

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019



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ATTENDING: David Eppelsheimer, Larry Boxman, Leticia Vitela, Rachel Schutz, Tom Engle, Lindsay Verber, Kristine Rabii, Karen Reynolds

ABSENT: Sebastian Lawler, Nicole Bowles, Eileen Derr, Robin Bousquet, Dick Stenson, Pam Treece

STAFF: Tricia Mortell, Katherine McGuiness, Kathleen Johnson, Kerry Colette, Eva Hawes

GUESTS: Brian Ricci, Larysa Thomas, Adam Kellis

Welcome

Leticia called the meeting to order with introductions and ice breaker. We had a number of guests at the meeting. Welcome!

The Healthier Together Storyboard

Eva Hawes gave a presentation on the development and rollout of Health and Human Services' The Healthier Together Storyboard. This platform will help the data we use be more accessible to everyone, lends to transparency, and allows the information and narrative that goes out to be presented in a respectful and intentional way. Eva gave the group a preview of the Healthier Together Storyboard and asked for feedback. Some feedback included:

- Approachable, great layout, easy-to-read graphics and easy-to-understand data
- Add an area specific to clinicians resources
- Add an index and links to resources and /or County webpage
- Add mental health section
- Add de-identified anecdotes and videos

The storyboard will be shared for the first time with the community at the April 1 release event as part of Public Health Week.

PHAC Updates

- Rachel gave update from Boys and Girls Club in Hillsboro. There will be a grand opening of their new Nature Playground on April 12 from 4-7. This project was truly a community effort with the kids designing it and the project being completed through volunteers and donations.

Legislative Updates

- Tricia talked about state funding, the PH need for more state general funds, and the governor's proposal of tobacco tax as a funding source. Also, Washington County is working on a local drug take-back ordinance. Its first reading will be at the March 26 work session. Finally, there are currently multiple bills around vaccinations going through the legislative process.

- Kathleen J discussed information around diesel and clean air construction standards. Both off-road and on-road equipment is being looked at. Some changes include working on decreasing emissions by allowing for retrofits on older equipment, especially for smaller companies, to uphold equity; reducing idle time; implementing a phase-in schedule and having construction standards tied to the contracts.

PHAC Business

- **Public Health Week** – PHW will be April 1-7. There are interesting events for each day of the week. Monday is the rollout of The Healthier Together Storyboard, Tuesday are the award presentations, Wednesday is QPR training and HIV/STI van tour, Thursday is an environmental health table in the PSB with information about woodstoves and diesel, and Friday is a lunchtime presentation by Dr. Kim Repp on suicide prevention. All are invited to attend.
- **State SHIP** – At a previous PHAC meeting, the group gave input to help the State narrow down their list of priorities for the upcoming year. The State has now released their top priorities, which include prevention and reduction of tobacco use, prevention of death by suicide, slow the increase of obesity, improve oral health and immunization rates, reduction of harms associated with alcohol and substance use, and protect the population from communicable disease.

Minutes taken by Kerry Colette