

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sitting/Acting as Board of Health

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 _____

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

Oregon Public Health Modernization

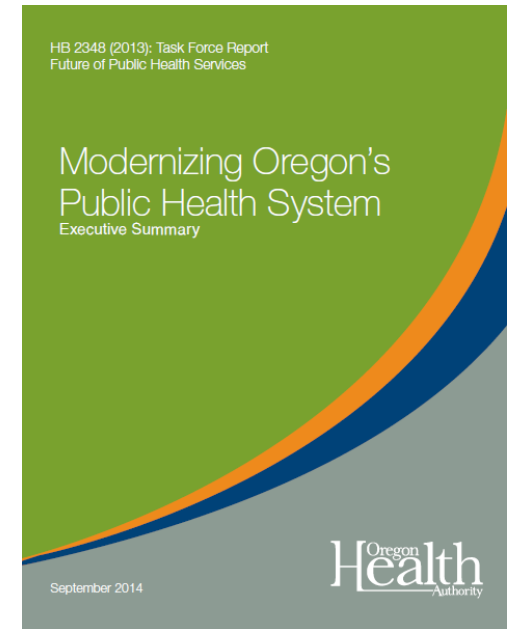
September 20th, 2016

Clackamas County Public Health

a Division of the Health, Housing &
Human Services Department

What is Public Health Modernization?

A new model to describe the role of governmental public health programs & services across all of Oregon developed based on recommendations from the Future of Public Health Taskforce.



“Public Health Modernization will ensure basic public protections critical to the health of all in Oregon and future generations– including clean air, safe food and water, health promotion and prevention of diseases and responding to new health threats.”

Before Modernization *(since 1978)*

- Safety net services for the most vulnerable
- Mandated health inspections
- Responding to current health issues / problems in communities
- Federal funding to carry-out specific activities with stringent requirements

After Modernization *(by 2023)*

- A foundational level of services provided for all communities
- Local public health agencies working proactively with partners to address the health needs of the entire community
- Programs supported by diverse funding that allows for local needs to be met
- Local Public Health Authorities are accountable for the health of the community

Why is the State of Oregon pursuing Public Health Modernization?

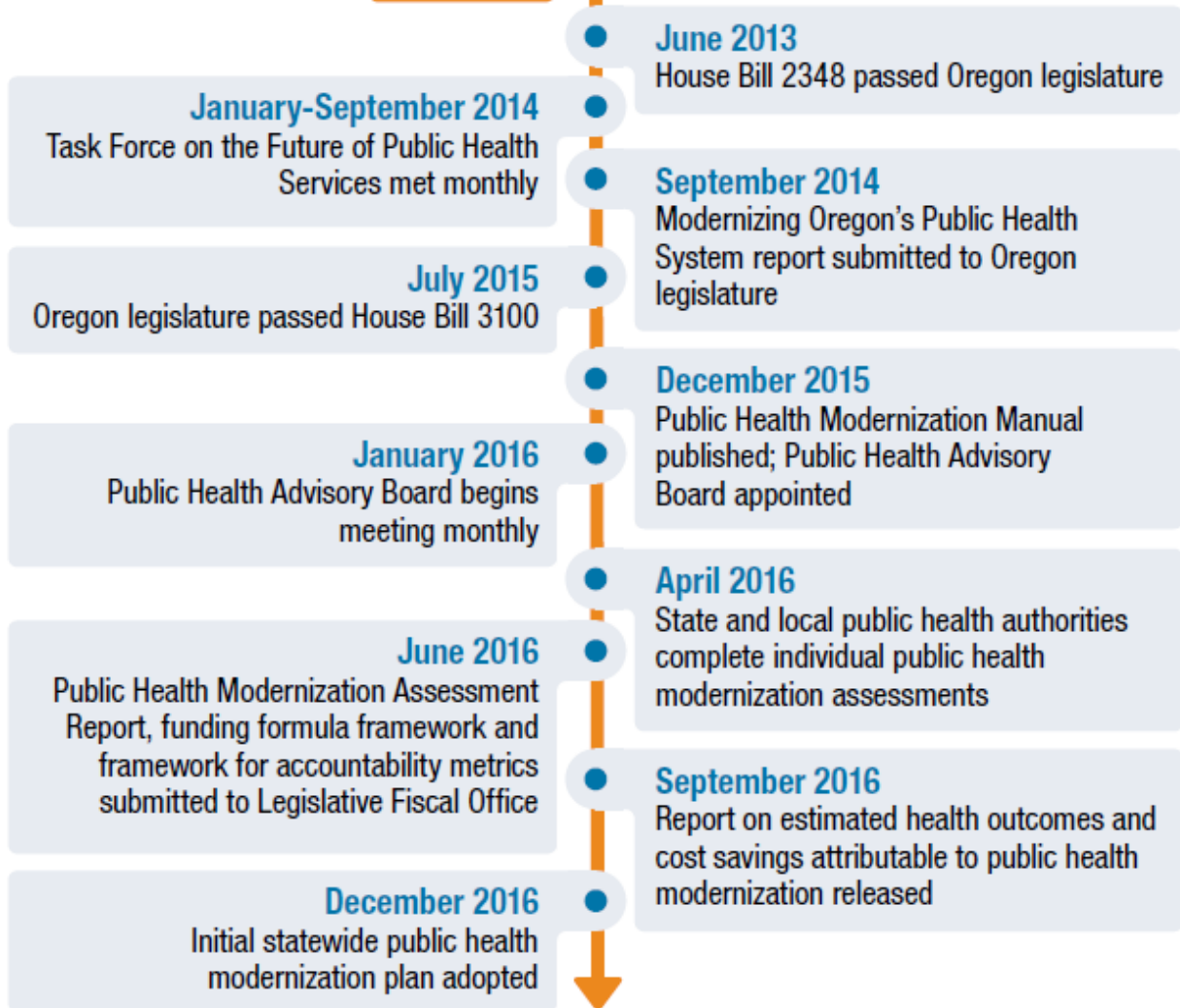
- In more than one third of Oregon communities, foundational public health programs are limited or minimal
- A “patch work” of funding to address vital public health services
- Oregon is ranked 31st nationally for spending \$26.60 per capita on public health
 - California (10th) spends \$56.20
 - Idaho (7th) spends \$94.70
 - Washington (23rd) spends \$38.20

Why is Clackamas County supportive of Public Health Modernization?

- We are faced with capacity and resource limitations to respond to emerging public health issues, while at the same time proactively addressing ongoing concerns in every community
- Federal funding is spread too thin and we rely on unpredictable categorical funding streams that cannot fully deliver on local community needs
- This effort aligns with Performance Clackamas – accountability, transparency & clarity as we work to ensure safe, healthy & secure communities

The path towards Public Health Modernization

Timeline



Public Health Modernization



Public Health Modernization – Assessment Findings

Clackamas County Public Health participated in a state-wide assessment toward answering these questions:

- To what extent are programs & functions of public health modernization being implemented today?
- Using a funding formula, what resources are needed to fully implement HB 3100?
- What criteria should be used to identify priorities for the 2017-2019 biennium?

Clackamas County Assessment Findings

It is essential that 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.

We need Legislators to support a first step investment of \$30M for the 2017-2019 biennium to build upon our existing capacity and fill identified gaps— this is only a fraction of the \$105M/year investment needed to fully upgrade the state and local public health system in Oregon.

Phase 1 – State Recommendations for the 2017-2019 Biennium

- **Environmental Health** – identifying & addressing local environmental health hazards; policy, planning & partnership development
- **Data & Assessment** – assessing healthcare access issues; providing timely & local data to all the communities across Clackamas County
- **Health Equity** - engage with the community to identify & eliminate health disparities
- **Communicable Disease & Emergency Preparedness** – increasing capacity to plan for, investigate & respond to disease outbreaks

Continued support needed from the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

- Since 2013, the Clackamas County BCC has supported the creation of the Future of Public Health Taskforce and implementation of their recommendations. Continued support for this work is critical to assure Clackamas County needs are met.
- Please attend the H3S Legislative Forum on October 5th, 2016 & discuss the need for Public Health Modernization
- Work with H3S & PGA in developing testimony & supporting legislation that moves Public Health Modernization forward

Thank you

- Dawn Emerick, Ed.D
- Public Health Director
- DEmerick@clackamas.us