

**Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020
7:30am – 8:30 am**

Attendees: Nan Peterson (Chair), Jodi Bloch, Sandi Cihlar, Kathy Clark, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Dr. Todd Mahr, Antonina Olszewski, Laura Rose, Jay Shrader, Brian Vigue, Karen Ordinans and Dr. Maria Perez

Excused: Nikki Stafford and Heidi Warpinski

Welcome

Nan Peterson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Dr. Maria Perez joined the meeting as a guest and new member of the CHAW Advisory Board. Dr. Perez provided an overview of her background and current work in child behavioral health. Everyone introduced themselves and welcomed Dr. Perez.

Meeting minutes

Dr. Mahr moved approval of the August 20, 2020 Executive Council meeting minutes, second by Sandi Cihlar. Hearing no objections the motion passed.

Review and recommendation of new Advisory Board members

In an effort to continue our targeted recruitment for the Advisory Board, two individuals were brought forward for consideration as new members. Dr. Thao Nguyen is a general dentist with a passion for working with children. She is a full-time dentist at the Oneida Community Health Center, and also a part-time associate dentist at Young Smiles, a pediatric dental office in Manitowoc, as well as a volunteer dentist at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's dental assistant program clinic. Dr. Nguyen will be an asset to our oral health initiative. Dr. Andrea Swenson will replace Marsha Salzwedel as a representative from the National Farm Medicine Center in Marshfield. Dr. Swenson is a project scientist with the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety and focuses on program evaluation while researching the intersections between family dynamics, individual development and social environments.

A motion to recommend both individuals to the full Advisory Board for approval was made by Jay Shrader, second by Sandi Cihlar, and unanimously approved. Karen Ordinans will send the recommendation via email so the new members can participate in the next meeting.

Marsha will be sent the CHAW plaque and treats on behalf of the Board and staff thanking her for her service. Antonina also offered to send a note of gratitude on behalf of the Board.

Recognition of retiring Laura Rose

Nan Peterson provided words of congratulations and gratefulness to Laura Rose for her dedication to children's health and her time and efforts supporting CHAW.

Karen and Matt added their appreciation for all Laura has done for oral health. Laura received the CHAW plaque and treats in the mail and expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve. She shared "Kids need strong advocates."

Karen will reach out to Eric Borgerding at the WI Hospital Association requesting a replacement for Laura on the Advisory Board.

CHAW updates

Karen shared insight into the CHAW staff who recently left to take new career opportunities. Discussion was held on the role CHAW often plays in growing and developing young professional staff who are exposed to a wide array of experiences, and who are sought after by other organizations. Karen and Matt will continue to be strategic about recruitment and coaching of staff regarding their career paths. Two of the vacant positions will be filled in the near future.

Matt provided a brief update on the transition of the Reach Out and Read Program. As aspects are moving along as planned. The actual transition will take place January 1, 2021. Staff will be recognized at a virtual event on December 15. All CHAW staff continue to work remotely with periodic time in the office.

February 26, 2021 Advisory Board meeting

Nan Peterson confirmed the Board meeting will take place virtually on February 26 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Consideration for a hybrid in-person meeting will be on hold until further information is available on the vaccine and Wisconsin COVID numbers. All members agreed to this plan. The meeting agenda will include breakout sessions so members can talk in small groups. One topic will be plans for a Board evaluation.

2021 meeting dates

Executive Council:

January 7

April 22

August 12

December 9

7:30 am – 8:30 a.m. Zoom meeting

Optional evening dinner meeting 5:30-8:30pm on September 23, 2021 if the September 24 Advisory Board meeting is held in person.

Advisory Board:

February 26

June 11

September 24

There being no further business or discussion to consider, Nan and others wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. Antonina moved to adjourn with no objection.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Ordinans