

Meeting Minutes

Women's Health Initiatives Advisory Council Meeting
April 14, 2021

In Attendance

Dr. Anthone
Ashley Carroll
Dr. Drvol
Kathryn "Kate" Fiandt
Elizabeth Hallgren
Rachel Hays
Kayleigh Lewandowski
Elizabeth Mollard
Sara Morgan
Terra Uhing

Absent

Linda Becker
Cynthia Cusick
Sylvia Gregory Witherspoon
Susan Jeffrey
Marcia Merboth
Christine Guenther

Staff

Shirley Pickens-White
Christine Esch

Guest Speaker:

Michele Borg

Ellen Zoeller

Mary Larsen shared departing words with the Council. Ellen Zoeller called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Act Location Announcement: In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is located with the Office of Women's Health Initiative staff. The Women's Health Advisory Council Meeting Notice along with the agenda, posted on the Public Meeting Calendar – April 1, 2021.

Introductions, Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Introductions made by members and staff. One guest was also introduced:

Dr. Drvol made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the January 13, 2021. Kayleigh Lewandowski second the motion.

Vacancies Update:

Positions that are currently open or that will be coming open are:

Female Healthcare Consumer Age 18-30	Health Educator
Community Public Health District 1 and 2	Private Healthcare Industry Rep
Female Healthcare Consumer Ages 66-older	OB/GYN
Foundation Representative	Insurance Industry Rep
Mental Health Professional	Epidemiologist/Health Statistician
Geriatrics Physician or RN	Creighton University Medical Center Rep

Application information will be sent out to Council members to share with interested individuals.

Election of Chair and Co-Chair:

Duties of each position explained and nominations made. Council voted as follow:

- Rachel Hays- Chairperson
- Ashley Carroll-Co-Chairperson

Legislative Committee Update:

Ellen provided overview of the Legislative workgroup committee. A new Chairperson is needed. Kate Fiandt and Ashley Carroll showed interest in being on the Legislative Council. Ellen stated that Legislative session started with new bills in January of 2021, which is on a two year cycle. The bills that the Legislative Committee picked are:

- LB 187 Change definition of sexual penetration for purposes of sexual offenses.
- LB 249 Prohibit employers from inquiring about wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act.
- LB 374 Adopt the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act

Some of the other bills that the Legislative committee considered were:

- LB 360 Define and redefine terms relating to sexual assault offenses
- LB 519 Provide immunity from arrest and prosecution for certain drug and alcohol offenses for witnesses and victims of sexual assaults.
- LB 20 Provide for insurance coverage of and Medicaid access to prescribed contraceptives.
- LB 87 Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds
- LB 89 Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to medical and mental health care.

Strategic Planning:

Michele Borg discussed strategic planning. The first part of planning is how we can be intentional in:

- Identifying our Goals
- Prioritizing those Goals
- Taking Action to achieve those Goals, and
- Evaluating the Outcomes of those Actions

Some of the–Key Components are:

Mission	Action Plan
Vision	Strategies
Evaluate & Update	Goals & Objectives

The Vision Statement of the Women's Health Advisory Council shall be Healthy Women throughout Nebraska. The Mission Statement is to help women of all ages in Nebraska lead healthier lives, supported by a comprehensive system of coordinated services, policy development advocacy, and education.

- The second part of the planning would be Goals and Objectives. What does the Desired State of Women's Health look like?
- What does the Current State of Women's Health look like?
- Where are the Gaps?
- How do your Goals address Equity?
- Which Goals, within our Scope, are the Highest Priority?

The third part of the planning are the “Strategies”

- How do we get to where we want to be?
- In the “Short-Term”?
- In the “Long-Term”?

The fourth part of the planning is the “Action Plan” and they are:

- Tasks
- Due Dates
- Responsible Party(s)
- Partners
- Resources Needed
- Status of Tasks

The fifth part of planning is “Evaluation”

- Where are we today as far as where we want to be?
- Have we achieved the desired outcomes?

Follow-up:

Michele talked about doing a survey on some ideas and sending them out to the Council by early May.

Brainstorming for the next meeting:

Rachel Hays discussed some brainstorming ideas that could be on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Vacancies Update
- Legislative Update
- Discussion: Speaking with the Legislative Senators
- Nomination for the Chairperson with the Legislative workgroup committee
- Discussion: Speaker: Michele Borg
- Open discussion with the Council on what would be on the next agenda
- Discussion: Survey and Data Results for the “Strategic Planning”
- Public Comments

Follow-up:

Ashley stated that between now and the next meeting the Council discussion could be to:

- A. Put together a list of data sources or compile data briefs that they want to review
- B. Discussion: Review and Discuss the key points of the data.

The next Women’s Health Advisory Council meeting will be on July 14, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christine Esch