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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2020

10:00 am – 11:00 am

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DRAFT MINUTES

- I. **Call to order, introductions – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun**
The October 2020 PHAC was called to order at 10:00 by Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Chair. The roll was taken, and a quorum of voting members was present.
- II. **Review and adopt September 2020 Meeting minutes – All**
Kevin Sweeney motioned to approve the September 2020 PHAC Meeting Minutes. Brian Hartl seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. **MDHHS COVID Updates**
 - a. **Departmental Response – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun**
Dr. Khaldun provided an overview of recent MDHHS COVID-19 Updates. Most recently, the Michigan Supreme Court found Governor Whitmer did not have the authority to issue the Executive Orders for COVID-19 since April 30, 2020. The Public Health response is still to save lives, conduct testing, contact tracing, and investigations. MDHHS has issued an epidemic order to continue many of the provisions that were in the Governor’s Executive Orders.

The state is at its highest rates of case, in addition to hospitalizations and deaths.
 - b. **Behavioral Health – Dr. Debra Pinals**
MDHHS continues to support their SAMHSA and FEMA funded Crisis Counseling Program. This funds crisis counseling for the COVID hotline available to everyone in Michigan. There is also active outreach for targeted populations within the state.

In the last two weeks of this meeting, there has been more than 2000 hits to the Michigan.gov/staywell website.
 - c. **Local Health Services – Laura de la Rambilje**
Local Health Departments have been engaging with DHHS on the rapid changes by the Supreme Court Ruling. Many health departments have issued their own orders and rescinded them as a result of Director Gordon’s issuance.

IV. **Statewide Drinking Water Concern System – Ninah Sasy**

Ninah Sasy presented an overview of the new Drinking Water Concern System. Please contact Ninah for additional details or a copy of the presentation.

V. **PHAC Updates – James Bell**

a. 2020/2021 PHAC Annual Report

The 2020/2021 PHAC Annual Report is in development. The 2021 update is focused on COVID-19 and the PHAC's involvement. The initial draft will be available for review at the November Meeting with a goal for submission in January 2021.

b. PHAC Strategic Planning Next Steps

Eric Adelman gave an overview of the Funding Workgroup – advocating for the funding formula. The group is interested in meeting to identify next steps and other charges that should be considered.

James Bell and Denise Chrysler gave an overview of the Organization Workgroup – identifying opportunities to use health and equity in all policies within the public health system.

James Bell provided the overview for the Emerging Public Health Workgroup – providing recommendations for preparing and responding to emerging health threats.

PHAC Members should reach out to James Bell to join one of the Workgroups – Funding, Organization, Emerging Public Health by the end of next week.

VI. **Emerging Public Health Issues**

Denise Chrysler mentioned the challenges with open meetings act during the pandemic and how that has been impacted. The Governor's Office is currently reviewing how to best support the during this time.

Annette Mercatante mentioned purple heroin has been discovered in the upper peninsula and additional information is requested.

Dr. Khaldun provided an update on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) – the spraying was a mitigation strategy to prevent transmission. As new cases emerge, it is reflected on the website.

VII. **Other Updates**

Kevin Sweeney (MSP) and Sean Dunleavy (MDARD) introduced themselves to the PHAC as new state department representatives.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Annette Mercatante motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sean Dunleavy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am. The meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Next Meeting:
November 13, 2020
Time: TBD

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October 2020 PHAC Attendance Report

	Name	Voting Member	Present	Not Present
1	Cynthia Aaron	X		
2	Eric Adelman	X	X	
3	James Averill	X		
4	James Baker	X		
5	Denise Chrysler	X		
6	Sean Dunleavy	X	X	
7	Kathleen Forzley	X		
8	Steve Gobbo	X		
9	Brian Hartl	X	X	
10	Larry Horvath	X	X	
11	Jennifer Johnson	X		
12	Joneigh Khaldun	X	X	
13	Rory Lafferty	X	X	
14	Dianne Malburg	X	X	
15	Sandy McGovern	X	X	
16	Annette Mercatante	X	X	
17	Eric Oswald	X	X	
18	James Rutherford	X	X	
19	Ninah Sasy	X		
20	Kristen Schweighofer	X	X	
21	Michelle Styma	X		
22	Kevin Sweeney	X	X	
23	Dennis Whitford	X		
24	Jamie Zaniewski	X		
	Carl Hammaker/AG			
	Debra Pinals/DHHS		X	
	Katherine Bennett/ AG			
	James Bell/DHHS		X	
	Laura de la Rambilje/DHHS		X	