

**Missouri Women’s Health Council**  
**Webex**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 31, 2022**

<b>Members Present</b>	Sue Kendig, Bridget McCandless, Ebony January, Sandra Jackson, Huvona Watkins, Brenda Higgins, Megan Simmons, Karen Edison, Katie Towns, Denise Wilfley
<b>Members Absent</b>	Karlyle Christian Ritter, Mary McLennan, Denise Willers, Wendy Doyle, Katherine Matthews, Melissa Terry
<b>Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Staff</b>	Paula Nickelson, Sarah Ehrhard Reid, Tracy Henson, Martha Smith, Ashlie Otto, Pat Simmons, Lori Brenneke
<b>Department of Social Services Staff (DSS)</b>	Jessica Dresner, Kirk Mathews
<b>Department of Mental Health</b>	Jennifer Johnson, Christine Smith
<b>Guests</b>	Michelle Trupiano

<b>Topic/Presenter</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sue asked for introductions.
<b>Department of Health and Senior Services Update</b>	<p>Acting Director Nickelson gave an update on the budget process and the things the Council would be interested in. She talked about a national model called foundational public health services. In 2023 they anticipate kicking off a project around accountability measures. They would like to incentivize local public health to become accredited with an annual increase in their dollars. They need to do some training with their administrators and would ask them to do some required annual trainings. They want to encourage the partnership with boards of health and county commissioners, or city commissioners and their administrators, so they are partnering with their association of counties to provide required annual training to the county or city commissioners as well as the board of health. They are also talking about regionalized staffing support to help some of the smaller communities.</p> <p>They are interested in doing something around maternal mortality. Martha Smith and Ashley Otto have given them some great information around the five domains of maternal mortality. They would be interested in looking at standardizing some of the quality care protocols. They are also looking at proposing that they look at lead screening levels. The current genetic advisory council is appointed by the Governor and they are hoping to change that statutes and have that appointed to their Department.</p> <p>They were collaborating with a large group that were involved in looking at future of workforce or public health for health care. They have sent a published recommendation report in July to the Governor. He has not released it yet, but they are following through with a number of the recommendations in there.</p> <p>They anticipate in the next year launching a master plan on aging. Acting Director</p>

	<p>Nickelson talked about an opioid summit that is planned for late November with a wide variety of partners. Ashlie Otto talked about the PAMR report.</p> <p>Question: Denise Wilfley – where does obesity fall? Prevention or chronic disease.</p> <p>Answer: Acting Director Nickelson – organizationally for us it fits within our Division of Community and Public Health and in the Section for Chronic Disease Prevention.</p> <p>Question: Megan Simmons – The question is related to the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) report on the section about discrimination that said that Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had added a selection of variables to help measure discrimination in healthcare. Could anyone share a link or some more information on how they are measuring that and what the variables look like related to that. Ashlie Otto will send Sarah the information to share with the Council.</p> <p>Sarah announced that since the last meeting the Division has restructured women’s health. They have moved from the Section for Women’s Health and are now the Office of Women’s Health. Sarah is now the chief of the Office of Women’s Health. Pat Simmons is the Assistant Deputy Director for their Division. Sarah will send Bridget the current copy of the organization chart. Sarah gave a summary of each of their new programs.</p>
<p><b>Department of Social Services Update</b></p>	<p>Jessica Dresner talked about the early childhood interventions. She indicated that Dr. Eric Martin is their Director of Behavioral Health at MO HealthNet. He sent her a note that he’s got a group called the MED group. States can join on to that group and each year they can nominate a topic for Medicaid and CHIP. When a topic is nominated and accepted the MED group does research on it, and then is able to present that back to the States. Missouri nominated the topic of Medicaid and CHIP coverage options for early childhood mental health consultation and this is on the July to December 22 work plan. Another topic on the work plan is strategies for integrating early intervention services with Medicaid. The will see what that group has to present.</p> <p>Jessica gave an update about Telemedicine and the PHE unwinding. Sue asked if Jessica could send Sarah the list she spoke about as well as the statutory information. Sue asked for Sarah and Tracy if they get notices of those webinars to send them out to the Council.</p> <p>Jessica mentioned she needs to do more follow up around home visits. She also made a note for the next meeting perhaps asking Director Evans to talk about some of the items that were in the priorities document.</p> <p>In the priorities document one of the items had to do with the LARKS and the policy around that, especially for women who are dual eligible. She wanted to know if that was followed through and is there anything else you need from her on that? Sue didn’t believe an answer has come to the Council.</p> <p>They put in to place their bio psycho, social treatment for obesity program. They have been talking with Josh Moore, pharmacy director as well. Traditionally they have not covered weight loss drugs. Jessica also talked about physical therapy.</p>

	Kirk Matthews gave an update on the transformation office. Questions and answers followed. He also gave an update on the Civilla project.
<b>Department of Mental Health</b>	Jennifer Johnson and Christine Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Crisis Continuum in Missouri. Sue asked Sarah and Tracy if they can have some conversation to assure that their women's services director be invited to the Council meetings to listen in and provide input.
<b>Discussion of Priorities</b>	They have moved the timing of the report so it synchronizes better with the department. They will hold this one for the following year. A discussion of policy priorities followed.
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	TBD