

Minutes

Women's Health Initiatives Advisory Council
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

In Attendance:

Syliva Gregory-Witherspoon
Susan Jeffrey
Mary Larsen
Kyleigh Lewandowski
Brenda McIntosh
Sara Morgan
Terra Uhing
Ellen Zoeller

Absent:

Dr. Gary Anthone
Cynthia Cusick
Kristine Follett
Christine Guenther
Babz Moffatt

Phone:

Marcia Merboth
Kathryn "Kate" Fiandt
Shirley Blanchard

Staff:

Shirley Pickens White
Andrea Wenke
Christine Esch

Mary called the Women's Health Advisory Council (Council) meeting to order at 1:15p.m., and referred to the Open Meetings Act with the members.

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 on the table near the door.

Introductions, Approval of Minutes:

Council members and staffed introduced themselves. The meeting minutes were approved with the change that Terra Uhing first name was misspelled but was corrected on the last meeting minutes. Terra Uhing approved the meeting minutes and Susan Jeffrey second the motion to approve the meeting minutes. There was no Council meeting in July of 2019.

Vacancies Update:

Shirley Pickens-White went over the vacancies update with the Council. Shirley mentioned about going over the pending applications that is on file to fill some of the Council vacancies. Shirley stated that there will be vacancies this year for some of the Council members that will be termed out. There will be one Council member that will need to reapply if she would like to be reappointed to the Council. Mary Larsen mentioned a vice-chair for the Council and Ellen Zoeller accepted the position. Shirley talked about sending out the term limits by email to the Council members for their review.

Title V Well-Woman Screening Card:

Andrea went over the "Title V Well-Woman Screening Card" with the Council member. Some of the Annual Well-Women Screening Recommendations are:

- Blood Pressure Screening
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Birth Control (Contraceptive) Counseling
- Depression and Anxiety Screening
- Folic Acid

- Healthy Diet & Physical Activity
- HIV Risk Assessment
- Immunizations
- Relationship Violence and Abuse
- Skin Cancer Prevention
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Substance Use Screening
- Tobacco Counseling

Andrea stated that the “Well-Women Screening Card” was meant to be a conversation tool between the provider and the client. Andrea mentioned that a survey was sent out on the screening card and there were responses from the survey. Andrea talked about sending an email with the evaluation and explanation that includes a link of the poll that has the evaluation questions to the Council members.

Five Year Needs Assessment Brief:

Andrea went over the “Five Year Needs Assessment” with the Council members. Andrea stated that every five years the Division of Public Health along with partners/stakeholders participate in the Needs Assessment which determines the top ten maternal/child health priorities for the State. Andrea is working with Jennifer Severe-Oforah and Sara Morgan to review Healthy People 2020 data from the CDC. Andrea handed out the 2019 March of Dimes Report Card to the Council members.

Workgroup Committee Update:

Ellen went over the Legislative workgroup with the Council members. Ellen explained to the Council that the legislative bills are chosen for women’s health goals. Ellen mentioned that January 8, 2020 was the first day of the legislative session and this year is the short session. Ellen stated that there will be ten days of new bills that will be introduced in this session. Ellen did report on some bills from last year that the Council supported and they were:

- LB 170 - Provide a sales use tax exemption for feminine hygiene products
- LB 249 - Change the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from a sexual assault
- LB 311 - Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act
- LB 498 - Provide for medical assistance coverage of family planning services as prescribed.

The Council members who are in the Legislative workgroup are:

- Brenda McIntosh
- Terra Uhing
- Ellen Zoeller
- Mary Larsen
- Syliva Gregory-Witherspoon
- Marcia Merboth
- Kristine Follett

- Christine Gunether
- Babz Moffett

Ellen will be sending out an email who are interested in joining the Legislative workgroup. Mary mentioned other workgroups that were chosen and they are:

- Sexual Health
- Healthy Aging
- Mental Health

Ellen mentioned a “Well Women Screening Card” workgroup that the Council members could join and some of the members are:

- Sara Morgan
- Kayleigh Lewandowski
- Susan Jeffrey
- Mary Larsen
- Marcia Merboth
- Kathryn “Kate” Fiandt

Shirley Pickens White mentioned to the Council members about ideas for different workgroups for the upcoming annual report that will be due on September 1, 2020.

Planning for next Women’s Health Advisory Council meeting:

Mary wanted some ideas for the next Women’s Health Advisory Council meeting on April 8, 2020. Some of the ideas that were mentioned:

- Sara stated that Jennifer Severe-Oforah could present on “The Ten Priorities of the Needs Assessment” at the April 8, 2020 meeting.
- Report from the Legislative workgroup committee
- Sexual Health workgroup
- Well Women Health Screening card workgroup
- Council members to choose something out of the ten priorities of the needs assessment for the next meeting in July.

Meeting Adjourn at 3:19

Christine Esch