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Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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MINUTES

I. Call to order, introductions – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

The April 2021 Public Health Advisory Council was called to order at 3:00 PM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

II. Review and adopt March 2021 meeting minutes – All

Dianne Malburg motioned to approve the March 2021 PHAC Meeting minutes. James Averill seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. MDHHS COVID-19 Updates

a. Departmental Response – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

Michigan is experiencing a third surge of COVID-19 and may be entering a plateau. We are expecting to see trends shift over the coming weeks. The percent positivity is down 2% from the previous week. Case rate is still increasing, but slower than in previous weeks. Today, MDHHS will be reporting it's 6 millionth vaccine.

Pfizer submitted a request for an EUA for vaccination to be authorized for ages 12-15.

A recommendation to pause the Johnson & Johnson vaccine came from the CDC due to blood clotting combined with low platelet counts for 6 individuals.

b. Local Health Services – Laura de la Rambilje

There is a great deal of effort going on with vaccination. LHDs have been working with national guard to vaccinate in the community. MDHHS is working with local health departments to increase outreach into communities.

- c. Behavioral Health Update – Dr. Debra Pinals
MDHHS continues to monitor individual’s wellbeing, tracking the Household Pulse Survey.

Visit [Michigan.gov/staywell](https://www.michigan.gov/staywell) for virtual support group including – Michigan teens, older adults in Michigan, etc.

The Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) Line has gone live in two regions – the Upper Peninsula and Oakland County.

988 has been established as the national suicide hotline. Having a crisis line that only three digits will be easier to remember and has potential to save lives.

IV. PHAC Workgroup Report Outs

- a. Policy – Rory Lafferty
 - i. Molly Cotant (Local Health Services) Participated in the Policy Meeting
 - 1. Gave an overview of current LHS activities related to policy.
 - 2. Supporting health departments using ELC and CRF funds, and carving out funding for agencies to respond to COVID-19.
 - 3. Benefitted from collaboration from Network for Public Health Law, MDHHS Legal and Governor’s Legal Team Working to learn more about enforcement.
 - ii. Observed in other states where politics impacted policies.
 - iii. Starting to draft some of the strategies/recommendations going forward
- b. Data/Technology – Linda Vail
 - i. Robert Orellana (CDC Foundation) participated in the meeting and provided an overview of early pandemic and current activities re: data
 - ii. Was not initially able to capture race to the degree necessary to make informed decisions.
 - iii. Spoke to the challenges with MDSS, limitations on bandwidth and fragility.
 - iv. Want to be intentional in what kind of data is being shared, what needs to be shared and what is most important depending on the audience.
- c. Public Health Challenges – Dianne Malburg
 - i. Molly Cotant (Local Health Services) participated in the meeting
 - 1. More linkages are much more pronounced
 - ii. Want to hear back from Behavioral Health on suicide data and COVID-19 impacts.
 - iii. Want to explore Public Health Workforce engagement strategies to address burnout
 - iv. The Accreditation pause has been helpful for Health Departments.
 - v. Strong focus on Essential Workers, and their risk for exposure and other impacts – financial, vaccination prioritization, etc.
 - vi. Discussed the importance of collaboration, saw partnerships between local health departments and pharmacies, LHDs and community based organizations

All workgroups will begin drafting recommendations moving forward.

V. University of Michigan COVID-19 Recovery Survey Presentation – Dr. Nancy Fleischer

Dr. Nancy Fleischer presented on the Michigan COVID-19 Recovery Surveillance Study (MI CReSS). This project is a collaborative effort between the University of Michigan School of Public Health and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. MI CReSS seeks to understand the experience of adults in Michigan with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

Dr. Fleischer's slides can be found [here](#).

VI. Emerging Public Health Issues

There was a question about Eastern Equine Encephalitis and preparing for the summer.

VII. Other Updates

No additional updates.

VIII. Adjourn

Rory Lafferty motioned to adjourn the April 2021 PHAC meeting. Eric Adelman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Next Meeting:

May 18, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

April 2021 PHAC Attendance Report

	Name	Voting Member	Present	Not Present
1	Eric Adelman	X	X	
2	James Averill	X	X	
3	James Baker	X		
4	Shenlin Chen	X	X	
5	Denise Chrysler	X		
6	Jayne DeBoer-Rowse	X	X	
7	Cheryl Dickson	X	X	
8	Sean Dunleavy			
9	Denise Fair	X	X	
10	Kathleen Forzley	X		
11	Brian Hartl	X		
12	Larry Horvath		X	
13	Jean Ingersoll			
14	Joneigh Khaldun	X	X	
15	Justin Klamerus	X	X	
16	Rory Lafferty	X	X	
17	Dianne Malburg	X	X	
18	Annette Mercatante	X	X	
19	Anthony Oliveri	X	X	
20	Eric Oswald		X	
21	Tanya Rule	X	X	
22	Ninah Sasy			
23	Kristen Schweighofer	X	X	
24	Michelle Styma	X		
25	Kevin Sweeney (A)	X	X	
26	Linda Vail	X	X	
27	Dennis Whitford	X		
28	Jamie Zaniewski	X	X	
	Carl Hammaker/AG			
	Debra Pinals/DHHS		X	
	Katherine Bennett/ AG			
	James Bell/DHHS		X	
	Laura de la Rambelje/DHHS			
	Rebecca Vought (Sean Dunleavy Alternate)			