

**Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2019
7:30am – 8:30 am**

Attendees: Dr. Todd Mahr (Chair), Sandi Cihlar, Kathy Clark, Loris Damerow, Nan Peterson, Laura Rose, Jay Shrader, Heidi Warpinski, Karen Ordinans and Matt Crespin

Excused: Jodi Bloch and Brian Vigue

Welcome

Dr. Mahr called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Meeting minutes

Kathy Clark moved approval of the September 26, 2019, Executive Council meeting minutes, second by Sandi Cihlar, with the addition/correction of Laura Rose being recorded as excused from the meeting. Hearing no objections the motion passed.

Follow up to Alliance 25th anniversary

Karen asked for reflections and feedback on the presentation by Brian Castrucci at the anniversary event. Comments included, an appreciation for Brian's bold style; fantastic; likes the challenge Brian gave to all; and appreciated the discussion from the attendees. Karen also informed the Council of follow up activities by the staff to determine what Alliance activities are considered "upstream, mid-stream and downstream." A handout was shared reflecting the outcome.

Direction for 2020

Karen shared the following topics as key priorities for the Alliance in 2020:

- Dental therapy: Matt Crespin provided an update of the recent hearing before a state Assembly committee. There was 6 hours of supportive testimony given with some small amount of opposition from the WI Dental Association and Marquette University.
- Health equity: All Alliance initiatives will use a health equity lens as they carry out their work. Many steps are being taken to enhance the staff's knowledge, understanding and application of health equity.
- Grants and partnerships: The Alliance is targeting new grant opportunities to support the work of asthma, emergency care, oral health and Reach Out and Read.
- Score card: as the Alliance's current scorecard comes to a close in 2020, preparations will be made for future measurement of the Alliance's work and success.
- Sustainability of ROR WI: A key priority is to secure funding to sustain and grow the ROR WI program, primarily through health systems and state funding.
- Alliance Advisory Board membership: Attention will be devoted to recruiting new Board members and prioritizing areas of expertise and diversity. Dr. Gerlach volunteered to work with Karen on a plan for Board recruitment.

Agenda for the February 28, 2020 Advisory Board meeting

The following items were discussed as potential meeting topics:

- Legislative update on dental therapy and how current federal activities could affect our work
- 2020 Alliance priorities
- Alliance “upstream” efforts
- Presentation by Jeanne Ayers, DHS, on health equity

Kathy Clark and Laura Rose volunteered to work with Karen on setting the agenda

2020 meeting dates

Executive Council: 7:30 am – 8:30 am unless otherwise noted

January 16 (Karen will cancel if no agenda items)

April 23

June 11 (potential evening meeting before Advisory Board on June 12)

August 20

December 3

Advisory Board:

February 28

June 12

September 25

There being no further business or discussion to consider, Dr. Mahr wished everyone a wonderful and safe holiday. A motion by Jay Shrader, seconded by Kathy to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Ordinans