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Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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MINUTES

I. Call to order, introductions – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

Dr. Khaldun called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Review and adopt February 2021 meeting minutes – All

Linda Vail motioned to accept the minutes from the February 2021 Public Health Advisory Council meeting. Kristen Schweighoefer seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. MDHHS COVID-19 Updates

a. Departmental Response – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

Michigan has announced the plan for ramp up and eligibility groups for vaccinations. There is a new partnership with FEMA, Henry Ford, Meijer, City of Detroit, and other local health departments in the southeast parts of the state. This includes 6000 shots per day, 7 days per week for 8 weeks.

Starting Monday, residents aged 50 and older and those 16+ with co-morbidities and disabilities and their caregivers and essential frontline workers can get vaccinated.

Two of the COVID-19 variants have been identified within the state.

b. Local Health Services – Laura de la Rambilje

Accreditation remains paused and local health departments continue to be engaged in vaccination efforts.

c. Behavioral Health – Dr. Debra Pinals

There have been recent studies published highlighting behavioral and COVID-19. Persons with schizophrenia have a high mortality rate compared to general population, and second to older adults with co-occurring conditions. There has been continued effort with adult foster care (AFCs) and Home for the Aged about managing for COVID-19 and supporting this workforce.

There have been meetings with CDC representatives highlighting Michigan as a success story

IV. PHAC Workgroup Report Outs

- a. Policy – Rory Lafferty
 - i. There is Significant interest from this group on the social determinants. COVID encouraged many institutions to recognize health inequities and disparities and ensuring populations have what they need.
 - ii. Many of the challenges faced from a policy context included lack of resources for Local Health Departments, lack of access to broadband and a firm understanding of agencies are legally positioned to accomplish.
 - iii. Next steps – mapping out specific recommendations and hearing from Local Health Services on some of the current activities taking place to incorporate into the report.
- b. Data/Technology – Linda Vail
 - i. Benefitted heavily from collaboration for data informatics through University of Michigan and having statewide dashboards.
 - ii. Saw opportunities to improve communication between various stakeholders/partners – jails, CBOs, hospitals etc. Also looking at how various fields were not initially available for capturing around race data or
 - iii. Spoke to the fact there is no registry for vaccination, and the challenges with existing databases.
 - iv. Will begin to document some of the best practices and resources for agencies to catalyze community-wide dialogue and inform future strategies.
- c. Public Health Challenges – Dianne Malburg
 - i. Highlighted economic impacts, suicide prevention, impacts to immunization.
 - ii. Recognized the underfunding of public health to address the many of these dips in service utilization.
 - iii. Interested in mobilizing stakeholder groups where vast disparities exist, focusing on consistent messaging and building trust in government despite challenges and changes.

V. Emerging Public Health Issues

There were discussions regarding ebola, mental health concerns as a result of COVID-19 quarantines, methamphetamines, and overall vaccination levels.

VI. Other Updates

- a. Microsoft Teams Migration – James Bell III
The Public Health Advisory Council is migrating to Microsoft Teams for the document library. Invitations will be sent to PHAC members so they can collaborate on the COVID-19 Mid Action Report.

- b. Combined 2019-2020 PHAC Annual Report – James Bell III
The 2019-2020 Public Health Advisory Council Annual Report has been shared with PHAC members.

VII. Adjourn

Annette Mercatante motioned to adjourn the March 2021 Public Health Advisory Council Meeting. Sean Dunleavy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

The meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Next Meeting:

April 20, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

March 2021 PHAC Attendance Report

| | Name | Voting Member | Present | Not Present |
|----|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Eric Adelman | X | X | |
| 2 | James Averill | X | | |
| 3 | James Baker | X | X | |
| 4 | Shenlin Chen | X | X | |
| 5 | Denise Chrysler | X | X | |
| 6 | Jayne DeBoer-Rowse | X | | |
| 7 | Cheryl Dickson | X | | |
| 8 | Sean Dunleavy | | X | |
| 9 | Denise Fair | X | X | |
| 10 | Kathleen Forzley | X | | |
| 11 | Steve Gobbo | X | | |
| 12 | Brian Hartl | X | X | |
| 13 | Larry Horvath | | X | |
| 14 | Jean Ingersoll | | | |
| 15 | Joneigh Khaldun | X | X | |
| 16 | Justin Klamerus | X | X | |
| 17 | Rory Lafferty | X | X | |
| 18 | Dianne Malburg | X | X | |
| 19 | Annette Mercatante | X | X | |
| 20 | Anthony Oliveri | X | X | |
| 21 | Eric Oswald | | X | |
| 22 | Tanya Rule | X | | |
| 23 | Ninah Sasy | | | |
| 24 | Kristen Schweighoefer | X | X | |
| 25 | Michelle Styma | X | | |
| 26 | Kevin Sweeney | X | X | |
| 27 | Linda Vail | X | X | |
| 28 | Dennis Whitford | X | | |
| 29 | Jamie Zaniewski | X | X | |
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| | Carl Hammaker/AG | | | |
| | Debra Pinals/DHHS | | | |
| | Katherine Bennett/ AG | | | |
| | James Bell/DHHS | | | |
| | Laura de la Rambelje/DHHS | | | |
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