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Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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AGENDA

I. Call to order, introductions – Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian

Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian called the October 2021 Public Health Advisory Council Meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

The role was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Review and adopt July 2021 and September 2021 meeting minutes – All

Linda Vail motioned to approve the July 2021 and September 2021 Public Health Advisory Council meeting minutes. Justin Klamerus seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. MDHHS COVID-19 Updates

a. Departmental Response – Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian

Dr. Bagdasarian provided an update on key COVID-19 metrics. Highlights from Dr. Bagdasarian's presentation include:

- Michigan's statewide positive increased 11.3% (last week 11.2%)
- The case rate has increased to 315.7 cases/million
- Michigan is at a high transmission level
- The number of active outbreaks is up 3% from last week

b. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Debra Pinals

The Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration continues to have discussion on crisis services for behavioral health emergencies including MiCAL (Michigan Crisis Access Line) that is being piloted in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula with an expansion over the next fiscal year. There is also a planned integration of that number into the 988 service.

c. **Local Health Services – Laura de la Rambelje**

Since the last time the Public Health Advisory Council met, a budget has been finalized. There were challenges attached some of the provisions attached to funding for local health departments. For example: if a Local Health Department had a mask mandate without the voice vote support of their Commission or Board of Health, the state was being requested to hold those funds. It was later determined that this was unenforceable and unconstitutional. The funds will continue to flow to local health departments.

There are 11 health departments with mask mandates of some form in place. Local Health Services is working with the CDC Foundation to provide surge staffing scheduled through June 2022.

IV. Open Meetings Act Discussion – Katherine Bennett

Katherine Bennett reintroduced herself to the Council. The Open Meetings Act does not apply to the Council. There was a decision by the Council to add language to the bylaws to encourage public participation.

The Council is interested in keeping the meetings virtual/remote but also want to find a way to secure public participation. Additional discussion will be needed on how the Council wants to go forward with returning to in-person meetings.

V. Public Health Advisory Council Orientation – Kristen Schweighofer

Kristen Schweighofer led a discussion reviewing the history of the Public Health Advisory Council. The initial recommendations were centered around Investment, Collaboration, and Accreditation. The highest priorities are listed in the initial report found [here](#).

Eric Adelman recommended the group should review the Initial Recommendations and seeing how the group could reinvigorate activities around the initial mission and vision of the Council.

VI. MALPH Collaboration Next Steps – Dr. James Bell

A draft letter has been written for supporting the local health departments and included the meeting materials. PHAC Members can modify and edit the document based on their target audience.

VII. Emerging Public Health Issues

a. ALE Washtenaw

Kristen Schweighofer reported there is an Action Level Exceedance for Lead in Washtenaw County.

b. Public Health Workforce

Linda Vail mentioned the challenges with public health workforce leaving the field and recommended looking at the Public Health Code .

VIII. Other Updates

a. Action Items – Dr. James Bell

The Council will review the bylaws to reflect the group will be meeting virtually.

IX. Adjourn

The October 2021 Public Health Advisory Council Meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Next Meeting:

November 16, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

October 2021 PHAC Attendance Report

	Name	Voting Member	Present	Not Present
1.	Eric Adelman	X	X	
2.	James Averill	X	X	
3.	Natasha Bagdasarian	X	X	
4.	James Baker	X	X	
5.	Shenlin Chen	X	X	
6.	Denise Chrysler	X	X	
7.	Jayne DeBoer-Rowse	X	X	
8.	Cheryl Dickson	X	X	
9.	Denise Fair	X		
10.	Brian Hartl	X	X	
11.	Justin Klamerus	X	X	
12.	Rory Lafferty	X	X	
13.	Dianne Malburg	X	X	
14.	Annette Mercatante	X	X	
15.	Anthony Oliveri	X	X	
16.	Tanya Rule	X	X	
17.	Kristen Schweighofer	X	X	
18.	Michelle Styma	X		
19.	Linda Vail	X	X	
20.	Jamie Zaniewski	X	X	
	Sean Dunleavy (MDARD)		X	
	Eric Oswald (EGLE)		X	
	Alexis Travis (DHHS)			
	Larry Horvath (LARA)			
	Jacqueline Hampton (MSP)		X	
	Carl Hammaker/AG			
	Debra Pinals/DHHS			
	Katherine Bennett/ AG			
	Laura de la Rambelje/DHHS		X	
	Robert Orellano			