

Clackamas County Public Health Advisory Council  
Monday, April 18, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30  
Minutes

PHAC Members Present: Annie LaVerdure-Weller, Elizabeth Barth, Mitchell Doig, Kelly Streit, Dr. Ryan Hassan, Celess Roman, Tabitha Jensen, Allison Myers, Melanie Wagner, Michael Foley

PHAC Members Excused:

PHAC Members Not Present: Leslie Delgado, Hannah Smith, Pastor Heather Riggs, Jill Thompson-Hutson

Others Present: Philip Mason-Joyner, Armando Jimenez, Susan Berns-Norman, Sherry Olsen, Kim La Croix, Jeannine Breshears, Dr. Sarah Present, Mike Sluss, Carissa Bishop

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I. Welcome & Introductions & Ice Breaker	Completed (No time for icebreaker due to packed agenda)
II. Review of Agenda A. New Items added to agenda?	No new agenda items were added.
III. Public Input 3 minutes per person	The Cancer Care Project is being launched by Access Care Anywhere and they're conducting a needs assessment to increase the understanding of local cancer disparities and to identify barriers to cancer screening among the Medicaid population. If interested, email Carissa Bishop at <a href="mailto:cbishop@accesscareanywhere.org">cbishop@accesscareanywhere.org</a>
IV. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2022	Annie La Verdure-Weller moved and Mitchell Doig seconded. Motion passed. No abstentions.
V. Director's Report: A. Racism as a Public Health Crisis Resolution update B. Public Health Week 2022 Recap C. Opioid Update D. COVID Report – Update	<p><u>A. Racism as a PH Crisis:</u> Philip &amp; Martine have met and mapped out a plan in terms of engaging the county commissioners directly and moving the resolutions forward. The resolution will be presented publicly in Mid-June 2020 to coincide with Juneteenth and will be having individuals meetings with the commissioned to discuss the resolution to a brighter education to ensure they're prepared for that discussion in mid-June so they can move forward with a vote on the resolution in the first of those prep meetings. Philip will be giving updates and talking about what that presentation looks like and getting PHAC input.</p> <p><u>B. Public Health Week 2022 Recap:</u> There was a social media campaign that received a lot of attention. Everyday a different public health program was featured. Philip was able to do a few site-visits. He also visited Clackamas Towne Center vaccination site with culturally specific CBO's. Also had a media event about a health advisory that was sent</p>

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	<p>out around fentanyl overdose. There was a guest speaker that joined via Zoom, Dr. Reggie Tucker-Sealy, to talk about a framework for advancing racial health equity. A recording will be sent out soon and Philip encourages all PHAC that were not able to watch live to watch the recording. He is hoping to have a discussion on how to apply the framework and his recommendations.</p> <p>C. <u>Opioid Update: No updates</u></p> <p>D. <u>COVID Report</u>: 366 cases this past week, 79% increase from previous week. Increase in test positivity from 3.3% to 4.3%. Oregon is 1 of 26 states with rising cases. This is the second week of increase cases after 9 weeks of declines due to with BA2 or Covid-19 restrictions be reduced. Due to the current immunity from the vaccines and recent infections, a major surge is unlikely we're not expecting to see anything like we had. We are seeing a little uptick in vaccinations. The Western states advisory committee discussed vaccine requirements for students and Washington, Oregon, and California are not moving forward with the requirements for Covid-19 vaccines for the next school year.</p>
<p>VI. Discussion &amp; input on the future state of COVID</p>	<p><b>Discussion Questions:</b> Based on the COVID-19 experience thus far, what strengths can public health build on moving forward? (What do you think public health did well that we can carry forward?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good organization with vaccine clinics &amp; interacting with other agencies</li> <li>• Getting info out in a timely manner</li> <li>• Targeting community that needs vaccine most</li> <li>• Great online resources to locate vaccine sites and testing sites.</li> <li>• Have clear, easy to find resources for individuals who test positive on what they should be doing (step-by-step guidelines)</li> <li>• An accessible list of things you should expect post COVID (when to engage with medical when you're recovering at home)</li> <li>• A public health lens of what you should be talking to the provider about</li> <li>• Getting out into the public</li> <li>• haven't ever seen a government body move so quickly</li> <li>• public health visibility, getting information out and keep getting it out – accurate, positive, telling the story and giving data back up</li> <li>• we should use social media to side by side to compare the side effects of vaccine with the side effects of COVID</li> <li>• admitting today's fact is not tomorrow's fact, transparency</li> <li>• Public health can sometime be very plan-ful &amp; slow. It was nice to see how quickly we could mobilize and respond without leaving the most vulnerable behind. Equity was at the forefront.</li> <li>• Strong local leadership to face challenges.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding &amp; support of CBOs serving diverse communities – racial &amp; ethnic groups as a core part of our community &amp; infrastructure (needs to be done for the long-term)</li> <li>• Hands-on approach with folks most vulnerable in CC (testing, home vaccinations, PPE, using data to drive where resources are located)</li> <li>• Pivoting and moving quickly when the course of the pandemic changed – local public health shifted constantly</li> <li>• Can improve how funding is distributed to non-traditional organizations / providers serving diverse communities.</li> </ul> <p>What are the biggest opportunities that stakeholders have identified for us as we build this work in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile vaccine sites – bringing it to the people</li> <li>• Better education for younger people- science changes</li> <li>• More culturally responsive</li> <li>• Coordinating with healthcare providers to be on one accord (more proactive)</li> <li>• Be more responsive to the new technological world we live in</li> <li>• Make sure everyone has access to healthcare</li> <li>• More trusted messengers that can give out more information</li> <li>• Getting out into the public &amp; involved so they can be more trusting of public health</li> <li>• Make sure resources are in as many languages as possible as websites</li> <li>• Take advantage of the attention/awareness public health has right now</li> <li>• equity based support models, incentive based public health</li> <li>• partnerships with community organizations on getting vaccinations and information out to the public</li> <li>• using the opportunity to explain what public health is – many people don't really know what public health is or what it does... connecting what we know in ways the public can see – estimates of infections prevented</li> <li>• we've gotten buy-in from metro communities, need to focus on rural communities and try for the same buy-in</li> <li>• Equity Officer</li> <li>• Culturally-specific Liaisons</li> <li>• Lots of good practice – culturally responsive, data driven</li> <li>• Recognizing Clackamas County has most significant challenge with communicating thoughtfully with facts / science</li> <li>• As we see public health issues become more politicized it will be important to find creative ways to reach people while holding true to public health's core mission &amp; values</li> <li>• Need to address mis-information and get real information to families</li> </ul>

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	<p>As we move to the “Future State of COVID” work, what do you care most about that should be visible in our work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping people informed of COVID status/updates &amp; places to go for vaccinations &amp; advertise in other places than just online (i.e., newspaper, etc.)</li> <li>• County should step away from hosting vaccination clinics, but lean more on existing networks, with county still pushing the message out to where people can go</li> <li>• Maximize websites for mobility, user friendly for people that don’t have access to computers, but have smart phones</li> <li>• County build more relationships with long standing community organizations &amp; provide them with info so they can build trust &amp; these community members become mouthpieces of the county</li> <li>• Prevention outcomes to be visible</li> <li>• Everyone to be cared for, without judgment, investing in death prevention</li> <li>• Public health to be trusted</li> <li>• Work to gain trust</li> <li>• Prevention made visible - Contact tracing may have averted 1.4 million US COVID cases in 2 months:  <a href="https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2790518">https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2790518</a></li> </ul> <p>From your perspective, what results should we focus on that will tell us that we were successful in implementing our future COVID-19 work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being out in the community more, being visible, just show up</li> <li>• Intentionality- how many material were translated, how many unique site visits, how many community events attended, how many new organizations are partners; dive in for definition of what a partner is</li> </ul>
VII. Announcements	No announcements were given.
VIII. Adjourn Next Meeting: June 20, 2022	