

## Clackamas County Public Health Advisory Council Monday, June 7, 2021

<u>PHAC Members Present</u>: Annie LaVerdue-Weller, Mike Foley, Heather Riggs, Jill Thompson-Hutson, Kelly Streit, Melanie Wagner, Dr. Ryan Hassan, Althea Ender, Celess Roman, Christina Bodamer, Tabitha Jensen, Mitchell Doig, Leslie Delgado, Hannah Smith

Excused: Elizabeth Barth, Allison Myer

<u>Others Present</u>: Commissioner Sonya Fischer, Philip Mason-Joyner, Armando Jimenez, Apryl Herron, Jamie Zentner, Lily Banning, Julie Aalbers, Dr. Sarah Present, Erika Zoller, Karen Foley, Susan Berns-Norman

## Minutes

Topic			
I. Welcome & Introductions & Ice Breaker	Philip Mason-Joyner conducted the ice breaker activity with PHAC members.		
II. Review of Agenda New Items added to agenda?	Philip Mason-Joyner reviewed the agenda and no new agenda items were added.		
III. Public Input 3 minutes per person	No Public Input was received.		
IV. Clackamas County COVID Update	Dr. Sarah Present provided the COVID update. Many PHAC members expressed gratitude for the work and leadership by Public Health during this pandemic.  Other comments included: Boost Oregon ( <a href="http://www.boostoregon.org/">http://www.boostoregon.org/</a> ) was commended for its work in providing information and education regarding vaccines and vaccine hesitancy. Workshops are available to address vaccine confidence. It was noted that many organizations are incentivizing vaccines with gift cards, paid time off and other perks.		
V. Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County Phase II approval a. Background (Past) b. Goal Areas' Stories (Present) c. Moving Forward (Future)	The Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County Phase II Plan Update was presented to PHAC for approval. Phase II was focused on the development of the Objectives and Strategies of the Plan. The Goals of the Plan were confirmed in September 2020 by PHAC. Phase II planning had been underway since October 2020 with the creation of six goal teams that matched the goals approved during Phase I.  Philip Mason-Joyner provided an overview of the history and background of the previous Blueprint / Community Health Improvement Plan process.		

Susan Berns-Norman provided information about the high degree of community engagement and outreach conducted during Phase II.

Lily Banning provided an overview of the objectives and strategies for the Food Goal while Apryl Herron presented on Mental Health & Substance Use and Jaimie Zentner presented on chronic disease prevention via physical activity.

Susan covered next steps for the Plan's implementation.

The following discussion points were raised after the presentation:

- How do we plan to connect with community sites and clinics to expand food insecurity screening? What does the "connection" part would look like?
- Are the mental health goals solely focused on addiction and recovery services?
- Are there strategies in the Plan Update to work with insurers to appropriately cover members for mental health services? One of the biggest problems with mental healthcare is that insurance companies insist on treating it differently from non-mental health, and often don't reimburse or provide limited coverage of services.
- Improved built environment opportunities in our communities means healthier people. I'd like to learn more about our work and plans regarding built environment.
- Regarding community engagement: It can be very difficult for smaller, particularly culturally specific organizations to be involved in grant making process as it is a challenge completing bids due to admin support differences.
- Considerations Integrate Tobacco, Alcohol as part of the Chronic Disease prevention approach. Use more holistic language that integrates medicine and public health.
- Make sure we are looking at our full community as the work moves forward. Be inclusive of all income groups in our language.

Jill Thompson-Hutson moved, Christina Bodamer seconded that the recommended Blueprint objectives and strategies be approved. Discussion:

Additional comments from PHAC after the motion:

- Very important to emphasize prevention approaches and find ways to get these services to be fully covered within the insurance options available.
- Promote social connections in the built environment work.
- Using the programs as a way to connect with families and build relationships.
- Support health systems / insurers looking at the individual holistically.
- Support for concerted community engagement efforts with small organizations and those who do not traditionally engage with Public Health.
- Focus on those individuals that are homebound.

- Address barriers that prevent individuals from being vaccinated; education
- In regards to suicide prevention: focus on all not just one group, invite everyone to find health equity.
- Support events, activities that bring people together
- Connect resources to people at events, schools.

Karen Foley suggested an amendment to the motion to include these comments into the Blueprint Plan document.

Jill declined the suggestion to amend her motion.

Voting results: The following PHAC members voted in favor of the amendment: Annie LaVerdue-Weller, Heather Riggs, Jill Thompson-Hutson, Kelly Streit, Melanie Wagner, Dr. Ryan Hassan, Althea Ender, Celess Roman, Christina Bodamer, Tabitha Jensen, Mitchell Doig, Leslie Delgado, Hannah Smith.

One abstention: Mike Foley

Philip noted that approximately \$400,000 will be available through June 30, 2023.

## VI. Racism as a PH Crisis

- a. Background
- b. Implications for the County
- c. Moving Forward

In April 2021 the previous PHAC body voted to support a Resolution to Proclaim Racism as a Public Health Crisis. The co-chairs from the previous PHAC body asked that the newly constituted PHAC body be given the opportunity to vote on this Resolution.

The Resolution was drafted by the Clackamas County Leaders for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council (LEDIC). Many drafts and revisions have been developed and now nine county councils have voted in support of the Resolution.

Annie LaVerdue-Weller moved that PHAC support the Resolution. Ryan Hassan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting results: The following PHAC members voted in favor of the amendment: Annie LaVerdue-Weller, Heather Riggs, Jill Thompson-Hutson, Kelly Streit, Melanie Wagner, Dr. Ryan Hassan, Althea Ender, Celess Roman, Christina Bodamer, Tabitha Jensen, Mitchell Doig, Leslie Delgado, Hannah Smith, Mike Foley.

Annie LaVerdue-Weller noted that the disabled are not included in the Resolution.

Philip Mason-Joyner will confer with Martine Coblentz, Office of Equity & Inclusion, Director, to determine the process for submission to the BCC. Traditionally, an issue is first brought to the Policy Session that is held on

	Tuesdays by the BCC and then brought before the BCC for a vote during the Thursday Business Meeting.		
	It was noted that PHAC members may advocate with BCC members on this issue.		
VII. PH Program Areas a. Managers Video b. Future relationship between PH Managers & PHAC c. Questions?	PH Managers are working on a video that will be shared with PHAC members that briefly highlights the work of their respective program areas. This video will be shared very soon with PHAC members in order to highlight the various aspects of Public Health services and programming. In the future, program managers will present information regarding their programs to PHAC and ask for comments and recommendations on specific topics.		
VIII. Announcements	No announcements were made.		
IX. Adjourn  Next Meeting: August 16, 2021  • Selection of Co-Chairs  • Update, next steps of Blueprint Plan	The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m		
<ul> <li>Committees formation</li> </ul>			

Future Meetings	Time	Topic	Location
PHAC: August 16, 2021	5:30 - 7:30		
PHAC: October 18, 2021	5:30 - 7:30		
PHAC: December 20, 2021	5:30 - 7:30		
PHAC: February 7, 2022	5:30 - 7:30		
(Changed from the 21st due to			
President's Day)			
PHAC: April 18, 2022	5:30 - 7:30		
PHAC: June 20, 2022	5:30 - 7:30		