



Clackamas County Public Health Advisory Committee

Monday, October 5, 2020

PHAC Members Present: Eric Johnston, Elizabeth Barth, Hannah Smith, Kim Swan, Kimiko Wane, Marilyn Braught, Christina Bodamer, Rujuta Gaonkar, Maria Taffola, Mike Foley

Others Attending: Dr. Sarah Present, Kevin Dirksen, Philip Mason-Joyner, Molly Mew, Kelly Streit, Julia Hill, Abe Moland, Nathaniel Edwards, Susan Berns-Norman

Minutes

Topic	Action	Notes
I. Welcome & Introductions Review of Agenda, Minutes		Introductions were made and the agenda reviewed.
II. County Updates on COVID-19 & Wildfires		<p>Wildfires have had a devastating impact on Clackamas County residents. Public Health has been working closely with other jurisdictions to coordinate the response. Over 200 structures, 53 residences have been impacted by the fires. Water safety and air quality are of concern of CCPHD. Sixty households are quarantining at hotels. Providence Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City was evaluated for evacuation. FEMA is still in the region to document situation regarding financial impact. https://www.clackamas.us/wildfires</p> <p>(Please note these notes are a reflection of conditions at the time of the meeting). COVID: metrics are looking good. Recommendations have yet to be developed by the state for holiday gatherings. A vaccine is being pursued by many pharmaceutical companies. Flu shots are highly encouraged. Public Health Infectious Disease staffing levels have increased from over 8 FTE to 50+. The temp staff are doing amazing tracing investigation work.</p>
III. Ethics Education Session		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Dirksen, 2020, PH ethics refresher Clack </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Public Health Ethics Training.pptx </div> </div> <p><i>race & ethnicity COVID data:</i> https://public.tableau.com/shared/DFWX7XY7G?:display_count=y&:origin=viz_share_link&:embed=y</p> <p>The ethics education session focused on a follow-up on COVID-19 and crisis standards of care from March 2020. Many health focused organizations from the state went through the same exercise that PHAC did to determined how limited resources should be distributed to those affected by COVID. Most organizations came up with these fundamental ethical principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain social solidarity • Justice ensuring that everyone is treated equitably • Respect for persons and one’s inherent dignity • Should serve the good of the whole community or common good • adherence to professional codes of conduct <p>The reception to these principles was mixed. Comments and criticism indicated that more attention needed to focused on underlying health disparities that disproportionately impact certain patient populations, such as:</p>

- persons with disabilities
- immigrants and refugees
- people of color
- residents of disadvantaged communities
- incarcerated persons

The Oregon Health Association determined it would no longer reference or rely on the 2018 Crisis Care Guidance due to the critical feedback. Instead, moving forward it would re-engage health care experts and community partners, including organizations or individuals representing Communities of Color, Tribal communities, and people with disabilities, in early October. It will look for input on how to co-create a new process centered on health equity.

PHAC Members were asked the following questions:

- What have we learned about public health and PH ethics during the twin crises of COVID-19 & racism in America?
- How should scarce resources be allocated? Unlikely we'll run out of vents, but what about medications? Vaccines?
- Is it racist to allocate scarce resources based upon survivability (hospital d/c & 6 mos.) in a structurally unjust context? Should society give a ventilator to someone who is more likely to die but whose mortality is poor due in part to injustice?
- How do we earn the trust of the public and vulnerable populations during times of extremis (e.g., COVID, fires)?

Additional questions that were raised by meeting participants:

- National vaccine implications? Long term questions?
- How do we earn trust with high priority populations?
 - How do we allocate resources?
 - How do we listen to all voices?
 - How do we engage in conversation w/out the disrespect we see.
- Lack of trust
 - Gov't entity is at a disadvantage because willingness to engage is low.
- HINT: many populations are apprehensive of working with law enforcement
 - Many experience fear and intimidation by racially-based protest groups
 - Why would high priority populations be trustful of the government when a regional racially-focused protest group is recognized by the Gov't.?
- Building trust:
 - Work directly with stakeholders
 - Persistence
 - Request input, feedback
 - Don't rely on the Govt to get a solution
 - Transfer ideas into policy, protocols
- How does this translate into a concrete goal for PH?
 - PH needs to practice how to be in a diverse community that isn't too narrowly focused.
 - Decisions need to be thoughtful but urgent in order to address global situation
 - Engage diverse perspectives
 - Pose these questions with HINT

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intentionality is important ○ PH doesn't have it all figured out yet. Through time and evolution PH will continue to learn and grow to serve public interest. Through hope and resiliency PH will grow and improve.
IV. Blueprint Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Approval of Goals • Next steps: 	X Approval needed (goals)	Susan Berns-Norman presented the 2020-2023 Blueprint goals for approval. Rujuta Gaonkar questioned if the Healthy Behaviors goal section reflected the correct language. Regarding chronic disease: can this living document be too individualistic. Marilyn Braught moved, Rujuta Gaonkar seconded that PHAC approve the 2020-2023 Blueprint goals as written: Yes: Kim, Christina, Kimiko, Elizabeth, Hannah, Marilyn, Eric, Rujuta, Maria Abstain: Mike
V. PHAC Development & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future direction • 1:1 Meetings • Bylaws • Co-Chair selection 	X X	PHAC is in the process of becoming an official advisory committee to the Board of County Commissioners. The By-Laws have been approved by County Counsel. PHAC will need to conduct a recruitment process and membership will be confirmed by the BCC. Philip Mason-Joyner, PH Director, would like to meet 1:1 with all current PHAC members to talk about your interests, future goals and direction of PHAC. Meetings will take place in October and November. Susan will set the meetings up. PHAC member orientation will take place in December which includes the County's Code of Conduct. ByLaws approval: Christina Bodamer moved that the By-Laws be approved as written. Mike Foley seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Co-Chair Selection: Christina Bodamer and Elizabeth Barth were selected as Co-chairs. Motion passed unanimously.
VI. Good for the Order		Abe Moland updated PHAC members regarding the letter of support that was approved on June 25, 2020 by PHAC for the Transportation and Growth Management Program grant. The update is that Clackamas County has been approved for a \$200K grant that will assist with the hiring of a consultant to update the TGM program health and equity sections of the plan.
Adjourn		Meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Future Meetings	Time	Topic	Location
PHAC: October 5, 2020	9:30 – 11:30	Ethics Education Session	Zoom
(Date TBD) Board of Health: 2020	10:15 - 11:00	COVID, Blueprint, PHAC becomes BCC advisory	Zoom
PHAC: December 7, 2020	9:30 – 11:30		Zoom
PHAC: February 1, 2021	9:30 – 11:30		
PHAC: April 5, 2021	9:30 – 11:30	PH Week(?)	
PHAC: June 7, 2021	9:30 – 11:30		
PHAC: August 2, 2021	9:30 – 11:30		
PHAC: October 4, 2021	9:30 – 11:30		
PHAC: December 6, 2021	9:30 – 11:30		