

**Missouri Women’s Health Council**  
**Webex**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 6, 2022**

<b>Members Present</b>	Sue Kendig, Bridget McCandless, Sandra Jackson, Brenda Higgins, Megan Simmons, Karen Edison, Denise Wilfley
<b>Members Absent</b>	Karlyle Christian Ritter, Mary McLennan, Denise Willers, Wendy Doyle, Katherine Matthews, Melissa Terry, Ebony January, Huvona Watkins, Katie Towns
<b>Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Staff</b>	Pat Simmons, Sarah Ehrhard Reid, Tracy Henson, Martha Smith, Ashlie Otto
<b>Department of Social Services Staff (DSS)</b>	Amy Kelsey
<b>Guests</b>	Mandy Hagseth, Jennifer Carter Dochler

<b>Topic/Presenter</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Sue welcomed the Council and asked that everyone put their name and title in the chat.
<b>Department of Health and Senior Services Update</b>	<p>Sue welcomed Pat Simmons from the Department of Health and Senior Services. Pat gave an update for the Department. Pat shared about the planning and the internal infrastructure to be sure that they have the resources and organization needed to be successful in helping Missourians and their communities reach their health goals, and provide a framework for decision-making. Pat gave a PowerPoint presentation on the DHSS Strategic Planning. The Department has also been working on a Health Partnership/Collaborative. The Department has been preparing for 2023. They have been receiving fiscal notes for the start of the legislative session. Dr. Heidi Miller will join the Department in January as the Department’s Chief Medical Officer, which is a new position for the Department. The Department made a new division for Cannabis Regulation with the passing of the recreational marijuana in the past election. Sue suggested inviting Dr. Heidi Miller for the first quarter Council meeting call next year.</p> <p>Sue indicated there were some interesting facts in the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) report and had been on a call with CMS leadership regarding maternal child health issues and sent them the report. Ashlie Otto gave an update that their board is almost completely finished reviewing 2020. They are planning to launch their PAMR Dashboard on Thursday of this week. It will be the first in the nation. When the information is available Ashlie will send to Sarah and have her share with the Council. Their team is also working on maternal and neonatal levels of care map and a significant update to the website. Their perinatal quality collaborative contract has been fully executed. They have contracted with the Missouri Hospital Association to implement the care for pregnant and postpartum people with substance use disorder bundle through the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Initiative.</p> <p>Martha Smith mentioned all of Title V is their long-standing core maternal child health funding in the state of Missouri that is the Title V maternal child health block grant. They had their annual review with HRSA last week. A couple areas</p>

	of focus for Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) are health equity and intentional family engagement and engagement of individuals with the voice of lived experience. They are also working with the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) to plan a maternal child health collaborative strategizing meeting for next year.
<b>Department of Social Services Update</b>	Amy Kelsey gave an update and PowerPoint presentation on projects they have planned for the Health Information Network (HIN). Questions and answer followed.
<b>Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) Update</b>	<p>Jennifer Carter Dochler is the Director of Government Affairs at the Missouri Foundation for Health. Prior to her current position, she worked at the Missouri Coalition for Domestic and Sexual Violence for nineteen and a half years and the policy director for the last seven legislative sessions. This is going to be their second year moving into not only working with the Missouri general assembly, but also working at the federal level about health care policy initiatives and what information they can help provide their congressional delegation about the impact of a variety of their strategic initiatives on Missourians. MFH offers a number of trainings on the legislative process, how to be able to participate in advocacy. You do not have to be an MFH grantee to attend the trainings. The trainings are held in the fall. Jennifer put her email address in the chat. Jennifer mentioned that MFA does track a wide variety of health related legislation during session and shares that on their website as well as a biweekly newsletter.</p> <p>Sue asked Sarah to put on their list to chat with Paula about clarification how the priorities can be shared and who can share them. Sarah indicated that once it is approved and it is on the website, it is public information to share out. The most recent one has been approved and Sarah will put the link in the chat.</p>
<b>Nominations and Terms for the Women’s Health Council</b>	<p>Sarah indicated they have received a mixed bag of nominations. Sarah listed the members who are leaving the Council and then who is being nominated. Sarah will send an email to the Council with a list of nominations for review.</p> <p>There was a discussion for the upcoming year Council meetings. Sarah and Tracy will send out dates for the 2023 year Council meetings. Sarah sent a poll on how many in person meetings the Council would like to have next year.</p>
<b>Foundational Public Health Services Model and Women’s Health</b>	Megan Simmons gave an overview of the Foundational Public Health Services Model. A discussion followed.
<b>Discussion of Priorities for 2024</b>	<p>There was a review and discussion of the priorities document and recommendations. The Council reviewed half of the priorities document and will continue reviewing the next half at the next Women’s Health Council meeting.</p> <p>Sue asked that if Council members are interested in taking leadership in writing a section of the priorities document or a portion of a section, to let Sarah know and they will get that together and frame out an outline.</p> <p>Sue asked if the Council wants to expand access for input into the priorities document and if so, how do they do that. A discussion followed.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	TBD