

**Missouri Women's Health Council  
August 22, 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Teri Ackerson	Katherine Mathews	Denise Wilfley
Karlyle Christian-Ritter	Mary McLennan	Denise Willers
Colleen Coble	Gay Purcell	Rachel Winograd
Sandra Jackson	Melissa Terry	
Sue Kendig	Katie Towns	

**Members Absent:**

Kathi Arbini	Karen Edison	Bridget McCandless
Paula Baker	Danielle Felty	Emily van Schenkhof
Daphne Bascom	Alyson Harder	Padma Veligati
Patricia Clay	Eboni January	Margaret Wilson
Wendy Doyle	Sherry Maxwell	Lana Zerrer

**Department of Health and Senior Services Staff:**

Randall Williams  
Karen Kliethermes  
Tracy Henson

**Department of Social Services Staff:**

Steve Corsi

**Department of Mental Health Staff:**

Mark Stringer

The meeting of the Missouri Women's Health Council was held on August 22, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. at the Harry S Truman Building in Jefferson City. Chair Teri Ackerson called the meeting to order.

Dr. Williams thanked the council members for attending and noted they are a tremendous value add to Missouri. Dr. Williams reported he is currently attending a three-day advanced management training called The Missouri Way with the purpose of bringing business principles of management to state government to change the culture of Missouri government. He shared Governor Parson's focus on workforce and infrastructure. Dr. Williams reported he attended the National Governors Association meeting of Health Care Leaders in San Diego and a week-long leadership seminar at Harvard. He distributed a document showing Missouri trailing all of its Midwest competitors in economic growth. He talked about rolling out the Home and Community Based Services program changes in November, rural health, and hospital closures. CBS Sunday Morning is working on a show featuring the hospital closure in Kennett and the work being done in Doniphan that should air soon. Dr. Williams said he wanted the Women's Health Council to be a big part of Missouri's maternal mortality efforts. He recognized Sue

Kendig as a national leader in this effort. Dr. Williams attended the Alliance and Innovation for Maternal Health (AIM) national meeting. He announced that Missouri will be joining the AIM national initiative with funding through Medicaid in an effort to decrease maternal mortality. He mentioned 66% of all maternal mortality in hospitals is preventable and in 95% of all postpartum hemorrhage, the deaths are preventable. This effort will be led by Sue Kendig and housed in the Missouri Hospital Association. In addition, the Department will work with Representative Unsicker to introduce a bill in the legislature this year to make the Department's Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Board much more robust, copying North Carolina's model, with nine physicians reviewing every death in a hospital and making recommendations for quality of care based on their review. The Department currently has a PAMR Board, and they are reviewing 2011 death records. Dr. Williams wants the council to champion both the PAMR Board legislation and the AIM collaborative. Dr. Williams talked about changing Missouri's Time Critical Diagnosis System to be more robust. Missouri is a national leader because it does STEMI which is heart attack, stroke, and trauma designation and most states do not. A stakeholders group is meeting regularly to make changes to the program to make it more robust.

Dr. Corsi asked the council members to provide introductions. He provided an update on the FQHC in Doniphan which received additional funding to offer some enhanced services since the hospital closed in Kennett, particularly for OB/GYN services. Discussion followed on maternal and infant mortality in the Bootheel and Medicaid. Dr. Corsi gave an update on the Medicaid Oversight Committee and invited members to participate in the committee's workgroups. He mentioned new legislation was passed to extend coverage under Medicaid for postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months for substance use disorder treatment (The Department of Mental Health is in the process of applying for a waiver from CMS.) and Show Me Healthy Babies programs. He indicated they are working on a medical passport, a secure mobile medical card that gives clinicians, Children's Division workers, and foster families access to the child's medical history, pilot for foster children and high-risk pregnant women. Dr. Corsi distributed the Department of Social Services' placemat, identifying their mission, goals, initiatives, and measures. Karen Kliethermes indicated every department has a placemat, and they can be viewed at <https://strategicchange.mo.gov/>. Dr. Corsi indicated that they have increased their funding for infant mortality to \$750,000 just in southeast Missouri (which covers St. Louis through the Bootheel). This is in addition to funding provided in other areas of Missouri.

Mark Stringer talked about the opioid crisis in Missouri. He noted all 16 state departments are working together to assist with the opioid crisis. He asked Rachel Winograd (a national expert in this area) to provide a brief presentation on Missouri's opioid crisis focusing on 2017 data. Mr. Stringer expressed his appreciation for the Department of Health and Senior Services' partnership, including Dr. Williams issuing a statewide standing order for Naloxone which made access to it much wider and easier to obtain. In addition, the Department of Mental Health is also working with Department of Health and Senior Services to figure out how to use telehealth in a better, broader way to have physicians remotely prescribing Suboxone for patients who would benefit from it.

Teri Ackerson gave an update on the work of the Executive Leadership Team. The workgroup reviewed the previous council's governance policies from early 2000, looked at what the

previous council worked on, and how it was structured. She indicated that in the past the council wrote white papers and recommendations and held town hall meetings in the areas in which they lived focused on specific topics. Copies of the new draft governance policies were provided to the council for review and discussion. Ms. Ackerson will take the feedback and comments provided and incorporate suggestions into the draft document. Colleen Coble offered to review the draft governance policies after suggestions/changes have been incorporated. It was noted that the original council seemed to focus on just the Office on Women's Health, whereas the current council seems to be challenged with a much broader focus on the department and state government as it affects women's health. The group agreed women's health is a huge issue for the state, but it is not well represented by the size of the Office on Women's Health. Karen Kliethermes indicated that although the council sits under the Office on Women's Health, the work of the council is much broader, across the department and all council work is presented to Dr. Williams. Ms. Kliethermes reminded the council that minutes are recorded for full council meetings and individual workgroup meetings in compliance with Missouri Sunshine Law.

Ms. Kliethermes reported that the Data Workgroup has not met. Sue Kendig announced that Sarah Martin (Data Workgroup Lead) has resigned from the council. She asked if the council wanted to continue with the Data Workgroup, and if there was a volunteer to lead the workgroup. Ms. Kendig asked Mindy Laughlin to talk about an opportunity for the council to assist with developing a survey. Ms. Laughlin reported that staff at the department are working with the Missouri Hospital Association on implementing the Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health (AIM) patient safety bundle for reducing C-sections. They are interested in surveying hospitals and providers to get a sense of where they are with this work. Ms. Laughlin asked if the Data Workgroup or others on the council were interested in assisting with the development of the survey to contact her or Ms. Kendig. A question was asked about accessing the department's MOPHIMS system, and Ms. Laughlin indicated that Andy Hunter or Whitney Coffey from the Division of Community and Public Health may be a good presenter at a future council meeting. Their staff also travel around the state to provide MOPHIMS training. Katherine Mathews and Melissa Terry volunteered to be on the Data Workgroup. Ms. Laughlin and Ms. Kliethermes will coordinate with them to set up a meeting with the epidemiology staff for a presentation on the data available from the department. Ms. Laughlin also mentioned that the MCH Block Grant requires a needs assessment every five years. Beginning in October, focus groups will be held throughout Missouri. She invited council members to participate in the meetings and to share the dates with others in their communities. She will send the meeting dates to Ms. Kliethermes to share with the council.

Sue Kendig presented the update for the Conference Workgroup. She indicated that the *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Health Policy Summit: Women's Health Policy throughout the Lifespan* conference is coming together nicely and gave an overview of the topics, keynote speakers, and presenters. Karen Edison has done a good job of putting together panels using members of the council. The conference will take place on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, Missouri. The committee is still looking for a luncheon keynote speaker. Please let Ms. Kendig know if you have suggestions. The planning committee is looking for conference sponsors. Sponsorship information will be sent via email to all council members. The council's logo is included on the conference invitation.

Denise Willers provided the Advocacy Workgroup update. The group mainly discussed topics of interest, what they would find feasible, and how action would occur around those topics. The two main themes were access to care and data. The workgroup discussed projects that they could support and what data they could generate to allow them to put forth recommendations to improve access to care for women and families. Ms. Willers said the group also discussed long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) placed postpartum and navigating controversial topics. Alex Rankin from the Missouri Foundation for Health has agreed to be ad hoc on the Advocacy Workgroup.

Gay Purcell gave the update for the Communications Workgroup. The group met twice via conference call. She thanked everyone for voting on the logo, which will be first showcased at the *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Health Policy Summit: Women's Health Policy throughout the Lifespan* on October 25. The Communications Workgroup will work with Karen Edison to obtain ribbons/nametags for the summit to assist with identifying members of the council. Dr. Purcell identified the goals of the workgroup – education for the women of Missouri, advocacy, and increasing access to care. The workgroup expressed concerns with working through the department's approval process to post information on the department's website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts. They are exploring other options of communication (letters to the editor, media interviews, etc.) and have requested to meet with Dr. Williams for further discussion. Dr. Purcell noted that since the council is a public, governmentally-appointed body (appointed by the department director), it cannot have an autonomous Facebook, Twitter, and website. She said members have been individually using their own personal Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts to share information using #missouriwomenshealthcouncil and #mwhc.

Karen Kliethermes reported the First Lady was not able to attend today's meeting due to scheduling issues. However, her assistant will reach out closer to the November meeting to let Ms. Kliethermes know if the First Lady is available for the November 9 meeting.

Colleen Coble gave an update on bills passed during the last legislative session. This information is available electronically at <https://www.mocadsv.org/FileStream.aspx?FileID=978>. She also explained that the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence website, <https://www.mocadsv.org/how-to-get-help/> has an interactive map that you can click on for services in each county in Missouri, including contact information to refer patients. Ms. Coble distributed copies of the *2017 MCADSV Member Programs' Domestic and Sexual Violence Statistics*.

Teri Ackerson wrapped up the meeting by asking members interested in working on the survey project to email Karen Kliethermes, and those interested in the Medicaid committee to contact Dr. Corsi directly. She asked for topics for the November meeting. Katherine Mathews said she would have a data update, and Mary McLennan said it would be helpful to include time for updates on topics, both at the regional and national level.

The meeting concluded at 12:55 p.m.