

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 708 212 8355

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AGENDA ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOMES	LEAD	TIME
Welcome	Welcome, introductions, review agenda, approve minutes from August meeting	Jennifer McElravey	5:30
Housing Services Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the work being done by Housing Services	Josh Crites	5:45
COVID Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the County's COVID response	Marie Boman-Davis	6:25
New Public Health Division Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marie has an opportunity to introduce herself to the PHAC	Marie Boman-Davis	6:50
TRL Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members vote to submit a letter or support and/or verbal testimony to the Board regarding the proposed additions to the State's Tobacco Retail Licensure Program for Washington County	Alex Coleman	7:10
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time	Alex Coleman	7:20
Closing		Jennifer McElravey	7:25

Next Meeting: October 12, 2021

Future PHAC Meetings:

- November 9, 2021
- No Meeting in December

Future Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Subcommittee Meetings

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, please email

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Access to Care September 22 nd • 9:00 – 10:30 This meeting will be held via ZOOM, for access to the meeting contact Alicia Lee (alicia_lee@co.washington.or.us)	Substance Use Prevention Collaborative The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 th . For more information 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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Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021



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ATTENDING: Hemi Pariyani, Tom Engle, Eileen Derr, Sonja Ackman, Rachel Arnold, Jennifer McElravey, Larysa Thomas, Leticia Vitela, Madhavi Bharadwaj, Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Nicole Bowles, Julie Scotland

ABSENT: David Eppelsheimer, Dick Stenson, Robin Bousquet, Andrea Lara Silva

STAFF: Dr. Marie Boman-Davis, Alex Coleman, JD Harris

GUEST PRESENTERS: Josh Crites

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Jeanne Atkins

Welcome

Jennifer started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

Approve August's Meeting Minutes

August's minutes were reviewed. Rachel Arnold motioned to approve the minutes. Larysa Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

Housing Services Presentation

PHAC members received an update on the work being done by Housing Services from Josh Crites, the Assistant Director of the Housing Services Department. Josh provided an overview of the various programs housed within their department, discussed the work being done by Supportive Housing around homelessness, provided updates on programs related to COVID recovery and discussed some of the work being supported by the Regional Affordable Housing Bond. More detailed information on the Housing Services Department can be found on their website (<https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/>)

- The Housing Services Department runs the federal housing program for the county
- They manage a small affordable housing portfolio
- The County's real estate development program is also housed within the Housing Services Department
- They have recently taken on work supporting the county shelter systems and are currently working on a pilot related to encampments
- There are several programs currently available to as part of the COVID recovery framework to help maintain stable housing as the eviction moratorium ends
 - Emergency Rental Assistance Fund: working in partnership with Community Action to distribute these funds
 - Landlord Compensation Program: funds go directly to property owners/landlords to cover back rent
- Supportive Housing is currently working on a revision to the county's shelter system
 - Looking to increase the number of year-round shelters
 - Adding 186 beds to the winter shelters
 - Increasing capacity for emergency shelters

Q&A

Q: How long is the Regional Affordable Housing Bond in place for?

A: 10 years

Q: How are you working towards preventing people from losing their homes or becoming homeless?

A: Within the new regional funding 75% of those funds are targeted at addressing chronic homelessness and 25% are directed towards prevention.

Q: How does the Housing Department collaborate with Public Health and other partners like school districts

A: Our department routinely collaborates with HHS and programs housed within that department including Public Health. This past year we partnered on some high-level work related to COVID, including the County's COVID respite shelter, we've also partnered around encampments. We're currently having discussions with the school districts about how we can house homeless students.

Q: What is the current wait time for voucher-based programs? Why do you close the waiting list?

A: Current wait time is approximately 8 years. There are limited resources and a high demand. There are only about 150 openings year. Because there are so few openings, we want to maintain a waitlist that is good for about two years, this is why we close the waitlist. We do have some project-based housing lists that remain open continuously.

Comments

- Even though we're making a lot of progress, there's still a lot more we could be doing, and areas where we could be doing a better job. It's important that we continue to approach this work using an equity lens and really understand how housing discrimination has historically impacted communities.

COVID Update

PHAC members received an update on the County's COVID response. See PowerPoint for more details.

Q&A

Q: Why didn't the model created by OHSU include schools reopening?

A: They needed data from schools to include it in the model. Rather than using data from other states which may have different mandates or restrictions related to schools, they chose not to include schools re-opening in their current model and will update as Oregon data becomes available.

Q: Based on the new data that we have, what are we doing differently/how is that data informing our work?

A: We are continuing to follow the guidance provided by OHA and the State, we are also continuing to work with OHA as they update and revise their investigative guidelines. One of our primary goals is to keep kids in school so we're meeting with our regional public health

partners as well as superintendents and discussing how we can support schools with messaging for their students and families as well as talking about what types of measures make sense for the schools in our county to help keep their students and families safe and healthy.

Q: What are schools doing if a student tests positive for COVID?

A: Schools are following OHA and ODE guidelines. The Ready Schools, Safe Learners framework from ODE which outlines their current requirements can be found online

(<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Planning-for-the-2020-21-School-Year.aspx>)

Q: How are we preparing for younger kids getting vaccinated?

A: WCPH is coordinating with partners to develop plans for how to get shots in arms when the time comes. We are currently assessing capacity –will pediatricians have capacity to incorporate workflows into their practices, how can we utilize pharmacies—we’re also looking at whether there will be enough vaccinators. Like a lot of healthcare settings, school nurses are also limited. We’re also working with schools to identify whether they would want vaccinators onsite.

Q: How do we work with schools to reinforce mask mandates?

A: There is a regional meeting between local public health officials and the regional health officers that has been discussing this. Looking at what additional messaging would be helpful to provide to schools, and what types of supports they need. We’re also working with superintendents on what additional guidance makes sense for their school district. Our school districts want to comply with whatever mandates we put forward and are really engaged and cooperative around the process. Everyone’s goal is to keep kids in school, and to keep them healthy.

New Public Health Division Director

Dr. Marie Boman-Davis introduced herself to the PHAC.

TRL Ordinance

Ordinance 878 - An ordinance to limit the access of tobacco, flavored products, synthetic nicotine and inhalant delivery systems to individuals under 21 years old has been submitted to the Board for approval. This ordinance would limit the sale of flavored tobacco and synthetic nicotine products to establishments that are 21 and over as well as prohibit price promotions and discounts. PHAC members were asked to consider providing a letter of support for the ordinance to the Board prior to their second reading of the ordinance on September 21st. Tom Engle motioned to approve submitting a letter of support, Hemi Pariyani seconded the motion. During the discussion it was also suggested by Commissioner Fai that if possible, it would be helpful to have someone provide verbal testimony at the meeting on the 21st. Hemi Pariyani motioned to approve a PHAC member providing verbal testimony at the meeting on the 21st and Leticia Vitela seconded the motion. Drafts of both a letter of support and oral testimony will be sent to the PHAC for approval this week.

Closing

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th.