

Clackamas County Public Health Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

In attendance:

Christina Bodamer, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Barth, Co-Chair

Jill Thompson-Hutson

Mike Foley

Eric Johnston

Allison Myers

PH Staff: Sherry Olson, Dr. Sarah Present, Philip Mason-Joyner, Susan Berns-Norman

Topic	Notes
I. Welcome & Introductions	The Co-chairs welcomed attendees to the meeting. Current membership on PHAC was confirmed as: Jill Thompson-Hutson, Mike Foley, Eric Johnston, Hannah Smith, Allison Myers, Elizabeth Barth, Christina Bodamer. Due to PHAC transitioning from a committee to an advisory council for the Board of County Commissioners membership has declined during the recruitment phase. All PHAC members were given the opportunity to apply to serve on the newly formed PHAC; those who do not intend to apply have ended their membership on the council effective immediately.
II. Review of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Call for new business	No new business was added to the agenda.
III. Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget Update	<p>This meeting was the first time PHAC, in its establishment, has reviewed the Health Division budget.</p> <p>This budgeting cycle includes new budgeting accounts, new software. Public Health will be developing the budget through an equity lens and using a budget equity tool. The budget will be data driven and focused on equitable access. The new tool helps to guide a 5 year financial plan. The tool and Clackamas demographics are below:</p> <p>Budget Equity Tool Budget Equity Tool Clackamas Demographics</p> <p>Budget updates from PH staff included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Health Share of Oregon CCO funding is included in the CCPHD budgetTrillium CCO and CCPHD do not have a contract yet, it will be based on membership.Compared to the other health divisions in the region, CCPHD has a smaller amount of general funds dedicated to its operation.CCPHD focuses on protecting local investment funding and Health Share provides substantial support.New positions within the CCPHD have been budgeted. These positions are funded through modernization and CCO funding.The pandemic has proven the need for additional Epidemiologists be hired.Number of people served depends on funded service delivery.CCPHD works to balance the percentage of funding should be spent on FTE vs contracts. CCPHD is currently operating on a very lean budget.

	<p>Public Health Program Area Updates:</p> <p>Environmental Health: seeking additional materials for a growing staff and is working to continue improving culturally responsive service delivery.</p> <p>IDCP: has traditionally been a lean operating program area. IDCP is working to improve partnerships and address language barriers.</p> <p>Climate Health: Three PH staff are dedicated to this program area.</p> <p>PHAC member comments:</p> <p>Jill Thompson-Hutson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is very supportive of the increase in modernization funding. • Communication is key and based on the current lean budget, CCPHD is not equipped to do the work needed. <p>Elizabeth Barth: how does CCPHD reach marginalized and vulnerable populations? She is supportive of improving accessibility to resources by addressing language barriers and hiring culturally diverse staff. These improvements will better serve the “end user”.</p> <p>Eric Johnston: Developing equity partnerships is key. He supports the future CHNA being developed with strong community involvement. He believes the Health Equity position can play a key role in the development of the CHNA.</p> <p>Christina Bodamer: It’s important to have the ability for localized communication options. The majority of messaging comes from the state regarding the pandemic but local public health divisions need to have communication abilities and resources.</p> <p>PHAC members voiced their support for the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contracted services are an important means for addressing health disparities and high priority populations. 2. Having communication mechanisms / resources in place at the local level are important. 3. Important to develop an equity partnership unit focused on climate change, addressing health disparities and partnership development.
IV. New, other business	Addressing racism: Co-Chairs Bodamer and Barth asked members if there was interest in researching the topic of Racism as a Public Health Crisis. PHAC members expressed interest in this issue. Mike Foley recommended working with LEDIC on this topic and resulting statement.
V. Adjournment Next Meeting: April 5, 2021, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Future Meetings	Time	Topic	Location
PHAC: April 5, 2021	9:30 – 11:30	PH Week celebration	
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		