

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, October 12, 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 September meeting	Jennifer McElravey	5:30
COVID Vaccine Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on COVID vaccines and testing	Adrienne Donner	5:45
Ethics Framework Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members provide input on the proposed updates to the PHAC ethics documents	Alex Coleman	6:30
TRL Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on Ordinance 878PHAC members vote to provide additional verbal testimony to the Board at the October 19th meeting regarding the proposed additions to the State's Tobacco Retail Licensure Program for Washington County	Alex Coleman	7:05
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time	Alex Coleman and Marie Boman-Davis	7:20
Closing		Jennifer McElravey	7:25

Next Meeting: November 9, 2021

Future PHAC Meetings:

- No Meeting in December
- January 11, 2022

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

Access to Care Committee This group meets bi-monthly, for information on their next meeting contact Alicia Lee alicia_lee@co.washington.or.us	Substance Use Prevention Collaborative October 13 th • 9:00 – 11:00 This meeting will be held via ZOOM, for access to the meeting contact Gwyn Ashcom gwyn_ashcom@co.washington.or.us	Suicide Prevention Council For information on upcoming meetings contact Heidi Lewis heidi_lewis@co.washington.or.us
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Electronic information: www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/PublicHealth/phac-meetings.cfm

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Meeting Minutes

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ATTENDING: Tom Engle, Larysa Thomas, Madhavi Bharadwaj, Leticia Vitela, Robin Bousquet, Rachel Arnold, Jennifer McElravey, Commissioner Nafisa Fai, David Eppelsheimer, Sonja Ackman, Julie Scotland, Eileen Derr, Andrea Lara Silva, Hemi Pariyani

ABSENT: Dick Stenson, Nicole Bowles

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

GUEST PRESENTERS: Adrienne Donner

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Regina Skarzinskas, Jeanne Atkins, Fatima Herrera

Welcome

Jennifer started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

Approve September's Meeting Minutes

September's minutes were reviewed. Julie Scotland motioned to approve the minutes. Larysa Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

COVID Vaccine Update

PHAC members received an update on COVID vaccines and testing from Adrienne Donner, supervisor of the Emergency Medical Services and Public Health Emergency Preparedness program at Washington County Public Health. See PowerPoint for more details.

- We are starting to see hospital cases decline
- Cases in the under 18 population are growing, but this is also being buffered by more of that population getting vaccinated
- There is a backlog of non-COVID procedures and surgeries coming up for hospitals as COVID hospitalizations decrease, so they will continue to be very busy
- Washington County is providing vaccines to Virginia Garcia and Neighborhood Health Center to vaccinate their patients
- Many schools perform a rapid test in the school infirmary if there is a symptomatic child to confirm if it is COVID or not
- It is very dangerous for a pregnant woman to have COVID, so the CDC is encouraging pregnant women to become vaccinated as soon as possible
- We are collaboratively working to continue finding ways to close the equity gap in vaccination rates
- Children 5-11 should have approval to take the Pfizer vaccine in the next month
- Pfizer approval for children 6 months – 4 years is expected in early 2022

- Washington County Vaccine Equity report finalized and submitted to OHA on 9/28/21.
 - **English:**
https://washcomultimedia.s3.amazonaws.com/CMSBigFiles/WashCo+COVID+Equity+Update+FINAL_2021-9-28.pdf
 - **Español:**
https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19-Espanol/upload/FINAL_WashCo-COVID-Equity-Update-9_2021-Spanish.pdf

Comments

It was suggested to have a FAQ on the different types of tests on the County testing page. It is difficult for a citizen to know which type of test is best for them.

Q&A

Q: Is there any support in our community for post-COVID long haul programs for Washington County. Are you collecting any data?

A: The County has the ability to reach out and survey for data on long haul COVID symptoms. Those conversations are happening with people experiencing long term symptoms, but there are no support services yet. OHSU does have a long-COVID clinic and a hotline to call. More information can be found here: <https://news.ohsu.edu/2021/03/24/ohsu-launches-long-covid-19-program-to-better-serve-patients-with-chronic-coronavirus-symptoms>

Q: Why aren't throat swab tests done here considering we are most concerned about the Delta variant at this time and it lingers in the back of the throat?

A: Not sure but Adrienne will investigate this.

Q: Is the rate of 80% vaccinated in Washington County fully vaccinated, or does it include those with only their first dose?

A: The measurement is set by the Governor which does include those in progress (only one dose of a two-part series). However, you can manipulate the map to see the percentage of those fully vaccinated:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19/viz/OregonCOVID-19VaccineEffortMetrics/StatewideProgress>

Q: Where can you find the latest information about what businesses are supposed to do with masks, etc?

A: Mask information can be found here:

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/face-coverings.cfm>

And information for businesses, including an employer toolkit can be found here:

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/workplace-guidance.cfm>

Q: What outreach is being done to support the vaccination of children?

A: Our staff are working to reach out to pediatricians and provide education before the vaccine is approved for 5-11. We are also planning panels to reach the parents in many languages.

Q: Are there financial motivators to encourage pediatricians, daycares, schools, etc. to vaccinate children?

A: Healthcare systems can bill to insurance. There are no incentives currently being offered to private organizations to vaccinate children.

Q: What is the turnaround time for the weekly school test results? If OHSU is the one notifying parents, not the school, how is contact tracing conducted?

A: Turnaround time varies but could be up to 4 days. The local health department is being notified of positive results from OHSU, and for Washington County, we have a nurse working closely with the schools on outbreaks. We are also continuously working with the school districts to improve testing and contact tracing for schools.

Ethics Framework Update

PHAC members were informed of updates to the PHAC ethics documents and asked for input.

- Updated language to be plain language
- Board of Commissioners acts as the Board of Health in Washington County
- A guide to Public Health Ethics was crafted to assist in PHAC ethics deliberations
- PHAC will consider the updates to the Ethics Framework next meeting after reviewing the document updates

TRL Ordinance

PHAC members received an update on Ordinance 878 and voted to provide additional verbal testimony to the Board at the October 19th meeting regarding the proposed additions to the State's Tobacco Retail Licensure Program for Washington County.

- Ordinance 878 proposes flavors be restricted to shops that serve 21 and over only and bans price promotions across the board
- A new amendment to the ordinance has been proposed by Commissioner Fai to ban flavors across the County
- The BOC will be meeting to hear the ordinance on October 19th where Commissioner Fai will formally propose her amendment. The BOC will need to choose to move forward or not with the amendment
- Commissioner Fai encourages everyone to call their commissioners and give their opinion on this ordinance
- PHAC voted on support for Jennifer McElravey to provide verbal testimony at the BOC meeting on October 19th. Robin Bousquet motioned to approve, and David Eppelsheimer seconded. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.
- PHAC voted on providing a letter of support to the BOC on the proposed amendment. Tom Engle motioned to approve, and Eileen Derr seconded. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

- There is a submission form to provide feedback on the ordinance from any individual living in Washington County:
 - **English:**
<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/TobaccoPrevention/proposed-tobacco-ordinance-878-testimony.cfm>
 - **Español:**
<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/TobaccoPrevention/propuesta-878-sobre-tabaquismo.cfm>

Closing

Next meeting is on November 9th.