

# Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022

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**ATTENDING:** Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Larysa Thomas, Jennifer McElravey, Rachel Arnold, Annie Paulsen, David Eppelsheimer, Sonja Ackman, Hemi Pariyani, Afam Okoye, Madhavi Bharadwaj, Julie Scotland, Robin Bousquet, Andrea Lara

**ABSENT:** Eileen Derr, Nicole Bowles, Dick Stenson, Leticia Vitela

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

**GUEST PRESENTERS:** Gwyn Ashcom

## Welcome

Jennifer McElravey started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

The June 2022 minutes were reviewed. Annie Paulsen motioned to approve the minutes. Afam Okoye seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed. The motion was passed.

## Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) Presentation

PHAC members received a presentation from Prevention Team Supervisor, Gwyn Ashcom and asked to provide feedback on how new funding coming in could be allocated. See PowerPoint for more details.

- Funds must be spent out by June 2023
- [Measure 108 Community Survey](#) closed on 8/12/22
- Focus on aligning grant plans with the Metro Region to ensure funds are distributed equitably

**Q:** What is the tobacco use reduction numbers for Washington County?

**A:** That data can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/TOBACCOPREVENTION/Pages/oregon-tobacco-facts.aspx#s4>. Our main focus is reducing youth use of tobacco and vaping products.

## Budget Update

PHAC members received an update on the FY 22-23 Public Health Budget from Public Health Division Manager, Dr. Marie Boman-Davis. See PowerPoint for more details.

- Our budget for next fiscal year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) will be developed this Fall
- Working to build a report for Public Health fiscal impacts each year

**Q:** Are we able to see expense impact for each fiscal year for the County?

**A:** The County Auditor does have some reports that look at impact, it's not exhaustive but does have some information on some of the County's programs:

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/CountyAuditor/audit-reports.cfm>

### **PHAC Meeting Format Discussion**

PHAC members reviewed the results of the meeting format survey and provided feedback on the plan for updating the meeting format moving forward. See PowerPoint for more details.

### **Work Plan Development**

PHAC members began developing a work plan for the remainder of the year. See PowerPoint for more details.

- Alex is putting together a workgroup to review and update our applications process. It should take up only about two hours per month. Please reach out to Alex if you are interested in participating.

### **hMPXV (Monkeypox) Update**

Public Health Division Manager, Dr. Marie Boman-Davis shared with PHAC members how Washington County Public Health is responding to hMPXV.

- Mid-July hMPXV was announced as a World-Wide emergency by WHO
- Recently the federal government announced it as a Public Health Emergency
- Governor Brown conducted listening sessions recently on the outbreaks in Oregon
- Isolation is part of treatment for hMPXV and we are talking with our community and government partners about wrap-around supports (such as bills and food) for those in need
- On 8/11 Disease Control and Prevention Program staff conducted our first vaccine clinic where over 200 doses were available. Additional doses will be available the following two Tuesdays. **To find out if you are eligible and be put on the wait list for the vaccine, please call 503-988-8939.**
- The hMPXV County page has more information:  
<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/monkeypox.cfm>
- Additional information and case counts can be found here: [Oregon Health Authority : Orthopoxviruses \(human monkeypox virus\) \(hMPXV\) : Diseases A to Z : State of Oregon](#)

**Q:** When will the vaccine for Omicron be coming out?

**A:** It will be coming soon and is not a booster. It is a new vaccine with a two-dose series.

### **Closing**

The next meeting will be on September 13, 2022, via Zoom.