

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 09/20/2016 **Approx Start Time:** 1:30PM **Approx Length:** 30 mins.

Presentation Title: Updates on Public Health Modernization

Department: Health, Housing, and Human Services (H3S) / Public Health Division

Presenters: Richard Swift; Dawn Emerick

Other Invitees: Philip Mason

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Continue to support legislation that implements recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services to modernize Oregon's public health system.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This session provides an update on Public Health Modernization.

House Bill 3100 (2015) established Public Health Modernization as the new model for public health services across Oregon. It is based on the recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services (created in 2013 by HB 2348). The new model includes basic services & programs that no community should be without.

Clackamas County Public Health Division participated in a state-wide assessment. The assessment highlights the necessity that it is essential we invest in the Public Health Division's capacity to investigate and respond, its ability to educate and provide timely information and promote its role in leading and building collaboration.

The assessment determined that system-wide the following public health programs are limited or minimal in over a third of Oregon communities:

- Capacity to investigate and respond to disease outbreaks.
- Ability to identify and prevent environmental health hazards.
- Promote health equity through partnerships and engagement with communities that experience an excess burden of disease and death.
- Access to local, timely and accurate population health data that helps drive community-based decision-making and resource allocation.

Investment in these areas is a critical first step in modernizing public health in Clackamas County.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
 - Improved community safety & health

- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?
 - Ensure safe, healthy & secure communities

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

A critical first step investment of \$30M state-wide is needed to begin achieving Public Health Modernization in Oregon. The funding will be highly effective in preparing for and responding to emerging communicable disease and environmental health threats.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Communications / outreach materials for legislators and community partners is under development in coordination with Public & Government Affairs.

OPTIONS:

1. BCC continues its support of the H3S / Public Health Division participation in state efforts to modernize the public health system in Oregon.
2. BCC change its position related to this effort.

RECOMMENDATION:

H3S/ Public Health Division recommends Option #1. Examples of support includes:

- Continuing to support & prioritize legislative efforts to implement the recommendations from the Future of Public Health Task Force;
- Attending the H3S Legislative Forum on October 5th, 2016; and
- Working with H3S & PGA in developing testimony & supporting legislation that moves public health modernization forward.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Updates on Public Health Modernization Presentation Slides

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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