**Workgroup Name:** Professional Organizations Advocacy Workgroup

**Workgroup Members:** Scott Clardy, Kate Donaldson, Clay Goddard, Becky Hunt, Leah Martin, Tracie McClendon-Cole, Robert Niezgoda, Ken Palermo, Kristi Ressel, Alex Tuttle, Ashley Wegner

**Attendees:** Kristi Ressel (co-chair), Clay Goddard, Michelle Morris, Ashley Wegner, Jaci McReynolds, Casey Parnell, and Sandra Boeckman (staff)

**Meeting Summary**

9/17/2019, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Agenda Items:**
1. Coordinating with the Communications Workgroup
2. Professional Organization Meeting Summary
3. 2019 Legislative Review and 2020 Planning
4. Strategic Planning Discussion
5. White Papers
6. Advocacy Trainings

**Discussion:**

1. The Advocacy workgroup will be producing white papers and Michelle Morris discussed how information would flow through the workgroups. Using Teamwork information will be shared through that system and making sure everyone has access.
2. Next step will be to get word out to all public health stakeholders and how to accomplish this.
3. Some “white papers” are in draft form and there are a few that were finalized in their organizations – MoCPHE and MPHA.
4. Michelle reported that there is a breakout session at the Public Health Conference on Communications.
5. PO meeting summary wrap up sent to the workgroup – POs want more details as the Advocacy workgroup continues their work on the top five legislative priorities. Once “white papers” are approved they will be sent out on the PO Letterhead to legislators and others.
6. MPHA will present their resolutions at their general membership meeting.
7. Papers finalized in November and December and ready to send out to the public was discussed.
8. Others from DHSS that would be contacted about legislative priorities where discussed including Ken Palermo and Adam Crumbliss.
9. Scott will send updates on legislative priorities.
10. Strategic Planning session is scheduled for October in Jefferson City.
11. Additional workgroup members were discussed and could be added after the Advocacy trainings that are coming up in September and November.
12. White paper – vaccinations working on a strategy to lead with a punch – met with the speaker and concerns what would allow more exemptions for school age children. It is likely that legislation will not be introduced but he will fight to keep exemptions out of any legislation. Will be working with Mo. Academy of Pediatrics and Actions:

1. Teamwork will be used to get information out to HealthierMO participants.
2. As soon as “white papers” are approved by all they will be send out on PO letterhead to legislators and persons of interest.
3. Future plans for workgroups should be discussed in the strategic planning session.
4. White Paper on Vaccinations is posted on Teamwork for review.
5. Kristi will send registration link to the November advocacy training for distribution.
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<th>Missouri Hospital Association. White paper is posted on Teamwork and if anyone has comments, let Clay know.</th>
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<td>13. White paper / Resolution on Violence by MPHA will be done next week.</td>
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<td>14. Advocacy Trainings – MPHA/MoALPHA has a session on marijuana. Alliance for Justice has a November 1 webinar and HealthierMO/Missouri Foundation for Health will have training on November 13 at 11 a.m. Registration was included with workgroup handouts.</td>
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**Next steps:**

1. Report out at next Professional Organizations Meeting in October.
2. Next Meeting: September 19, 11:00 am