



Director’s Advisory Council (DAC) on Local Public Health Meeting

**May 20, 2015
MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Nicholas Hughey (in person)	Jodi Waltman (in person)
Becky Hunt (in person)	Elizabeth Gibson (phone)
Stacey Cox (in person)	Olivia “Jean” McBride (in person)
Andrew Warlen (phone)	Bret Siefert (phone)
Doug Dodson (phone)	Robert Niezgodka (phone)
Dan Pekarek (phone)	
Bruce Jenkins (in person)	

PRESENTERS

Gail Vasterling
 Steven Ramsey
 Harold Kirbey
 Susan White
 Jeff Zoellner
 Rachelle Collinge

Angie Hittson (phone), Scott Clardy (phone), Mahree Skala, Jackie McCoy (Recorder), and 14 additional guests were also in attendance.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions <i>Becky Hunt, DAC Chair, Administrator, Madison County Health Department</i>	The meeting was called to order by Becky Hunt, Chair, followed by a welcome and introductions. Becky congratulated Taney County Health Department for achieving national accreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).	
DHSS Updates <i>Gail Vasterling, Director, Department of Health and Senior Services</i>	<p>Director Vasterling announced the Department of Health and Senior Services’ (DHSS) PHAB site visit scheduled for July is being rescheduled for September or October. She also shared the retirement of Mary Hoskins, Chief of the Office of Human Resources after 32 years with the department. Carrie Haley has accepted the role as Chief beginning May 26.</p> <p><u>Budget Update</u> The truly agreed and finally passed (TAFP) FY16 budget ended up with the following General Revenue cuts: a 4% cut to the DHSS, 6% to the Department of Social Services (DSS) and 4% to the Department of Mental Health (DMH). The attached DHSS FY-16 TAFP Budget document shows in red where the cuts were made. The expressed purpose of</p>	Budget attachment

the cuts were to bend the cost curve on the Medicaid program; actually it increased the cost with increasing provider rates by 3%. The money for Core Public Health realized no cuts. Gail announced that this is a tribute to the LPHAs ongoing advocacy in letting representatives and senators know how important this money is.

Legislative Updates

Steven Ramsey, Director of the Office of Governmental Policy and Legislation, reviewed several bills of interest to the LPHAs.

SB 500--deregulates inspection of honey.

HB 618 Death Certification Bill – expands who may perform medical certification, does not provide for a limitation on to whom the task of data entry can be delegated, and provides immunity for data entry persons.

SB 354 mandates DHSS to provide expensive amino acid formula, subject to appropriation.

The expectation is that we can use the Maternal Child Health (MCH) federal block grant to provide the funding, however this is not the case. This bill is pushed by one of Scott Mar's client. The question was brought up regarding how this would work with WIC special formula and a component of the children with the Special Health Care Needs program. It is Steven's understanding that anyone who is eligible for this formula can look to DHSS for funding. It was mentioned that the middle class parents who have insurance may potentially cause problems. Harold said they have been talking to Nebraska who maintains a 50/50 cost sharing program and saw low participation. Nebraska also had a family cap of \$12,000 a year. Harold said if we get appropriation money for this bill the department will handle it like the PKU formula, where we would work with the distributors and purchase it directly from manufactures.

SB 341--Two portions are of interest to the LPHAs. 1) Upon request, a licensed childcare facility must provide a parent, information regarding if any children have an exemption from getting immunized, and; 2) Mandates a

LPHAs are asked to identify issues caused by any of the new

	<p>Safe Sleep Policy for childcare facilities for those children under the age of one year. HB 531 requires childproof containers for liquid nicotine products.</p> <p>Steven also mentioned a number of awareness days that were passed. The complete list of TAFP bills can be found at: http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R.</p> <p>Becky asked, that if issues arise which agencies believe need to be addressed in the next legislative session, to please write an SBAR or white paper specifically updating what needs to be changed and e-mail the document to Jo Anderson.</p>	<p>legislation or existing state statutes and describe what needs to be changed.</p>
<p>DCPH Update <i>Harold Kirbey, Director, Division of Community and Public Health</i></p>	<p><u>Personnel Changes</u> Harold announced that Melinda Sanders' responsibilities are changing from the Division Deputy Director to the Administrator of the Section for Special Health Services. Kerri Tesreau has assumed the Interim Deputy Director position. The Deputy Director position will be filled in the future. Belinda Heimericks retired and Steve Cramer has accepted the Administrator position for the Section for Community Health and Chronic Disease Prevention. Jon Bos is the Interim Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention. Eric Hueste has moved from the Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention to be the Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Health Services. Mindy Laughlin is now the Administrator for the Section for Environmental Public Health.</p> <p><u>Malware Attacks</u> Rachelle Collinge reminded LPHAs to use safety when opening any e-mail and to not open emails from unknown addresses. If in doubt, forward the email to ITSD. ITSD has been notifying us of repeated attacks by hackers. Harold also reminded the DAC that even if you are on an approved site, be very cautious on what you are clicking on. Don't download things onto your computer unless it is approved.</p>	<p>Please make all staff aware to not open emails or click on attachments from unknown senders. If in doubt, forward the email to Cyber.Security@oa.mo.gov.</p>

<p>2014 Missouri WIC Participant-Centered Services Assessment and WIC Policy Revisions <i>Susan White, Chief, Bureau of WIC and Nutrition Services</i></p>	<p>Susan presented an overview of WIC policy revisions. The majority of the policies that are being updated in the WIC Operations Manual (WOM) are nutrition risk criteria. New language is shown in highlights on the shared policies.</p> <p>If the program would have to go to a waiting list there is a risk factor summary sheet that lists all the risk factors and how they fall summary wise if we were to use a waiting list. Susan discussed the policy changes to come into compliance with the Management Evaluation (ME). USDA has instituted an office of program integrity in FNS. Their job is to provide guidance and support to State Agencies in regards to fraud. USDA recently sent out a draft of the revision to the separation of duties policy. States have voiced the concern that the requirement to the separation of duties policy to increase records review from the current two times per year to once a month is an administrative burden. Susan has heard back from most LPHAs regarding the written notice of eligibility and the verbal notice to end certification. WICNS is looking at other options to use MOWINs instead of paper.</p> <p>Nick Hughey mentioned that Washington County Health Department was under a Medicaid audit and Nick worked with Susan to accommodate all the requests. There were many obstacles which were problematic. Nick researched and found that USDA regulations allow the Director of DHSS to write a letter authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share designated information between agencies.</p> <p>Harold responded to Nick's request and stated that Director Vasterling is reviewing a draft letter regarding this and other WIC data concerns.</p> <p>Susan stated that they are getting closer to their eWIC pilot. WICNS is still working with the enhancement contractor to build the technology side of it. Susan hopes to have the interface delivered in the Spring 2016. Susan shared with the DAC the following guidelines</p>	
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	<p>to decide where the pilots will be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic location (near state offices) • Good mix of vendors • Good mix of equipment • Multiple size clinics • Stable participant-base <p>Susan identified 9 counties in the mid-Missouri region where they will be starting. Once DHSS receives the Power of Attorney (POA) then they will announce the counties in the WIC Updates the week of June 1.</p> <p>Susan had a private consulting firm who works with WIC to come in and do a Participant Centers Services Assessment. They looked at the state and 4 local agencies to give them an assessment of what they are doing well and what are our opportunity for growth. So from their recommendations, WIC formed a strategic planning group. At this time Susan is thinking of forming a WIC Advisory Group. Also, she will be looking at mentoring system. These may be implemented in this year's state plan. The state plan should be out for public comment in July.</p> <p>With restrictions on many LPHAs, Jodi Waltman asked if it would be possible for WIC to take questions/comments on a chat room. Susan mentioned a grant opportunity funded by CDC and is called Community Partners for Healthy Mothers and Children. The call for applications will be in June.</p>	
<p>Follow-up Emergency Sheltering Caches Discussion <i>Rachelle Collinge, Public Health Nursing Manager, Center for Local Public Health Services</i></p>	<p>Rachelle stated that the SBAR regarding the Emergency Sheltering Caches was sent out previously. She presented a spreadsheet of highlighted Regions with caches not located in local public health department. Rachelle asked for reports by regions where the caches are stored by LPHAs.</p> <p><u>CLPHS – MCH Services Program Proposed Changes for Compliance with the Omni Circular</u></p> <p>Rachelle discussed how the Omni Circular will be changing the MCH Services contract requirements. We will be moving from a fixed price contract to a cost-reimbursement due to the circular requirements. All fixed price</p>	<p>DHSS will follow up with DAC representatives who have not reported for their region.</p>

	<p>contracts require federal approval from the grant agency and may not be greater than \$150,000. Changing to cost reimbursement MCH Services contracts will require a redesign of the Missouri Public Health Invoicing and Reporting system (MOPHIRS), and completing the redesign prior to the start of the FFY16 may not be possible. Hard copies may be required at the start of FFY16 until the redesign is complete. Training will be provided.</p>	
<p>PHEP Contracts <i>Jeff Zoellner, Office Chief for OFABS</i></p>	<p>Jeff Zoellner provided an update on the grant management work for the PHEP contract. These contracts will be coming to the LPHAs shortly and they, too, have had changes due to the implementation of the new Omni Circular. LPHAs are used to charging up to 8% for your indirect cost. The Omni Circular now allows up to 10% Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) to be charged as indirect cost. Some agencies have submitted budgets for either no indirect or a lesser rate to allow more funding for direct programmatic costs. When we receive the budgets from the LPHAs for the next year's contract, DHSS grants management staff are converting the indirect budget costs to a percentage that equals the amount they have requested. Harold clarified that this is based on the LPHAs' request and we are not putting an arbitrary percentage in.</p>	
	<p><u>Closing Remarks Discussion</u> Becky addressed the group about Jo's e-mail regarding the DAC Public Health Workgroup and subcommittees needing volunteers for this 15 to 18 month project. This workgroup will start around July 1. If you are interested, please contact Jo Anderson.</p> <p><u>Elections and DAC Membership</u> Becky reported that during June, elections for the DAC membership will be conducted for Regions C, F, G, H, and I. Becky announced that everyone who is currently on the DAC is eligible for reelection. Watch for nominations forms from Brenda Buschjost.</p>	<p>If you are interested, please contact Jo Anderson.</p>

	<p><u>Other</u> Mahree Skala announced the NACCHO National Annual Conference on July 8 – 9 and is being held in Kansas City. There are 126 Missouri participants registered already. The MoALPHA/MPHA/DHSS Fall Conference will be held on September 22 – 24, 2015 at Stoney Creek in Columbia.</p> <p>DHSS will again host a Public Health Conference in March next year.</p>	<p>Please email suggestions for DHSS’ spring Public Health Conference topics to Brenda Buschjost at Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov or Sheila Reed at Sheila.Reed@health.mo.gov.</p>
Next Meeting:	August 19, 2015	