

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

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AGENDA ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOMES	REQUESTED ACTION	RESOURCES	LEAD	TIME
Welcome	Welcome, introductions, review agenda, approve minutes from November meeting			Jennifer McElravey	5:30
Understanding Public Health Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members will gain a better understanding of how to interpret public health data and how we utilize data within public health 		CDC Public Health & Data Authority Public Health Surveillance Preparing for the Future	Kimberly Repp	5:45
2023 Legislative Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members receive an overview of the upcoming legislative session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC will vote to advocate for proposed public health legislation 	October PHAC Minutes Board of Commissioner December 13 Meeting OHA Public Health Modernization Study of Oregon's COVID-19 Response January 3 Board Work Session	Zakir Khan Marie Boman-Davis Alex Coleman	5:45
Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members receive an update on the budget planning process for fiscal year 2023-2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members will vote to provide support for the proposed Public Health budget 	County Budget Page December 6 Board Work Session September 2022 Board of Commissioners Town Hall	Marie Boman-Davis	6:20
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members will receive an update on the PHAC application revisions New member appointments and Boards & Commissions recruitment Feedback on November hybrid meeting 			Alex Coleman	7:00
Member Updates/Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHAC members have an opportunity to ask questions, or provide any comments on topics outside the agenda items 			Alex Coleman and Marie Boman-Davis	7:10
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time 			Alex Coleman and Marie Boman-Davis	7:20
Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February meeting is a hybrid meeting with the option to attend in-person, or online 			Jennifer McElravey	7:25



Next Meeting: February 14, 2023 (Hybrid Meeting)

Future PHAC Meetings:

- March 14, 2023
- April 11, 2023

For assistance on the evening of the meeting contact: Alex Coleman (971) 724-0089 or alex_coleman@co.washington.or.us

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Understanding Public Health Data:

~~Dr. Kimberly Repp, Chief Epidemiologist and supervisor for the Research, Analytics, Informatics and Data Program and Medical Examiner's Office will be providing a presentation on the basics of public health data. One of the areas for professional development ([PHAC Planning Mural](#)) that the group had previously identified was learning how to better understand and interpret data, and to understand how we use data within the local public health system.~~

~~This presentation will help you to understand the different types of data utilized within public health, types of data sources, how we analyze and interpret data, and how data is used in decision making.~~

Legislative Update:

This legislative session there will be several bills and funding requests related to public health going before the legislature, including an ask of \$286 million for Public Health Modernization. This group has previously received several updates on modernization, most recently during our September 2022 meeting (presentation emailed with the meeting materials). Public Health Modernization is the State's mandated framework that outlines the base level of service that public health should provide within their communities. Complex public health problems require a nimble, community-based and equity centered public health system and public health modernization provides a framework for creating that system.

In the past, this group has provided written and verbal testimony to the state legislature in support of Public Health Modernization and other bills supporting public health programs. Given the legislation and budget asks being considered this session, we anticipate that this group will once again be asked to provide testimony to the legislature on these items.



Budget Update:

The County is again facing a shortfall between revenues and general fund expenditures. This shortfall is primarily due to revenue growth over the past five years not keeping pace with the increasing cost of services. As a result of this shortfall the County is asking each department receiving general fund to develop 4%, 7% and 10% reduction scenarios. These scenarios, along with other options, will be considered by the County Leadership as they develop a balanced proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, that maintains the County's core values of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and the careful use of the public's resources. The County's CFO provided an update on the budget situation to the Board at the December 6th work session which provides more information about the current shortfall and proposals for balancing the budget for next fiscal year.

One area related to budget where we are seeking support from the PHAC is related to increasing fee rates for our Environmental Health (EH) program. Jon Kawaguchi, the program supervisor for EH, will be providing an overview of their proposed rate increase and plans to move towards a program cost recovery model.

The group will have the opportunity to vote to provide support for the Public Health Budget with the Board of Commissioners during the budget planning cycle.