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Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri

Public Health Professional Organizations' Meeting January 10, 2018

Those in attendance were: Bert Malone, Dalen Duitsman, Dennis Diehl, Robert Niezgoda, Stacie Duitsman, Kristi Ressel, Clay Goddard, Larry Jones, Audrey Gough, Diane Weber, Janet Canavese, Casey Parnell, Jaci McReynolds and Sandra Boeckman.

Organizations represented were:

- Missouri Public Health Association
- Missouri Institute for Community Health
- Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies
- Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence
- Missouri Environmental Health Association

The MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services and the Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association were invited to send representatives.

Robert Niezgoda began the meeting by reviewing the Transformation Initiative and stating the objective of the day which is to form a collaborative effort for a strong voice and better coordination of actions of public health organizations in the state.

There was discussion about legislative action and the possible alignment of goals and priorities. It was suggested that all of the organizations should be united on two to three top priorities and then form a combined effort to attain these goals both legislatively and through public policy (if applicable). The group also discussed other avenues of collaboration including education, workforce development and accreditation.

In response to the question on how public health organizations had worked well together in the past, the group cited the history of the establishment of the Missouri Department of Health and how it was formed and how important the organizations were in that effort.

There was discussion on how the organizations could change to keep each group informed about the workings of the others and it was suggested that each organization exchange memberships. It was also suggested that since the lobbyist that is retained for MoALPHA is also the lobbyist for the city of Springfield, the groups could and should also stay informed about what is going on at the Capitol and which bills to follow. Diane was to seek approval from the lobbyist to share his reports.

The organizational structure of the TFPH Advisory Council was discussed. This Council will be in place by as soon as possible.

The Convening Session will be facilitated by Dr. Eric Armbrrecht at the Courtyard by Marriott.

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It was agreed by all that another meeting of this group should be held monthly in Jefferson City and should be a face to face meeting if at all possible. Casey Parnell will send a doodle poll to all associations to find a date and time for the next meeting in mid-February.

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