

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019



ATTENDING: David Eppelsheimer, Eileen Derr, Larry Boxman, Leticia Vitela, Nichole Bowles, Rachel Schutz, Sebastian Lawler, Tom Engle, Lindsay Verber

ABSENT: Robin Bousquet, Karen Reynolds, Dick Stenson, Kristine Rabii

STAFF: Tricia Mortell, Katherine McGuiness, Kathleen Johnson, Kerry Colette, Alexandra Weinstein

Welcome

Sebastian called the meeting to order with introductions and ice breaker. Rachel acted as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

PHAC Business/Updates – Tricia Mortell

- **PHAC leadership opportunities** — Elections for PHAC Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the February meeting. The Non-Profit seat was filled by Lindsay Verber and the position will be going before the Board on February 12. The Elected Official seat, Practicing Physician seat and Educational/School District seat still need to be filled. If you would like to be put on the ballot or would like more information, contact Katherine or Kathleen.
- **TIC and Inclusive Meeting Guidelines**— there are several documents with information and guidelines about health equity and meeting principles adopted from the state TIC council that would be helpful for the PHAC to consider in order to adopt some of these principles. These principles help ensure attendees feel welcome and have an equal voice. The documents will be available online via email. Members are encouraged to bring feedback about which principles they feel apply, and there will be a vote in a future meeting.
- **Public Health Week** – Planning has already started for the April event. A few members are needed to participate in the selection of the winners of the Public Health recognition awards. That vote will be done an hour before the March PHAC meeting. Sebastian and Eileen volunteered. Please let Katherine know if you'd be interested in participating.
- **CHIP Forum** – On Friday, January 11, there will be a CHIP Forum with members attending from the various CHIP committees. There will be a presentation about a new Toolkit and information about TIC, Equity, and committee work.

State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) — Katherine McGuiness and Kathleen Johnson

Katherine and Kathleen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SHIP; it's similar to our CHIP, but with a statewide scope and informed by data from the Statewide Health Assessment. The state's previous priorities were discussed, and they have 14 potential priorities that they'd like help narrowing down. Many of these 14 priorities align with the work currently being done by Washington County PH. The PHAC decided they would like to offer feedback to the state on their priorities. The PHAC voted (Sebastian made a motion; Eileen seconded the motion) six to zero in favor of giving feedback in a letter to the state. The letter will:

- Include the priorities Washington County is already working on.
- Encourage the state to remain engaged and aware of work being done even if they are not the lead.
- List the priorities we'd like to work on with the state.
- Ask that the state ensure other organizations are working on the priorities not chosen.

Pre-session Legislative Update — Tricia Mortell and Kathleen Johnson

Washington County partnered with Clackamas and Multnomah Counties to take the state legislators on a tour related to non-regulatory Environmental Health and PH Emergency Preparedness work. The Governor put out a proposed budget that included an additional \$13.6 million in the next biennium for PH Modernization.

There may be an increase in tobacco tax. This could help reduce the rate of smokers, which is what we support. Currently vape products are not taxed.

There may be an increase in oversight water fees. This would help our work with the state to ensure all water systems are taken care of in an equitable fashion.

There was discussion about state development of a drug take-back program. The Sheriff's Office will no longer be participating in the single-day events. New regulations will provide for pharmacies and hospitals to collect unused drugs.

Also, be aware there is a Public Health Advocacy Day on January 31st in Salem that may be of interest to PHAC members to attend.

PHAC Members Share Updates

David mentioned a traveling exhibit in his church gallery from Bienestar Dreamers of Oregon. He will send information to Katherine.

Rachel discussed an organization called Urban Gleaners that collects food that would have been thrown out from local companies to distribute to those in need. The Boys and Girls Club is the only Washington County distributor of this food, and it happens on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Leticia mentioned a mandatory training for volunteers that take part in the annual census of anyone living outside. Contact Leticia for more information.

Lindsay mentioned reproductive health coverage for those below the poverty line. It uses state and federal funding and is available at school-based health centers.

Minutes taken by Kerry Colette