

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 • 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	Annie Paulsen	5:30
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the Board's draft legislative agenda	Paige Spence	5:45
Review County LEAP Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the County's Limited English Assistance PlanPHAC members provide input on the draft policy	Tricia Tillman	6:15
COVID-19 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the current situation in Washington County	Tricia Mortell	6:55
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time	Tricia Mortell and Alex Coleman	7:15
Closing		Annie Paulsen	7:25

Next Meeting: No meeting in December

Future PHAC Meetings:

- January 12, 2021
- February 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

Substance Use Prevention Collaborative Wednesday, December 2 nd • 9:00 – 10:30 am ZOOM Meeting	Several other CHIP subcommittees are planning to reconvene in December including Access to Care, Health Communities and Suicide Prevention. If you are interested in attending any of these meeting, please contact Vivianna.
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Meeting Minutes

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ATTENDING: Ann Marie Paulsen, Larysa Thomas, Nicole Bowles, Sonja Ackman, Tom Engle, David Eppelsheimer, Hemi Pariyani, Pam Treece, Robin Bousquet, Jennifer McElravey, Leticia Vitela, Eileen Derr, Dick Stenson,

ABSENT: Larry Boxman, Shabba Woodley, Karen Reynolds, Andrea Lara Silva

STAFF: Tricia Mortell, Alex Coleman, Vivianna Lindley

Community Members: Dean True, Julie Scotland

GUEST PRESENTERS: Paige Spence, Latricia Tillman

Welcome

David started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

Approve October's Meeting Minutes

October's minutes were reviewed. Leticia Vitela motioned to approve the minutes. Eileen Derr seconded. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

Legislative Update

PHAC members received an update on the Board's draft legislative agenda. (See PowerPoint for more details.)

- Legislative session is virtual this year
- Hope to have housing stability on the agenda
- Much of the work will be sustaining current funding, increasing funding is difficult, but it will be sought out
- Seeking funding increase for county outpatient behavioral health services
- Striving to preserve funding for developmental disability services
- OHA putting forth a recommendation to the Governor's budget to give 70 million in funding for the Public Health departments
- Federal COVID funding will expire at the end of the year, so we will be seeking supplemental funding at the state and federal levels to sustain our COVID response
- Seeking funding to continue work on housing stability for the community during COVID

Q&A

Q: Is universal home visiting limited to nurses?

A: It is limited to an initial visit by a nurse after births.

Q: Is NACCHO involved with the transition teams for the Biden presidency?

A: Tricia will find out.

Q: How many programs are in jeopardy due to budget shortfalls?

A: We will know more about this soon, but funding gaps are always there with the need much higher than the funding available. We anticipate needing 15 million for the first 6 months in 2021 to support PH COVID response.

Review of the County Equity Office

PHAC members received an overview of the new Equity Office from Latricia Tillman. (See PowerPoint for more details.)

- Important to connect our work today to the civil rights movements of the past
- Limited English Assistance Policy, when adopted, will move forward to establish a procedure and work with departments individually on implementation.

Q&A

Q: Will the EICO office be responsible for the ADA?

A: Yes, the office will be providing oversight and guidance.

Q: Do you have a website?

A: Yes, but all County communication staff are very busy with COVID right now, so development of it is on hold.

Q: Does this office cover rights for immigrants?

A: Yes. LEAP is tied to national origin as well.

Q: Is this office connected to fair housing?

A: Yes, since title VIII is fair housing in the civil rights act, it will be connected to that as well.

COVID-19 Update

PHAC members received an update on the current situation in Washington County.

- Last week was extremely rough for the Tri-County region with 800 new cases and 9 deaths; the region is continuing discussions on how to slow this down
- We have 23 outbreaks in LTCF right now; it has been very difficult to prevent this disease in congregate facilities
- We have specialists who are working with LTCFs, calling them every day to check-in and provide support to them
- The Governor is no longer allowing in-person visitation in-doors, something that only just started at LTCFs
- We have 26 outbreaks in workplaces and 24 in school daycares and camps
- The issue is becoming that people are letting their guard down in familiar places and around familiar people; like in work/school settings. The pause is about slowing these kinds of things down.
- The positivity rate has gone up from 5% to 10% and the goal was to keep it below 5%
- The Governor did a presentation with hospitals; they have enough ventilators, but they are having staffing problems with staff exhausted and entering flu season we run the risk of overwhelming this system.
- The pause is related to indoor spaces and starts on 11/11 for two weeks: See pause guidelines for more details.
- Our Environmental Health team will reach out to all businesses regarding the rules around the pause.
- OHA will be looking at the metrics over the next two weeks and trying to put together a single metric instead of the many metrics we have now
- If you see a business that you suspect of not following guidelines you can report it to our business compliance team: eoc-covidenforcement@co.washington.or.us

Q&A

Q: If the county commissioners feel the Governor is not doing enough, do they have authority to do what they want for Washington County, or does state government control this situation?

A: We could be stricter, but we cannot enforce anything so it is difficult to do this.

Q: Were the 9 deaths in Washington County and do we know the demographics?

A: Yes, they were in Washington County. Most of our deaths are related to older folks with underlying conditions who are living in congregate settings.

Q: Many private schools have hybrid learning. Will the pause restrict this?

A: A reason some schools have hybrid learning is because they also provide childcare services. We do not anticipate any facilities going backwards at this point if they have a childcare exception. Private schools must follow the same guidelines as the public schools.

Q: There was a report that there has been more hospitalization of children, is that true for our county?

A: We have not seen this in Washington County and are very grateful for that.

Q: Will the pause effect indoor sports?

A: Yes, they will have to keep to the 50-person limit identified in the guidelines.

Q: Are you hearing any of the LTCFs running into staffing problems?

A: We are hearing about patients getting stuck in hospitals because the LTCF has an outbreak or is understaffed and can't take more people in. Helping with these issues is under DHS purview. LTCFs are prioritizing testing and will test more frequently when case counts go up for the county.

Q: Do we have any special limitations or restrictions for the holidays with people traveling?

A: We have not instituted any travel restrictions. People can travel in and out of the state, but we recommend that people traveling to restrict their activity in the weeks before travel.

Q: Are there restrictions from people traveling into the U.S. from outside the Country?

A: No, people can travel into the U.S. from other countries.

Q: What is the county case rate right now?

A: Over 200 per 100,000.

Q: Are these soft restrictions from the pause really going to help?

A: We are worried that things need to be further restricted, but it is difficult to roll back to where we were in April. This is an ongoing conversation with the Governor's office.

Q: How likely do you think it is that we will get to <50 per 100,000 cases?

A: It will take a lot of effort. We were at less than this a few weeks ago, so it was shocking to have this huge surge in cases.

Closing

On a positive note: We were very successful in keeping COVID-19 contained and out of the labor camps for migrant and seasonal workers. No meeting in December.