

Missouri Women’s Health Council
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Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2021

Members Present	Eboni January, Colleen Coble, Karlyle Christian Ritter, Karen Edison, Sue Kendig, Bridget McCandless, Melissa Terry, Denise Wilfley, Wendy Doyle, Mary McLennan, Sandra Jackson
Members Absent	Paula Baker, Sherry Maxwell, Katherine Mathews, Katie Towns, Emily van Schenkhof, Rachel Winograd, Denise Willers
Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Staff	Randall Williams, Martha Smith, Sarah Ehrhard Reid, Tracy Henson
Department of Social Services Staff (DSS)	Jessica Dresner, Teresa Wortmann, Terri Woodward
Guests	

Topic/Presenter	Discussion
Welcome	Sue Kendig welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Introductions and updates followed.
Department of Health and Senior Services Update	<p>Dr. Williams provided an update on COVID-19. Missouri is second lowest in the country of cases per 100,000 over the last seven days. Dr. Williams shared there will be an influx of vaccine the first week of April. Tier 3 will open up on Monday, March 15, 2021.</p> <p>Dr. Williams is preparing a plan for the Governor to spend five hundred million dollars for public health over the next three years in Missouri. It will revolve around three buckets which are: COVID as it stands now, COVID as it could become, and Capacity. Bridget McCandless asked who else is helping think about this rare and unique opportunity. Dr. Williams indicated that they are having conversations with the Local Public Health Departments and that it has a tight timeline. Email any thoughts or ideas on this to Dr. Williams. Bridget will put together a document to send to Dr. Williams. Colleen Coble asked if the plan is in addition to the plan for the previous fifty five million that was awarded in December. Dr. Williams indicated it would be fifty-five million for vaccines and three hundred fifty-five million for epidemiological and laboratory capacity, and that would not include food for children.</p>
Department of Social Services Update	Jessica Dresner introduced Teresa Wortmann who is a registered nurse with MO HealthNet who is the Maternal Health Coordinator. Jessica also introduced Terri Woodward who works with Teresa Wortmann. Terri submitted the targeted benefits for pregnant women waiver and is involved with the weekly calls with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Jessica was reviewing the Women’s Health Council Priorities document recommendations, and there are some social service items that are family support related. Jessica would like to have Kim Evans with the Family Support Division come to the next Women’s Health Council Meeting and discuss those items.

Jessica shared the link to the MO HealthNet Managed Care Enrollment Guide for the benefit package and what it looks like. They submitted the state plan amendment for eligibility, FMAT, and the benefit package and met the deadline by March 1, 2021. Jessica also shared the link for psychosocial treatment for obesity regulation and that it was published and will be effective March 30, 2021.

At a future Women's Health Council meeting Jessica would like to provide the Council some information around provider education.

Jessica mentioned they are still reviewing and ran some numbers around enrollment in the Extended Women's Health Services Program as well as looking at the numbers around the long acting reversible contraception and some of the other contraceptives they cover.

Terri Woodward has been having conversations with CMS about the targeted benefits waiver. Jessica mentioned that CMS is providing an opportunity to the states to provide 12 months of post-partum benefits.

They are looking at the recommendations around non-emergency medical transportation. When moms are taking the kids to a pediatric visit they can't take the father because of restrictions. Jessica indicated they can amend that to allow the visits.

Jessica shared information about the Civilla project and the streamlined application. Even though they are looking at a combined streamlined application, the state is required to have a Medicaid only, stand-alone application. The application was reviewed and it was advised it was approvable and they don't have to do a state plan amendment around it. They are still working on the streamlined combined new application which still needs communications and training. Colleen Coble asked if there is a coms plan for training and materials that convey the new systems to advocates in a huge range of programs and settings. Jessica indicated that after talking with Kim Evans, they have the plan in place and she thinks they may even have the materials ready. Colleen asked if it will go to the non-profit sector. Jessica shared that on the expansion side she was advised they will be ready to start doing provider and external stakeholder training in April. She is not sure how much that will overlap with the new application piece. Jessica will follow up with Kim Evans and she will email Sarah to share with the Council.

Sue Kendig welcomed Teresa Wortmann and asked her to introduce herself. Teresa Wortmann is the Maternal Health Coordinator for MO HealthNet. She works on maternal initiatives and new projects around how to improve maternity care in the state of Missouri. Teresa gave an overview of the projects she works on. She oversees four work groups. The social determinants of health work group has looked at food insecurity for women in the greater Kansas City area. The project was put on hold due to COVID. They are working on housing for their new project and they are working towards having a housing summit this year.

The next workgroup Teresa oversees is the maternal fetal infant health substance use disorders. They are in the process of developing a maternal mental health resource directory. The next project they will be working on is trauma informed care.

	<p>They just added the MFI NAS workgroup this year. The group will collaborate with the Children’s Division within the DSS around developing safe plans of care. The workgroup is developing a training for providers and a template for clinicians to use in their offices.</p> <p>The provider engagement workgroup is presenting at the NAS ECHO to let providers know what services are offered for maternity care.</p> <p>They have also applied to CMS to join the Post-partum Affinity Group. They are looking to do a quality improvement project around post-partum care in Missouri. They would like to look at equity in post-partum visits.</p>
<p>Section for Women’s Health Update</p>	<p>Sarah Ehrhard Reid introduced herself. She is the Women’s Health Initiative manager within the Section for Women’s Health. She gave some work history on her work here at the Department. Sarah shared the MoStopsCovid.com website with the Council. She will email the link to the Council. Sarah gave an overview of the different programs in the Section for Women’s Health. Sarah will send an email to the Council with the links for MoStopsCovid.com and the Women’s Health website. Jenay Divin is the new program manager for the Violence Prevention program.</p> <p>Martha Smith gave some insight into her background and how that fits with Title V. Martha is the Maternal Child Health (MCH) Director. She leads the Title V Block Grant of the Department of Health. Martha shared that the Title V Block Grant is the oldest public health program in the United States and gave some history on it. Every five years they are required to do a state-wide MCH needs assessment to determine the top priorities of the MCH populations in Missouri. She talked about the National and State priority areas.</p> <p>Sue asked if they could have Martha talk about what they found during the regional meetings and how that is impacting the Title V planning at a future Women’s Health Council meeting.</p>
<p>Other Items</p>	<p>Sue talked about the Council member terms and who has completed their term and who will remain on the Council. Sue asked that anyone who has not responded and would like to say what their requested term would be to email Sarah or Sue.</p> <p>The other focus is how they would like to fill the Council member vacancies and where the gaps are and looking at diversity. Sue indicated the Council will need to come up with a process where they can present to Dr. Williams, who appoints the Councils members, with a slate and rationale to support their nominations. Sue asked if there could be a sub-group that could look at the makeup of the Council and make recommendations as what gaps that need to be filled. Sandy Jackson would be willing to help with the subgroup as well as Wendy Doyle. Sue asked the group to look at the Council makeup, identify gaps, identify the types of individuals the Council would like to see and come up with a nomination form to be used by the council members to make recommendations of people to fill in the gaps. Sandra Jackson asked if there was a consideration of a consumer on the Council. Sue explained that when the Council started there were two consumer representatives. Sue recommended having more than one consumer on the Council. Sue asked Sandy Jackson if she could help with how to describe the consumer voice so they can bring a stronger consumer voice to the table. Sue</p>

	<p>would like the team to come up with a succession plan as well as a plan for how they will nominate people to the Council that can be presented to the Director. Also have a separate conversation on how else the Council can involve consumers. Mary McLennon asked that the Council send Sue suggestions of groups in the community engaged in care for the underserved or specific populations in need. Sue asked to send the recommendations within the next two weeks, and within the next month the group can look at that. Martha Smith recommended reaching out the Generate Health as their executive panel is made up of community members and leaders.</p> <p>The Missouri Hospital Association is doing a two-year Missouri Maternal-Infant Progress Report. Sue was asked to fill out a template around the Women’s Health Council’s activities. The council reviewed the template. Sarah Ehrhard Reid is the contact person. Sue asked the Council if the template was okay to send in for publication. It was agreed.</p> <p>Bridget McCandless asked if the Council needed to vote on the Women’s Health Council Policy Priorities document so that it can be submitted to the Department and becomes a public document the Council can share. Bridget gave an overview of the document. The document was approved by the Council. Sarah will send out the priorities document with an approved date. Bridget asked if the document is approved, will it get sent to Dr. Williams tomorrow. She also asked when the document will be public so the Council can use the document. Sarah will get the answer for Bridget’s questions and send the document for approval and let the Council know when it is approved.</p> <p>Sue asked to add a couple of ad hoc meetings and asked the council what their thoughts were. Sue indicated they will rely on the email listserv. Sarah asked to have a couple days of notice before having a meeting to be able to post the Open Meeting Notice. Sarah will reach out to Cheryl Kerr to speak to the Council in regards to the grant. Sue offered that the Uplift Connection is live and being updated all the time and there is a place for policy discussions there. Sue will send Sarah the contact for the Uplift Connection and she is going to send the email out to everyone. Colleen will forward information she gets from national groups to Sarah and Tracy.</p>
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
Next Meeting	June 23, 2021