**Workgroup Name:** Professional Organizations Advocacy Workgroup  

**Workgroup Members:** Scott Clardy, Kate Donaldson, Clay Goddard, Becky Hunt, Leah Martin, Tracie McClendon-Cole, Ken Palermo, Kristi Ressel, Alex Tuttle, Ashley Wegner, Ryan Shafer, Mike Herbert, Trina Teacutter  

**Attendees:** Kristi Ressel (co-chair), Jaci McReynolds (facilitator), Casey Parnell (project manager), Scott Clardy, Mike Herbert, Ashley Wegner, Kate Donaldson, Ryan Shafer and Sandra Boeckman (staff)  

**Meeting Summary**  
11/19/2019, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Agenda Items:**
1. New Member Welcome (Who isn’t at the table)  
2. Workgroup Member Agreement  
3. Professional Organization Strategic Planning Meeting Summary  
4. Bolder Advocacy Webinar Follow Up  
5. 2020 Game plan  
   a. MoCEPHE and MoALPHA Legislative Work  
   b. Policy Briefs  
   c. Legislative Meetings and Handouts  
   d. Public Communication Plan

**Discussion:**
1. Scott Clardy introduced Mike Herbert who is the legislation chair for MoALPHA. Kristi asked who else should be on the committee and Boeckman recommended Lynelle Phillips who is the MPHA Vice President and chair of the Advocacy Committee. Kristi will also reach out to Boone Co and Jackson Co policy analysts/policy representatives.  
2. The Advocacy Workgroup Member Agreement was discussed and each member of the group will be asked to abide by the provisions. There was discussion about how an employee from DHSS or the LPHAs could make those contacts without permission from their directors or even the Governor’s office as a state employee. Also discussed was making those contacts after hours as an individual. Or take out the second statement entirely and revise the first statement.  
3. The Strategic Planning session was discussed and that they are very supportive of the Advocacy committee and much further along than the other workgroups. Scott also called attention to the 2020 goals of the Advocacy workgroup. An advocacy workgroup goal was identified to be the “go to” group for information on advocacy around the state.  
4. The one pager information sheets were discussed and it was suggested that they should just contain information and don’t give a call to action.  
5. Also discussed was the webinar regarding education versus lobbying of HealthtierMO. Should another webinar be available to other professionals around the state?  
6. Game Plan for 2020 and legislative priorities are: Public Health funding, Evidence based vaccinations, PDMP, Public health impact of

**Actions:**
1. Kristi will contact Lynelle, Jackson Co, and Boone Co reps and ask for their participation.  
2. Jaci agreed to host Teamwork trainings for all new members.  
3. Change agreement “make a legislative contact” to help educate legislators or others about issues. Changes will be made to the Agreement and the group will review before being sent to the Executive Committee.  
4. The goals for this workgroup are education, draft and introduce legislation and identify public health champions. These will be added to the 2020 addendum to the workgroup charter.  
5. The work group agreed the advocacy webinar
medical marijuana and Violence prevention. Scott reported that it was agreed that not a lot of effort should be spent on PDMP due to the conservative caucus being against this bill. It was agreed to present a white paper on vaccinations centered on good vaccination legislation and exemptions. DHSS gave Scott and Mike some names of legislators that could be a possible list of sponsors and public health legislative champions. Immunizations will be the primary focus of the workgroup this session yet education surrounding the other priorities will continue.

6. It was agreed that a list of legislators will be compiled for the workgroup to visit and educate.

7. Ashley Wegner discussed the policy brief/white paper samples that are available on Teamwork. It was announced that the white paper on vaccinations/immunization is now available. The group decided white papers will be the template to use for all priority areas.

8. The group tabled the development of a communication plan for 2020 until the next meeting.

9. Meeting dates for 2020 were discussed: Jan 21, March 17, May 19, July 21, Sept 15, Nov 17

Next steps:

1. Immunization white paper feedback due by December 3
2. Report out at next Professional Organizations Meeting on December 18
3. Final four paper leads posting drafts to teamwork for edits by December 30 (Kristi: Funding, Ashley: Medical Marijuana, Kate: PMDP, Tracie: Violence Prevention)
4. Next Meeting: January 21, 11:00 am (Meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m.)