

**Women’s Health Initiative Advisory Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022**

The meeting of the Women’s Health Initiative Advisory Council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ashley Carroll, Co-Chair via WebEx. The meeting was held In-Person and via Web-Ex. The In-person located for the meeting was Conference Room LLC, of the Nebraska State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL (Introductions)

Members attending Via WebEx:

Amber Grob
Sara Morgan
Julie Tabor
Kailey Snyder
Celeste Illian
Ashley Carroll
Tami DeBonis
Victoria Vinton
Ebony Byars
Bethany Arnold

Members Absent:

Dr. Robert Drvol
Dr. Gary Anthone
Kathryn Fiandt
Samantha Kenning
Kayleigh Lewandowski
Elizabeth Mollard

Guests:

Michele Borg (Strategic Planning Facilitator)
Simone Taylor OASH
Jo Giles (Presenter)

Also Attending by WebEx:

Shirley Pickens-White DHHS Staff

Attending In-Person and via WebEx

Christine Esch DHHS Staff

A quorum was present.

Carroll made the following announcement in reference to the Open Meeting Act.

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 were posted on the Public Meeting Calendar on January 18, 2022.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made the motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 28, 2021 and Debonis seconded the motion.

“Hear Her Campaign” Video:

Carroll shared the “Hear Her Campaign” video from CDC. The campaign’s goal is to raise awareness regarding mortality and morbidity by empowering moms to be advocates for their own health care.

Vacancies:

Vacancies were discussed. The following positions are still open:

1. Private Healthcare Industry Rep
2. OB/GYN
3. Insurance Industry Rep
4. Female Healthcare Consumer Age 66-older
5. Female Healthcare Consumer Age 41-65
6. Geriatrics RN

Direct contact will be made with Council members that have terms ending in June and eligible for reappointment to see if they want to continue. There are 2 members finishing up their second terms and 4 members finishing up their first term. Below is the link to the Governor’s website for the application on the Executive Appointment:

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-req>

Finalize Sub Committees/membership updates:

Carroll discussed the three Sub Committees. Below are the committees and current members:

Membership Committee	Strategic Planning Committee	Legislative Committee
Tami DeBonis (Chair)	Rachel Hays	Ashley Carroll
Ebony Byars	Sara Morgan	Rachel Hays
Kathryn Fiandt	Samantha Kenning	Bethany Arnold
	Kailey Snyder	Ebony Byars
	Kathryn Fiandt	Amber Grob
		Julie Tabor
		Victoria Vinton

Carroll discussed the Legislative Committee Charter and shared the information with the Council. Vinton made the motion to approve the Charter.

Presentation: Women’s Fund

Jo Giles discussed the “Omaha Women’s Fund”. Some of the Legislative Bills that were discussed:

- LB 118 - extends the duration of protection orders from one to five years
- LB 772 - protects survivors of violence from debt collectors
- LB 1009 - establishes a domestic abuse death review team
- LB 1246 - provides survivors of sexual violence with anonymity
- LB 768 - Prohibits State Board of Ed from enacting comprehensive sex education
- LB 881 - Remove sales tax on menstrual products and provide them for free detainees
- LB 1129 Free Contraception for women
- LB 290 - to create an insurance program for businesses to provide paid family and medical leave.
- LB 929 - Extend Medicaid Postpartum coverage

Giles mentioned that this is a short Legislative session and will end in May of 2022.

The Nebraska Legislature website will have the updated information on the Nebraska State Senators.

Presentation: “Strategic Planning”

Borg discussed the “Strategic Planning” and the “2021 SWOT Analysis Survey Summary Report”. The proposed version of the “Mission” is to Help Women of all ages in Nebraska have Equitable Access to Resources that support Optimal Health and Wellbeing through Policy, Outreach, Advocacy and Education. Tabor made the motion to accept the updated “Mission” statement and DeBonis seconded the motion. The Strategic Plan include the following proposed workgroups:

- Legislation/Policy
- Strategic Planning
- Membership
- Advocacy/Education

Borg talked about the SWOT Analysis Survey which included Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats.

The new “Priorities” of the Strategic Planning are:

1. Mental Health
 - A. Depression Screening
 - B. Violence
2. Reproductive Health

Tabor made a motion to approve the “New Priorities” and DeBonis seconded the motion.

Next Agenda:

The topics for discussion for the next meeting is yet to be determined.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 28, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hays made a motion to have the meeting by WebEx and Carroll seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57

Meeting minutes by Christine Esch