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Professional Organizations' Meeting February 8, 2018

Those in attendance were: Bert Malone, Dalen Duitsman, Linda Cooperstock, Jo Anderson, Susan Thomas, Dennis Diehl, Robert Niezgoda, Ryan Tilley, Nancy Beyer, Clay Goddard, 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
- Missouri Milk Food and Environmental Health Association
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Casey Parnell opened the meeting by asking for a review of the previous meeting minutes of January 10, 2018. Bert Malone made a motion to approve and Clay Goddard seconded. This motion was passed.

She then called the group's attention to the mileage reimbursement form for any anyone needing reimbursement; they should complete and turn in before the end of the meeting.

Casey reviewed the deliverables for the grant. Phase one that ends August 31, 2018 and announced that Phase two will begin September 1, 2018

She reviewed the Objectives, Take-aways and the Asks for the meeting (see agenda).

Concerns: At this point the group broke up into two smaller groups to discuss Concerns. There was discussion about all the different public health associations and the need for a more encompassing identity. Since the previous meeting MoALPHA has agreed to send their legislative report to all the associations so that they can share with their members. There was also discussion about holding joint meetings and education events.

Also discussed were who was missing from the invited associations; MALBOH and the Council for Public Health Nursing were the only two mentioned.

Barriers/Problems/Opportunities: After the groups discussed these topics, the following were presented:

- Lack of Coordination, communication and cooperation between organizations at all levels.
- Lack of strategic, organized, strong public health voice or advocacy

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- Working in silos resulting in lack of bigger picture engagement
- Lack of strong public health leadership
- Resources and funding scarcity
- Coordinate advocacy priorities and retention
- Must be inclusive public health system aligned around common priorities in order to be successful grassroots to the Governor

Vision Statement: The two groups discussed a vision statement. It was the consensus that the Vision Statement should be “United for Public Health”.

Mission Statement: After much discussion the following was developed as a mission statement -
- Leading Public Health System Alignment through Collaboration, Communication, Workforce Development and Advocacy.

A motion was made by Audrey Gough and seconded by Diane Weber to accept the Vision statement. On a vote, this motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Clay Goddard and seconded by Jo Anderson to accept the Mission Statement. This motion was approved unanimously as well.

Goals: Short-term goals between now and the next meeting in March of the Professional organizations include:

- Sharing legislative reports between all organizations
- Communicating the vision and mission statements back to all organizations’ boards

The next meeting of the Professional Organization will be in March after the convening session.