

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)
 Tuesday, August 10, 2021 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 Zoom Meeting:
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AGENDA ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOMES	LEAD	TIME
Welcome	Welcome, introductions, review agenda, approve minutes from June meeting	Jennifer McElravey	5:30
New Public Health Division Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce new Division Director to the PHAC 	Alex Coleman	5:45
COVID Vaccine Equity Gaps and Work with our CBO Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members will receive an update on how the County is addressing vaccine equity gaps within the community PHAC members will learn about our work with community-based organizations and our recent round of awarded grants 	Genevieve Ellis	5:55
COVID Recovery Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members will receive an update on the County's recovery framework and how we're proposing using incoming federal recovery funds 	Dorian Russell	6:40
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time 	Alex Coleman	7:20
Closing		Jennifer McElravey	7:25

Next Meeting: September 14, 2021

Future PHAC Meetings:

- October 12, 2021
- November 9, 2021

Future Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Subcommittee Meetings

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, please email vivianna_lindley@co.washington.or.us

<p>Access to Care September 23rd • 9:00 – 10:00 This meeting will be held via ZOOM, for access to the meeting contact Alicia Lee (alicia_lee@co.washington.or.us)</p>	<p>Substance Use Prevention Collaborative This group meets quarterly, their next meeting will be held in September</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention Council This group meets quarterly, their next meeting will be held in September</p>
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Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021



Prevent. Promote. Protect.



ATTENDING: Dick Stenson, Robin Bousquet, Jennifer McElravey, Sonja Ackman, Rachel Arnold, Nicole Bowles, Tom Engle, Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Julie Scotland, Madhavi Bharadwaj, Leticia Vitela, Larysa Thomas, Andrea Lara Silva, Hemi Pariyani

ABSENT: David Eppelsheimer, Eileen Derr

STAFF: Dr. Marie Boman-Davis, Alex Coleman, Vivianna Lindley

GUEST PRESENTERS: Genevieve Ellis, Dorian Russell

Welcome

Jennifer started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

Approve June's Meeting Minutes

June's minutes were reviewed. Julie Scotland motioned to approve the minutes. Leticia Vitela seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

New Public Health Division Manager

The PHAC was introduced to Washington County Public Health's new Division Manager, Dr. Marie Boman-Davis. Dr. Boman-Davis was the manager of our COVID data analysts and has worked in research, academia, and public health community outreach throughout her career.

COVID Vaccine Equity Gaps and Work with our CBO Partners

PHAC members received an update on how the County is addressing vaccine equity gaps within the community and learned about our work with community-based organizations and recent round of awarded grants. See PowerPoint for more details.

- We have made good progress with focus populations who are unvaccinated. The goal is to get all groups up to 80% vaccinated. (Chart in PowerPoint only reflects adults 18+.)
- Data shows the older adult population has reached 80% vaccinated. Our efforts are now focused on youth through mid-forties who are largely less vaccinated.
- We partnered with community organizations for vaccine clinics to have trusted community members providing the vaccine and supporting translation services.
- Our most successful vaccination site has been the Aloha Farmer's Market.
- A [Mobile Clinic Calendar](#) shows when and where our mobile clinic staff will be administering COVID-19 vaccines along with information on the incentives available.
- We learned this Spring we would receive funding to support COVID recovery. We held listening sessions with community partners to ensure collaboration of many voices during decision making.
- We will be able to fund all organizations that applied for COVID recovery funding, \$2.6 million in total. The work they will accomplish is a combination of vaccination and recovery efforts.

Q&A

Q: What is the plan for to address areas with low vaccination rates?

A: That is part of our mobile clinic work, we are concentrating on getting into those areas with vaccines. Also plan to collaborate with local organizations and community gatherings (like back to school events).

Q: At the mobile clinics are you using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

A: We are using both Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson.

Q: What are the top reasons many adults do not want to be vaccinated and how are we addressing that?

A: There are people who intend to get vaccinated but have not been able to fit it in, that is why we are taking the vaccines to them with the mobile clinic. There is also mistrust in the entities messaging about the vaccines which is why we need to partner with trusted community organizations for communication.

Q: Will you have mobile health clinics at the high schools when they open?

A: Don't have that information right now, we will follow up.

Q: How much vaccine waste do we have?

A: We are being very careful about not opening new vials until people are there to receive it. Our waste is currently quite low.

Q: Have you thought about putting out videos of people who had COVID to enhance the public's urgency about getting vaccinated? People are not just OK after this virus, no matter how healthy they were.

A: Scare tactics in public health don't tend to work. It is not an approach we are using currently.

Q: Have you gathered data on people under 18 who are eligible for the vaccine and hesitant to get it to focus youth vaccination efforts?

A: We are having conversations with schools and community partners about engaging parents and reaching out to children who can be vaccinated. Focusing the data is difficult on this, we can narrow down where the age groups are, but will not be able to know which ones need focused vaccination efforts.

Comments

- We need to have pediatricians ready to administer vaccinations to children when they are eligible. Perhaps daycares and nanny services as well.

COVID Recovery Framework

PHAC members received an update on the County's recovery framework and how we propose using incoming federal recovery funds (American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA). See PowerPoint for more details.

- Our allocations of ARPA funds can be used through the end of 2024
- Looking at programs to support childcare providers get the certifications they need to be eligible for additional funding

Q&A

Q: How was funding distribution decided?

A: We did a gap analysis of how short we were on existing budgets to perform work related to COVID response.

Q: Are you using the Community Health Improvement Plan for planning and allocating of ARPA funds?

A: Yes, public health analysts are using that data to support the work.

Q: How do you coordinate with other agencies to avoid duplication of work?

A: We are maintaining communication of leaders to ensure work is on the same page and each organization is aware of what the other is doing.

Q: There has been a large uptick in the homeless population in Multnomah county, have you seen that same uptick in Washington County? What are you doing to help this population?

A: We are supporting the funding of respite shelters and partnering with cities to provide services within encampments (cleaning, social services).

County Updates

- Governor Brown has a press conference Wednesday, August 11th about vaccination requirements for state employees and mask requirements for in-doors.
- Our Board of Commissioners were going to meet Friday to discuss a mask mandate for the County, but that may be canceled depending on the press conference.
- Starting 8/18 Community Action will be opening to clients by appointment only.