

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, September 8, 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 June meeting	Annie Paulsen	5:30
CARES NW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the work Cares NW is doing in Washington CountyDiscuss writing a letter of support to the Board regarding the purchase of the WCCCA by Cares NW	Kevin Barton and Kevin Dowling	5:45
Tobacco Retail Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on tobacco retail licensing in Washington County	Gwyn Ashcom	6:05
COVID-19 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the current situation in Washington County	Alex Coleman	6:50
Q&A (Community members may also submit questions and comments at this time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members and community members are encouraged to ask questions about the County's response to COVID and its plans moving forward	Alex Coleman	7:10
Closing		Annie Paulsen	7:25

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Future PHAC Meetings:

- November 10, 2020
- 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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Suicide Prevention Council Thursday, September 10, 2020 • 2:30 – 4:30	This will be a remote meeting, contact Jenna Oh (jenna_oh@co.washington.or.us) for information on attending
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Meeting Minutes

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ATTENDING: Ann Marie Paulsen, Larysa Thomas, Nicole Bowles, Sonja Ackman, Tom Engle, Andrea Lara Silva, David Eppelsheimer, Hemi Pariyani, Dick Stenson

ABSENT: Larry Boxman, Pam Treece, Shabba Woodley, Leticia Vitela, Eileen Derr, Tricia Mortell, Robin Bousquet, Karen Reynolds, Jennifer McElravey

STAFF: Alex Coleman, Vivianna Lindley, Stephen Mayer

GUEST PRESENTERS: Kevin Dowling, Kevin Barton, Gwyn Aschom

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Marie Boman-Davis

Welcome

Annie started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

Approve August Meeting Minutes

August's minutes were reviewed. Dick Stenson motioned to approve the minutes. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

CARES NW

PHAC received an update on the work CARES NW is doing in Washington County. See PowerPoint for more details.

- Washington County District Attorney Kevin Barton is dedicated to providing the best support possible for victims of child abuse and partnered with CARES NW to tackle this issue in Washington County
- Numbers show that 4-5 children die every day from child abuse in the U.S., but most experts believe the number is higher than this
- A study shows the highest use of Medicaid dollars is by adults who suffered child abuse
- Washington County does not have a facility for providing therapy and medical services for child abuse victims. Victims in Washington County right now are sent to CARES NW in Portland. The vision is to establish a CARES NW location in Washington County in the old WCCCA building next to the Family Justice Center to provide wraparound services to victims and their families
- It was requested that PHAC write a letter of support for CARES NW utilizing the WCCCA building
- Seeing fewer children referred to CARES NW in Multnomah and Washington Counties since COVID-19 began

Dick Stenson motioned for the PHAC to write a letter of support and David Eppelsheimer seconded. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

Tobacco Retail Licensure

PHAC received an update on TRL work in Washington County. See PowerPoint for more details.

- By raising the legal purchasing age for tobacco products from 18 to 21 the goal was to eliminate those under 18 getting the products from friends
- Partnered with PSU to assess 270 tobacco and alcohol retailers for their product placement and availability to children
- Juul was the most used tobacco product among youth; many did not understand there was nicotine in the product
- Youth's brains are still developing until the age of 27. Tobacco use before that can affect their development
- License fees give Washington County the funding needed to provide enforcement of tobacco sale laws and provide education to youth on the dangers of tobacco
- Many retailers were found to be selling to those under 21, enforcement would include not just monitoring and fining retailers for doing this, but also educating them on how and why not to
- States with TRL have seen sales to under those 21 reduce
- Trying to reduce availability of flavored products at stores that allow under 21 customers
- TRL would at most cause a loss of 6 FTE in retail businesses in Washington County, but we will also be hiring staff for enforcement
- When retailers offer tobacco product sales and deals, they are being paid by the tobacco industry to do so and end up getting the full price for the products
- The state is proposing next session a TRL bill for Oregon that only stipulates the licensing fee and no add-ons like flavor restrictions
- Would love to partner with the Cities of Washington County to administer the TRL program for them through an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). We have had positive conversations with Cities about this
- Still in the process of drafting the ordinance but hoping to have something finalized this month.
- Did a telephone survey of 400 Washington County residents on TRL and substance abuse. This is the first survey done with only Washington County residents.

COVID-19 Update

PHAC received an update on COVID-19 and the County's response to it. Case numbers are not out for the week yet due to the holiday weekend. August 28th marked the 6-month period of the first case in Washington County.

- There are 176 people in Washington County working on the COVID response right now. 36 of those are existing county staff and the others are contractors
- Staff have continued to support the needle exchange program through COVID, and we have hit an all-time high of clients served
- The WIC program has transitioned to phone appointments and have added over 500 new clients since April
- Still have not reached the metrics required to open schools
- The county has developed a grant to support Daycare services to stay open during this time

- There was a large outbreak in a memory care facility that we are working with the State on. The facility was evacuated and has been cooperative
- Currently Vermont has the lowest number of cases per 100,000 people and Louisiana has the highest
- Expecting another jump in cases from the holiday weekend like we saw after the 4th of July and Memorial Day
- Our homeless services program has continued to work to transition individuals and families off the streets and into more permanent housing
- We do not currently have a way to enforce businesses who are non-compliant with face coverings. Working the sheriff's office on this issue
- The EOC has deactivated, but response effort is still going strong under a new structure. PPE can still be requested through the online form
- Will be bringing plans for the distribution of a COVID vaccine to PHAC in the next couple months

Q&A

CARES NW

Q: Is there a standardized letter PHAC can use for their support? **A:** Yes. Alex has it.

Q: How many doctors from pediatrics do you have and what are the counselor's credentials? **A:** Have 12 medical providers and many of them specialize in pediatrics and child abuse. Have more than two dozen Master level clinicians and social workers providing mental health supports. These professionals conduct medical assessments and video interviews with the children. Also have four trauma therapists, one of whom is Spanish speaking. Really interested in hiring another Spanish speaking therapist for the Washington County site.

Q: Would CARES have two operations with adding one in Washington County? **A:** Yes.

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Q: Is the licensing fee the same for every county or is it different? **A:** It is specific to the county's cost needs. It is looking close to \$900 for Washington County. If businesses do not comply it will be a tiered structure of penalties.

Q: Is there a tobacco prevention committee or community group of some kind? **A:** Yes, it is the Substance Use Prevention Collaborative. Meetings are currently suspended due to COVID, but plans are in the works to bring it back.

COVID-19

Q: Who are the decision makers for school metrics? Will they change them? **A:** The governor's office releases these guidelines. If a school starts in-person learning and then cases go up and metrics are no longer met, they will have to return to distance learning.

Closing

Next meeting on October 13th. Zoom details to come.