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PROGRAM/GROUP: Public Health Council – Policy Committee
MEETING TITLE: PHC Policy Committee Meeting
LOCATION: 1-877-820-7831 / Participant Passcode: 767377#
DATE/ TIME: Thursday, March 5 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Context: (Purpose, Vision, Mission, Goal):

<p><i>The Public Health Council was created by 2003 Wisconsin Act 186 (Wis. Stat. §15.197[13]). By statute, the Council's purpose is to advise the Department of Health Services, the Governor, the Legislature and the public on progress in implementing the state's 10-year public health plan and coordination of responses to public health emergencies.</i></p>	
<p>Meeting Facilitator: Alan Schwartzstein, Policy Committee Chair</p>	<p>Meeting Recorder: Ruth Sullivan / Mimi Johnson</p>

Agenda:

Time:	Topic:	Lead:	Notes/Follow-up:
4:00 pm	Roll Call and Introductions		<p>The meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:05 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members present: Alan Schwartzstein, Catoya Roberts, Laura Rose, Ann Hoffmann, Terry Brandenburg Members absent: Tatiana Maida, Darlene Weis State Staff present: Ruth Sullivan, Mimi Johnson
4:05 pm	Public Comment		<p>There was no public comment.</p>
4:10 –4:50 pm	<p>Policy Committee Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve 6/21/2019 Policy Committee minutes Discuss request on vaping from 2/7/2020 Public Health Council meeting Discuss next steps and scheduling next meeting Decision on next steps 	<p>Alan Schwartzstein ALL</p>	<p>1. The June 21, 2019 Policy Committee minutes were moved to be approved. There was no discussion; the minutes were approved unanimously.</p> <p>2. On February 7, 2020 the Public Health Council requested that the Policy Committee collect information from different sources on vaping, study what can be found, and provide a recommendation on what should be done. The recommendations from the committee should be in a written, ready to go format for discussion at the May 8, 2020 Public Health Council meeting.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Terry Brandenburg recommended that the committee moves forward using the process that was previously defined in 2019. Ms. Laura Rose asked for clarification about the scope of the committee's work. Dr. Alan Schwartzstein and Mr. Brandenburg emphasized that while it is not a written, required expectation, the Council wants to be a nonpartisan body. The group wants to



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			<p>provide evidence-based recommendations around public health issues related to their charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee had discussion around the legislative season and how it is unlikely there will be further action in the current session. They discussed making recommendations that are not legislative related, such as to the secretary for the department to consider. A budget ask is also an opportunity, or to recommend a legislative council on the topic. • Of materials shared with the committee, Ms. Rose stated a preference for the tri-agency paper from the heart, cancer, and lung. • Ms. Catoya Roberts agreed, stating that she liked having a clear direct ask in the message. • Dr. Ann Hoffman agreed with the recommendations and added that there is no safe level of nicotine for youth. This should be made clear in the recommendation. • The committee raised questions. How many studies are available on youth vaping use? What findings are available on second and third hand vapor? The DHS Tobacco Prevention and Control Program will be asked to provide additional information or participate in future calls. • Dr. Schwartzstein held a key informant interview with Dr. Michael Fiore from the UW-Canter for Tobacco Research and Intervention. The discussion included a recommendation for a broader perspective beyond vapor products, including all tobacco products and to address increased use in those under the age of 21. Use of tobacco products in people under the age of 21 is of great danger because the brain is still developing. • Dr. Schwartzstein also conducted a key informant interview with Dr. Patrick Remington from the UW-Madison Department of Population Health Sciences. Dr. Remington opposed a ban of e-cigarettes and stated that it is unclear if e-cigarettes will cause more harm than traditional cigarettes. It was discussed that some believe e-cigarettes can help with cessation of other tobacco products. • Mr. Brandenburg noted that the committee should look for additional resources from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). <p>3. The committee discussed next steps and the next meeting schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All are available for a virtual meeting on March 17 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. A poll will be sent out to the rest of the members to check availability. <p>4. The committee agreed to move forward with steps to have a policy statement available by the May 8, 2020 Public Health Council meeting.</p>
4:50 – 5:00 pm	Wrap-up and Adjourn	Alan Schwartzstein	The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



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