

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024



ATTENDING: Sonja Ackman, Lucia Benavides, Madhavi Bharadwaj, Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Ansley Fancher, Michelle Williams,

ABSENT: Rachel Arnold, Eileen Derr, David Eppelsheimer, Andrea Lara, Afam Okoye, Hemi Pariyani, Annie Paulsen, Julie Scotland, Larysa Thomas

STAFF PRESENTERS: Alex Coleman, Erin Jolly

STAFF ATTENDING: Dr. Folu Adeniyi, Bethany Perkins (meeting minutes)

Community Members: Annie Herbert

WELCOME

Alex Coleman opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions to those attending and followed with a review of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Council did not review and approve the November meeting minutes since there were not enough members present to meet quorum.

PRESENTATIONS

REGIONAL ETHICS DELIBERATIONS, *presented by Alex Coleman*

See PowerPoint for more information.

PHAC members discussed doing a regional ethical deliberation. The three options being proposed were 1) Quad County Regional Public Health Ethics Committee, 2) Regional Public Health Community of Practice, or 3) Maintain Status Quo (each LPHA operating separately). There was support among the group for increased collaboration between counties.

MODERNIZATION PROCESS METRICS, *Presented by Alex Coleman and Erin Jolly, Strategy Program Supervisor*

See PowerPoint for more information.

PHAC members discussed the process metrics adopted by the state's Public Health Advisory Board and gathered input on what process metrics make sense for Washington County. The health outcome indicators identified for public health are to reduce the spread of syphilis and prevent congenital syphilis, protect people from preventable disease by increasing vaccination rates, and build community resilience for climate impacts on health (extreme heat, wildfire smoke, and drinking water). (Please refer to slide presentation entitled, "January PHAC" for detailed information.)

Public health system metrics

The following set of metrics brings attention to health priorities in Oregon.

These metrics provide a framework to bring together governmental public health authorities, other sectors and partners, and state and local health officials to collectively change policies to create health for everyone.

These metrics also demonstrate improvements in Oregon Health Authority and local public health authorities' core system functions through public health modernization

Collective responsibility across sectors and partners		Oregon Health Authority and local public health authority accountability
Health priorities	Policy actions	Public health data, partnerships and policy
Public health assessment	Public health policy development	Public health assurance
Indicators of health outcomes	Measures of policy landscape	Measures of foundational capabilities
<i>What are priority health issues throughout Oregon?</i>	<i>How are policies contributing to or eliminating root causes of health inequities?</i>	<i>Are public health authorities increasing capacity and expertise needed to address priority health issues?</i>
<i>Which groups experience disproportionate harm?</i>		<i>Are public health authorities better able to provide core public health functions within their community?</i>
Level of accountability		Level of accountability
The governmental public health system as a whole, other sectors and partners, elected officials.		OHA and individual LPHAs
Oregon's Public Health Advisory Board has a critical role to influence necessary policy changes.		

PUBLIC HEALTH ESSENTIAL, presented by Alex Coleman

PHAC members discussed the proposal to utilize time during our monthly meetings to learn more about the essential functions and services of governmental public health. The group is interested in learning more about Washington County public health and how it operates.

QUESTIONS

Q: Would a regional ethics group be made up of PHAC members as well as county employees?

A: This is a possibility that is open for discussion.

Q: How can the PHAC impact these [modernization process] metrics?

A: PHAC helps think through and create equity goals and prevention strategies.

Q: Are these metrics areas of improvement for Washington County specifically?

A: They are areas of improvement for the state of Oregon.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

- FY 24-25 Budget Update
- Legislative update
- PHAC appointments

MEMBER UPDATES / COMMENTS:

PHAC members had the opportunity to ask questions, or to provide comments on topic outside the agenda items. There were no additional updates or comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Community members had the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments on topics outside the agenda items. There were no additional updates or comments.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

None

CLOSING

The next PHAC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Alex closed out the meeting – thank you!

As always, we welcome input from PHAC members via our [Feedback Survey](#).