julia Stanley, Andrea Swenson, Brian Vigue, Heidi Warpinski

**Staff:** Morgan Conti, Matt Crespin, Lindsay Deinhammer, Sage Duncan, Brittany Farrell, Carissa Hoium, Natasha Horst, Erica Kane, Jenna Linden, Ben Mulick, Karen Nash, Marilyn Noll Joanna O'Donnell, and Geeta Wadhwani.

**Members Unavailable:** Sarah Beversdorf, Bridget Clementi, Dr. Kevin Dahlman, Dr. William Lobb, Dr. Todd Mahr, Jay Shrader

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Steps
Welcome	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees introduced themselves and shared a professional win or an example of how they are serving as a Champion, Advocate or Connect for the Alliance.</li> <li>Approval of minutes from Sept 2022</li> <li>Dr. Gerlach and Matt recognized Antonina Olszewski and Sandy Cihlar for their service to the board as they are transitioning off the board and ending their terms.</li> </ul>	Minutes approved as presented.
Executive Director Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matt reviewed the updated organizational staffing changes that were shared with the board via email in early February. Environmental health program manager position for new EPA grant is now posted. Administrative coordinator position to be posted soon and meetings coordinator position to be posted in April</li> <li>Matt shared that for communication purposes Food Insecurity is going to be its own standalone initiative.</li> <li>Program leaders reviewed highlights of the new annual report</li> </ul>	
Board composition committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Gerlach shared that the committee will be reconvening and looking at filling current vacancies on the board looking at geographic and initiative gaps.</li> <li>Rules of operation allow for up to 30 members but feedback from the board noted that 20-23 may be a more ideal number. Currently there are 17 board members.</li> <li>Additionally a few members will be added to the EC with Sandy and Antonina leaving their board positions.</li> </ul>	Board composition committee will reconvene and provide EC and AB with updates at next meetings.

Legislative updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matt shared that plans are in motion to reintroduce the dental therapy legislation again this session. Additionally Sen. Felzkowski plans to introduce legislation that would create an interstate licensure compact for dentistry and dental hygiene.</li> <li>● Karen Nash shared A Legislative Council Study Committee on Uniform Death Reporting Standards was chaired by Senator Ballweg in 2022. Karen Nash and Karen Ordinans were asked to present information to the committee to help educate them on some of the issues that legislation would address. Senator Ballweg's office drafted a bill to define the development and operation of local fatality review teams (CDR, OFR, Suicide, etc). This bill is necessary to support the development and operation of fatality review teams across WI.</li> <li>● Jodi, Jeremy and Brian gave updates on various legislative initiatives that will impact kids health that are both in the newly released Wisconsin state budget and/or are planned legislative policies that they know will be coming forward in the current legislative session.</li> </ul>	Review link to legislative policy priorities that Brian put together and if there are additional organizations that we should add let us know.
Board Member updates/ announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Caroline shared that she is running for Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors</li> </ul>	





## **Key Accomplishments and Policy Impact June 16, 2023**

### **Accomplishments**

**Asthma goal: To reduce asthma mortality, emergency department (ED) visits and inpatient hospitalizations through implementation of the *Wisconsin Asthma Plan 2021-2025*.**

- The Alliance's environmental health initiative has been chosen as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPAs) three-year grant, funding air quality monitoring in communities vulnerable to pollution. This project aims to create a community-based network of neighborhood-level air quality monitoring stations in Milwaukee, focusing on neighborhoods with high asthma burdens. Sarah Kroening has been hired to serve as the program manager (1.0 FTE) and support this work and her start date with the Alliance was May 29
- The WAC meeting will be in person for the first time since the pandemic and registration is now open. The meeting will take place Nov 9-10 in Madison at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens.
- The Wisconsin Asthma Program recently received the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Environmental Leadership Award in asthma management. This award recognizes leading asthma management programs for their in-home interventions. Our program was chosen for its strong partnerships with community organizations and innovative projects to improve health, like the Asthma-Safe Homes program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**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.**

- Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children (WI EMSC) launched quarterly, online meetings for emergency department (ED) pediatric emergency care coordinators. The first meeting on May 24 included a presentation from Children's Wisconsin physicians on disaster planning for pediatrics and was attended by over 50 ED pediatric emergency care coordinators.
- WI EMSC's Pediatric Readiness Program for Community EDs, funded by the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment, has spent the last year working with 12 EDs around the state on addressing gaps in their readiness to treat children. So far, eight of the 12 EDs have officially closed out of the program and have an average improvement of 23.5 points on the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment.
- WI EMSC launched a statewide quality improvement effort to increase the proportion of pediatric EMS encounters with a document weight estimate in kilograms. WI EMSC received funding from Cars Curing Kids to provide every EMS agency and ambulance in the state with

retractable weight estimate tapes. WI EMSC has also created an educational video for EMS providers on the importance of obtaining a weight estimate.

**Food Insecurity goal:** To increase access to nutritious, culturally appropriate nourishment by bringing health and food systems together to build strong relationships.

- The Alliance and Data You Can Use accepted an Advancing Health Equity Award at the May 2023 Association for Maternal and Child Health Programs Conference (AMCHP) in New Orleans for a [cutting edge practice](#).
- A community member joined the collaborative to bring lived experience and expertise to the team
- A Feeding America Outreach specialist is being integrated into Children's Midtown Clinic (in Milwaukee) to enroll families into FoodShare; this new strategy began last week.

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

- The team will continue to hold statewide Keeping Kids Alive Refresher trainings. However, only two statewide trainings will be held. Individual trainings will be held with teams as needed. The training is one strategy used to educate all team members on key components of facilitating and participating in Child Death Review (CDR) and Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR). Members will learn the cause for concern, history of fatality review, how to prepare for and conduct review meetings, how to collect information that translates into useful data, and how to use data to inform actionable prevention.
- With the success of the statewide CDR and FIMR meetings, the team decided to hold two statewide data trainings. Attendees will learn about new features of the Case Reporting System (CRS), how to find commonly missed variables, data reports, and learn more about the SUID Case Registry.
- Five Death Scene Investigation (DSI) trainings were held at the beginning of May in five different counties across Wisconsin. The trainings reached a variety of audiences, including law enforcement officers, medical examiner and coroner investigators, EMS professionals, CPS workers, and emergency room physicians. More than 365 professionals attended, representing 176 local agencies. The post training survey revealed that 99% of attendees would recommend the training to a colleague.
- The team applied for funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue expanded surveillance on sudden unexpected infant deaths that occur in the state. The funds would support this work for another 5 years. The team also applied for an additional grant component to conduct several death scene investigation trainings throughout the duration of the grant.

**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:



- The first developmental screening learning community call was held in May. Participants represented the 16 public health departments and tribal health centers throughout Wisconsin that chose developmental screening as their national performance measure focus. Teams were given an opportunity learn about the referral process from a Birth to 3 expert and collaborate with other counties on their core activities.
- Our team is collaborating with DHS Lead Program to offer an annual developmental screening training in late June for health departments throughout Wisconsin. These teams utilize the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHLPS) and are looking to increase developmental screenings for children identified with a high blood lead level.
- Care Coordination:
  - Our efforts to build capacity of the care coordination workforce continue. A Care Coordinators Collaborative learning session was held in May offering peer learning along with learning about local and statewide resources, supports and tools. A representative from the Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs provided an overview of their available services. Our next learning session will be Aug 8.
  - We are supporting seven Tribal Health Center teams on strategies to improve care coordination across their clinic and community. Our first group learning call was held in April. Teams shared their project plans and activities. 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):
  - The WI-MDI executive team recently published a case study on the WI-MDI integrated dental hygienist model as part of the June issue of the Journal of Dental Hygiene. Please reach out to Jenna Linden- [jlinden@childrenswi.org](mailto:jlinden@childrenswi.org) if you would like to have the article sent to you.
  - We have been invited to submit a full proposal in July for funding from CareQuest Institute for Oral Health to continue MDI efforts. The proposal will focus on elevating the patient and community voice within the model as well as address billing considerations to support model spread and sustainability.
- Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS)
  - As we wrap up another year of providing dental prevention across Wisconsin schools, we are projected to reach and likely surpass the number of students served in the school year preceding the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The Wisconsin SAS Request for Proposal for the 2023-24 school year was released last Friday and we are accepting applicants through July 10, 2023.
- Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition (WOHC) and Milwaukee Oral Health Coalition (MOHC)
  - The WOHC 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference: 25 Years' Worth Smiling About will be held on October 18-19, 2023 at Poplar Hall in Appleton, Wisconsin. For more details and to register please visit: [WOHC: 25 Years' Worth Smiling About](#)
  - MOHC: Completed a Milwaukee County Dental Directory to support access to dental care for individuals who are dependent on Medicaid, or who are uninsured. It was added to our website in February and has been downloaded over 1,100 times.