

Attendees

Task Force Members Present:

Dr. Rahul Gupta, Chair; Cabinet Secretary Karen L. Bowling; Deputy Secretary Jeremiah Samples; Senate Finance Vice-Chair Chris Walters; Ted Cheatham; House of Delegates Health and Human Resources Member Michael Pushkin; Andy Skidmore; Christina Mullins; Melissa Kinnaird; Danny Scalise; Chuck Thayer; Jim Kranz; Sandra Ball; Charles Roskovensky (representing House of Delegates Health and Human Resources Chair Joe Ellington); Jeff Johnson (representing Senate Health and Human Resources Chair Ryan Ferns); Tim Hazelett; Chad Bundy; Dr. Stephen Worden; Dr. David Didden; Nancy Cartmill (representing Vivian Parsons); Dr. Gregory Hand; Walt Ivey; Barbara Taylor; Amy Atkins; Patricia Pope; Jack McClung (representing Patti Hamilton) and Anne Williams (via conference call)

Community Members Present:

Margaret Howe; Karen Begg; Boyd VanHorn; Jackie Huff; Nikki Dolan; Candy Hurd; Stan Walls; Fred Cox; Ann Goldberg; Amanda McCarty; Meike Schleiff; Dr. Arthur Rubin; Lolita Kirk; John Law; Karen Pauley; Deb Koester; Lee Smith; Amber Hedrick; Susan Hosaflook; Diane Riddle; Carol McCormick; Christine Compton; Mark Ferrell; Tom Sims; Toby Wagoner; Gloria Thompson; Andrea Fisher; and Brian Skinner

Materials (Handouts)

Agenda; Operating Procedures and Guidelines; and Proposed Process and Timeline

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Amy Atkins welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Public Health Impact Task Force (PHIT). The identified role of the Center for Local Health is to provide support to the PHIT. Purpose of this meeting is to provide an understanding of the body of work the PHIT will undertake, establish operating guidelines, and collectively design a path for public health going forward.

PHIT Chair, Dr. Rahul Gupta, was introduced. Dr. Gupta introduced Keynote Speaker, DHHR Cabinet Secretary Karen L. Bowling.

Secretary Karen L. Bowling provided the **Keynote Address** to the PHIT. Secretary Bowling included in her remarks the need to embrace change, emphasized that as a nation the landscape for health care has changed and referenced the health statistics of West Virginians are of the worst in the nation. She indicated that this is opportunity for change and an opportunity to share ideas to improve health. She referenced the importance of public and private partnerships and the need to position the public health system to survive moving forward. She recognized the important vital role that local health departments play and provided the Department's support of the PHIT. She stated there are no preconceived notions about moving forward, just moving the needle and improving health in West Virginia. She encouraged

PHIT members to be open minded, creative, engaged and innovative. She acknowledged the importance of this work and the importance of being able to measure outcomes.

All PHIT members introduced themselves. Introductions were also opened to the public to allow for the opportunity to introduce themselves.

PHIT Chair, Dr. Gupta, provided a presentation on the ***State of the State's Health***. A copy of the presentation will be available on the PHIT website. The presentation included a summary of key health indicators, trends in national funding to support public health, and opportunities for public health in the future. PHIT members requested a copy of the presentation.

PHIT Chair, Dr. Gupta, presented his ***Call to Action: Charge and Purpose of the Task Force***. The charge of the PHIT is to redefine the mission of public health in West Virginia in the 21st century. Dr. Gupta stated that for public health to have an impact, we have to retool the system to address the needs of West Virginians today. Dr. Gupta shared the vision of DHHR: Better Health, Better Quality, Lower Cost. He highlighted the trends in payment reform, public health accreditation and areas where public health could add value such as, traditional preventive clinical services, community care coordination, and health in all policies.

PHIT Chair, Dr. Gupta, opened the floor to PHIT members for discussion. Comments included:

- Not enough just too catch-up, need to anticipate further funding streams 5/10 years from now. (*Jeremiah Samples*)
- Public health part of system – we are all part of the system – need to figure out roles and how to integrate. Need innovative solutions to stay ahead - systems approach. (*PHIT Chair, Dr. Gupta*)
- There is a need for concern that no one focuses on individual responsibility. Would like to recommend we incorporate the need for individual responsibility. (*Dr. Worden*)
- Key to discuss personal and individual responsibility. Local health is in a perfect position to fill that need. Excellent point to charge local health with that role. (*Dr. Didden*)
- PEIA has incorporated individual responsibility – must name PCP, get blood work, etc. – Healthy Tomorrows – 3 year plan. (*Ted Cheatham*)
- We can do this and can do this soon. We can build a structure so individuals can concentrate at the level of motivational interviewing – not worrying about administrative role. If we make this change, clinicians will flock to us. (*Dr. Didden*)

Amy Atkins introduced the WV PHIT Operating Procedures and Guidelines (handout). Several areas of the Operating Procedures and Guidelines were highlighted such as:

- Decision making process, proxies for association members, compliance with open governmental meetings, posting of information to the Center for Local Health website, process for submitting proposals to the PHIT and PHIT member's participation by phone is permissible if needed.
- The membership list is being finalized and will be posted to the website.

The floor was opened to the PHIT members for discussion/comments – none received.

PHIT Chair, Dr. Gupta, asked for motion to approve the WV PHIT Operating Procedures and Guidelines. Patricia Pope motioned to approve WV PHIT Operating Procedures and Guidelines as presented; Melissa Kinnaird seconded the motion. Vote was taken and all were in favor. **WV PHIT Operating Procedures and Guidelines approved.**

Amy Atkins introduced the WV PHIT Proposed Process and Timeline (handout). The May 13, 2015 meeting has already been established. The meeting will be held at the same location,

Holiday Inn & Suites, South Charleston from 9:00am – Noon.* The PHIT agreed that afternoon meetings work best. Dr. Didden motioned to adopt the meeting schedule (as presented) for future meetings with the time as 12:30pm – 2:30pm with the exception of May 13, 2015 meeting set for 9:00am – Noon; motion seconded by Danny Scalise. Vote was taken and all were in favor. **Presented timeline was adopted.**

At this point, PHIT meeting was opened to the Public for public comments. No public comments were received.

Ted Cheatham motioned to adjourn meeting; motion seconded by Danny Scalise. PHIT meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

**Amendment to original meeting minutes – To accommodate the additional space for public participation, the May 13, 2015 PHIT meeting has been moved to WV State University, James C. Wilson University Union, Room 134, 301 Washington Avenue, Dunbar, WV, 25064. The time remains 9:00am – Noon.*