

**Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 22, 2021
7:30am – 8:30 am**

Attendees: Nan Peterson (Chair), Jodi Bloch, Sandi Cihlar, Kathy Clark, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Dr. Todd Mahr, Antonina Olszewski, Jay Shrader, Brian Vigue, Matt Crespin

Excused: Nikki Stafford

Welcome

Nan Peterson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting were approved without any revisions or additions.

CHAW Transition Update

Matt provided an update on staffing, which is currently full, and referenced the updated organizational chart. Matt shared that all staff are still working from home and that there is some inquiry as to when staff will return to working in the office and have the opportunity for travel and more in-person collaboration.

Matt shared that he's been spending time diving deeper into the initiatives he has not previously overseen and working to build relationships with all staff. Matt is meeting one on one with all staff and taking a more active role in weekly and bi-weekly team meetings to build trust and understanding.

Executive committee (EC) members shared a unified voice in exploring what the Alliance's role should/could be in addressing vaccine hesitancy. In the immediate future this would relate to COVID-19, but in the future could be broader and include things like flu, HPV and other vaccines. Matt and Nan agreed to explore this offline and follow up with the committee and board on the direction we decide on. Brian shared that a potential partnership with WI-DOA is possible but request would need to be soon.

State Policy Update

- Dental Therapy – passed the senate 31-0 two weeks ago and has been assigned to the Committee on Organization in the Assembly chaired by Speaker Vos. This is not a committee where bills normally get assigned and heard in committee, but the coalition is working to advocate for a hearing on this bill and is committed to working closely with Rep. Plummer the assembly co-author.
- CDR legislation – would codify current practice and allow medical providers/hospitals to share information but not mandate that they do. This would remove the reservation/hesitation that some providers have in sharing

data. MCW and CHAW lead efforts on moving this forward, but due to the budget will not have any activity until that process is over.

- Governor's budget – some delay due to tax deadline being extended to May 17. Fiscal bureau won't get report to Joint Finance Committee (JFC) till after that as state revenue will not be known till then. JFC will remove any non-fiscal items and begin working on departmental budgets that are not impacted by state revenue. Will likely address Medicaid expansion immediately. JFC currently holding hearings across the state and there is one virtual hearing scheduled that is already at capacity.

June 11 Advisory Board Meeting Planning

Nan Peterson confirmed the Board meeting will take place virtually on June 11, 2021. The meeting agenda will include update on staff and transition, further discussion on CHAWs potential role in vaccination hesitancy, CHAW IDE work, board engagement and evaluation. Matt and Nan will work on plan for board assessment to possibly roll out in the fall and Kathy and Heidi offered to assist in this planning and implementation.

2021 meeting dates

Executive Council:

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:

June 11

September 24

There being no further business or discussion to consider, and with no objection, Nan adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Matt Crespin