### **CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Study Session Worksheet**

Presentation Date: 7/31/12 Approx Start Time: 1:30 PM Approx Length: 45 min.

Presentation Title: Board of County Commissioners Update on Public Health Accreditation

Department: Health, Housing and Human Services, Public Health Division

Presenters: Marti Franc, Public Health Services Manager; Stephen Madkour, County Counsel;

Paul Lewis, Deputy Health Officer

Other Invitees: Cindy Becker, H3S Director; Richard Swift, H3S Assistant Director

#### WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

We are requesting an opportunity to provide the Board of County Commissioners with an information session in preparation to formally apply for national public health accreditation in October of 2012. We are continuing our presentation to the BCC regarding your role as the Local Public Health Authority and Board of Health.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Richard Swift and Public Health staff presented information about the essential roles of Public Health in the community during a study session on November 8, 2011. At that time we presented an overview of the Public Health accreditation process and our work plan to prepare for accreditation. We briefly discussed the governing role of the Board of Health related to accreditation. Today, we would like to present additional information about the role of the Board of County Commissioners as the Local Public Health Authority and Board of Health, as we update you on our progress since November.

We obtained grants from the North West Health Foundation and the Oregon Health Authority to finance the hiring of a consultant to help us achieve two of the pre-requisites for accreditation: a strategic plan and a community health improvement plan. Our staff completed the third prerequisite, a comprehensive community needs assessment. Summaries of each of those processes are shown on slides.

We are finalizing those documents to prepare them for submission with our application. As we discussed in November, the benefits to the county of achieving Public Health accreditation will be:

- a. Assurance that the public is receiving public health services that are in compliance with nationally recognized standards.
- b. Assurance that our organizational infrastructure supports the efficient and effective operation of our public health agency.
- c. Assurance that we are operating in alignment with our state statutes and rules regulating public health practice in Oregon.

We expect that an additional benefit of accreditation over time will be an enhanced opportunity to successfully apply for grants and funding opportunities to support public health goals.

Stephen Madkour will address legal requirements of the Board related to public health in the legal requirements section below.

Influencing health through policy is an important Board role. It can be argued that there are health implications in almost every policy the Board enacts, from transportation and land use planning, to housing issues, economic development and agricultural support. We have slides outlining progress on the HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living) grants. The Board's decision to fund this small grant program is a policy decision to support community work to address health issues at the grassroots level. Over time, these projects may help to combat our epidemic of obesity. We would like to continue to work with the Board to identify opportunities to develop health policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

There is a cost to achieving accreditation. The total fee for the five year accreditation period is \$31,800. We will pay that on a prorated basis over the five years and build it into our budget. We have not had to add extra staff, as the work to align with national standards is going on throughout our organization and all public health staff are involved. While this adds to the overall work load, it also means everyone is involved and is taking ownership of the process.

The benefits to the organization are not quantifiable financially. We expect increased focus from the work plans developed from strategic planning and community health planning. We expect a new emphasis on quality improvement to sharpen our processes and improve both efficiency and effectiveness. We may see actual fiscal benefits as we improve our chances of successfully applying for grants and special projects.

#### **LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Stephen Madkour review statutory requirements for Local Public Health Authority and Board of Health.

#### PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

The Board will be asked to interact with the review committee from the Public Health Accreditation Board.

#### **OPTIONS:**

This session is for information sharing only. No decisions needed at this time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend acceptance of this update on public health accreditation.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Power Point slides supporting the document.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval

For information on this issue or copies of attachments, please contact Marti Franc @ 503-655-8479

### Fiscal Impact Form

Is this item in your current work plan and budget?
⊠ YES
□NO
START-UP EXPENSES AND STAFFING (if applicable):
Application fee for the five year accreditation period is \$31,800. No additional staff.
ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES/SAVINGS AND STAFFING (if applicable):
Fee will be prorated over five years.

### **ANTICIPATED RESULTS:**

Improved work processes, strategic direction, increased community partnership and engagement, focus on health policy, quality improvement resulting in increased efficiency and effiectiveness.

#### **COSTS & BENEFITS:**

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### Update on Public Health Accreditation



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
HEALTH, HOUSING, & HUMAN SERVICES
JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2012

**BCC STUDY SESSION** 

## Public Health Accreditation Update

- Benefits to Clackamas County of achieving Public Health Accreditation
  - Assure public health services are in compliance with national standards
  - Assure that infrastructure supports efficient and effective operation
  - Assure alignment with state statutes and rules
  - Position opportunities to successfully apply for grants and additional funding

### Public Health Accreditation Update



- Three pre-requisites to formally apply
  - o Community Health Assessment
    - × A 2012 update of the Roadmap to Healthy Communities Project conducted by PH staff
  - o Community Health Improvement Plan
  - o Strategic Plan
    - Grant funded by North West Health Foundation and will be completed in August

# Community Health Assessment



### • 2012 Highlights:

- Hispanic Population
  - × large increase in the past ten years
- o Low High School Graduation Rates
  - only 2 districts in county meet national goal
- o Childhood Poverty
  - ⋆ >1/3 of children live in households earning less than federal poverty level
- o Preventable Deaths
  - early death and death overall are largely due to preventable deaths, such as tobacco related disease, heart diseases, injuries, overdoses, suicide, alcohol related and diabetes.
- o Health Risk Behavior
  - rising obesity rates, smoking slowly declining, increase in sedentary lifestyles
- Youth and Adults are Distressed
  - psychological distress depression, suicide (and attempts) are high
- o Oral Health
  - \* 1/2 of senior have lost at least six teeth and most adolescent have had at least one cavity
- Unequal Disease Burden
  - Racial and ethnic minorities, those with low income, and those with less education carry heavier burdens of disease

## Community Health Improvement Plan

- Blueprint for County and community partners to improve the health status of Clackamas County.
- Goals of Planning Committee
  - Develop systems, resources, approaches and policies to decrease the frequency of health risks in the county
  - Improve overall health of the population through community engagement
  - Improve educational achievement of county residents in order to enhance health
  - Improve and expand access to and coordination between public and private health and human services across Clackamas County

## Public Health Division Strategic Plan

- Helps guide Clackamas County Public Health
   Division's work by prioritizing and explaining how to
   accomplish strategic goals.
- Strategic Directions
  - Evaluate and continuously improve processes, programs and interventions
  - Develop the capacity in policy analysis, development, and advocacy.
  - Provide resources, technical assistance, and expertise to local groups, individuals and partners.

# Board of Health Role as Local Public Health Authority

- Legal Requirements
  - Review statutory requirements
- Influencing health through policy
  - Health implications in every policy the Board enacts
    - Transportation
    - Land use planning
    - × Housing issues
    - **×** Economic development
    - **×** Agriculture Support
    - Healthy Eating/Active Living Grants (HEAL)

# HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living) Grants

- The Board created the HEAL program to stimulate local partnerships and create healthier communities
- Public Benefits
  - Infrastructure: walking paths, community gardens, disc golf course, and fitness and education courses
  - o People: 6,000 county residents
  - o In-kind donations: \$50,000 raised
  - o Volunteer Hours: 2,300
  - o Food: 1,280 pounds of fresh, local garden produce

## **Next Steps**

- Clackamas County Public Health Division will request the Board's permission to formally apply to national public health accreditation
  - o If request is granted...
    - ★ Letter of support
    - ★ Continued updates