

**Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin  
Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 20, 2020  
7:30am – 8:30 am**

**Attendees:** Dr. Todd Mahr (Chair), Jodi Bloch, Sandi Cihlar, Kathy Clark, Dr. Diane Gerlach, Nan Peterson, Laura Rose, Nikki Stafford, Heidi Warpinski, Karen Ordians and Dr. Dipesh Navsaria

**Excused:** Jay Shrader and Brian Vigue

**Welcome**

Dr. Mahr called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

**Meeting minutes**

Nan Peterson moved approval of the April 23, 2020 Executive Council meeting minutes, second by Dr. Gerlach. Hearing no objections the motion passed.

**Move of Reach Out and Read Wisconsin to the National ROR organization**

Dr. Navsaria presented an opportunity for the Reach Out and Read (ROR) Wisconsin program to become an affiliate of the National ROR. When the Alliance began ROR in 2010, it served as the incubator for the fledging program. Now ROR-WI is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in the country. A move to the National ROR will provide economies of scale, greater collaboration with other ROR programs, broader funding support, and greater opportunity to expand clinic programs. While it is bittersweet for the Alliance to lose an initiative such as ROR, it was an honor to lead the establishment of ROR in Wisconsin and create a strong foundation for the program. The transition will occur on January 1, 2021. Staff are working on all aspects of the transition and will keep the Executive Council informed. Dr. Navsaria will present this transition to the full Advisory Board at its next meeting on September 25.

**CHAW updates**

Karen shared that CHAW staff continue to work remotely and have done a great job pivoting work to virtual platforms. Developmental screening trainings are now offered virtually and plans are being made to hold all Coalition meetings virtually. The MCH team received high marks from DHS on their ability to continue work in spite of COVID and the high demand on public health departments across the state.

**Alliance Advisory Board recruitment:**

Karen presented a list of Advisory Board members whose terms are expiring, and shared that Tom Gazzana would be retiring from the Board after 25 years. Due to COVID, recruitment of new members has been slowed, however; some contact had been made with several individuals who may be interested.

Karen also presented the need to confirm Executive Council members for another one year term, and the need to recruit a new vice chair. Executive Council members were asked to consider serving in this role and contact Karen. Dr. Mahr

will have completed his term as chair and Nan Peterson will assume the position at the September 25 Advisory Board meeting. Discussion also took place on recruiting a Board member to join the Executive Council due to Loris Damerow leaving this past June. Heidi Warpinski, Kathy Clark and Dr. Mahr volunteered to reach out to Board members to confirm their interest in another term and to inquire about serving on the Executive Council.

**Agenda for the September 25, 2020 Advisory Board meeting**

The Board meeting will take place virtually on September 25 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. The agenda will include the ROR presentation, updates on CHAW programs, legislative priorities for 2021, approval of Board terms, and recognition of Tom Gazzana and Dr. Todd Mahr.

**2020 meeting dates**

Executive Council: December 3, 7:30 am – 8:30 a.m. Zoom meeting

Advisory Board:  
September 25

There being no further business or discussion to consider, Dr. Mahr wished everyone to stay safe and healthy. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Ordinans