

Clackamas County Public Health Advisory Council
Minutes of Monday, August 16, 2021
Minutes

PHAC Members in attendance: Mike Foley, Kelly Streit, Allison Myers, Elizabeth Barth, Mitchell Doig, Celess Roman, Hannah Smith, Christina Bodamer, Ryan Hassan, Althea Ender, Tabitha Jensen

PHAC Members Excused: Annie LaVerdure-Weller, Jill Thompson-Hutson, Heather Riggs, Melanie Wagner, Leslie Delgado

Clackamas County Commissioner delegate in attendance: Com. Sonya Fischer

Others attending (public): Carissa Bishop, Mike Sluss

Clackamas County Staff: Philip Mason-Joyner, Julie Aalbers, Armando Jimenez, Katie Knutsen, Jamie Zentner, Susan Berns-Norman

Topic	Notes
I. Welcome & Introductions	In the absence of Co-Chairs, Philip Mason-Joyner, Director CCPHD, facilitated the meeting until the Co-Chairs had been approved by PHAC.
II. Review of Agenda A. New Items added to agenda?	The agenda was reviewed, and it was determined that additional discussion was needed by PHAC members regarding the drafting of a letter to the BCC requesting that they endorse the mask mandate declared by Governor Brown due to the significant rise in COVID cases. The mask endorsement discussion was included within the Director’s Report agenda item.
III. Public Input 3 minutes per person	<p><i>Mike Sluss: He would be disappointed if PHAC didn’t send their opinion about the pandemic and its management.</i></p> <p><i>Carissa Bishop: “It is concerning what happened Thursday night at the BCC meeting and that there’s a Commissioner that’s not on board with mask mandates and vaccinating people, I would definitely want that.”</i></p>
IV. Selection of PHAC Co-Chairs	<p>Staff member, Susan Berns-Norman, presented the Survey Monkey voting results for the selection of PHAC co-chairs.</p> <p>Elizabeth Barth 13 votes Christina Bodamer 12 votes Annie LaVerdure-Weller 1 vote</p>

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	<p>Ryan Hassan moved and Mitchell Doig seconded that Elizabeth Barth and Christina Bodamer be ratified as Co-Chairs of the Public Health Advisory Council for two year staggered terms. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>V. Approval of Minutes from July</p>	<p>Tabitha Jensen and Ryan Hasan seconded that the minutes of June 7, 2021 be approved as written. Elizabeth Barth abstained due to not attending the meeting. Motion to approve the July 2021 minutes passed.</p>
<p>VI. Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Update • Outcomes from the Legislative Session / Budget • Racism as a Public Health Crisis Resolution • CCPHD Strategic Plan 	<p><u>COVID Update:</u></p> <p>Philip Mason-Joyner provided an update regarding the latest information on COVID. Philip noted that he provides a weekly update to the BCC and this is the link: https://www.clackamas.us/coronavirus/data</p> <p><u>The following represents major highlights presented by Director Mason-Joyner.</u></p> <p>There has been a dramatic rise in COVID cases since it reopened. Since the restrictions and mask mandates went away the number of COVID cases has risen. Clackamas County is at the highest level of risk transmission. Presently, Clackamas County and the state are experiencing a rise in COVID cases that are impacting the unvaccinated population. Breakthrough cases are occurring but are not nearly as frequent as those from unvaccinated individuals. For the majority of those that are experiencing a breakthrough case of COVID the symptoms are mild.</p> <p>Hospitalizations have increased significantly and are in crisis mode with 752 COVID patients today. This increase is of concern and that is why the Governor's action to require masks in public indoor settings is an important tool to help curb the spread. To address COVID it will take a concerted effort by all. CCPHD hopes that younger children will be eligible for the vaccine soon and that more community members who are eligible will get the vaccine.</p> <p>Clackamas County's population is roughly 420,000 and 253,000 people have been vaccinated. Mason-Joyner recognized the good work of CCPHD staff and vaccine teams. Mobile teams that routinely visit recurring vaccine clinics and lead pop up events are currently in place to serve the public.</p> <p>Local vaccine opportunities can be found at https://www.clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine Or by calling 503-655-8224</p>

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	<p>Email COVIDvaccine@clackamas.us to schedule an on-site mobile COVID vaccine clinic at your workplace this summer.</p> <p>Vaccine grants are now available for eligible community partners, including 501c3 non-profits, faith-based communities. Grants up to \$30,000 per organization to focus on: Marginalized communities and communities with the lowest vaccination rates. Applications must be submitted by October 1, 2021 and the grant money must be used by December 20, 2021. Visit https://www.clackamas.us/grants to apply.</p> <p><u>Communication with BCC from PHAC:</u> PHAC is an advisory council to the Clackamas BCC and in its capacity as an advocate for public health, members agreed it was important to submit a letter to the BCC requesting that they endorse the mask mandate declared by Governor Brown due to the significant rise in COVID cases and that masks are an important tool to control the spread of COVID 19.</p> <p>The letter was drafted by a number of PHAC members and it was noted that the letter will need to be approved by PHAC during the meeting in order to move forward.</p> <p>PHAC member Hassan reminded PHAC members that the majority of Clackamas County residents have received the vaccine and those who are vocal and causing a disruption are a minority of the population.</p> <p>It was agreed that messaging the vaccine is important. Quoting science facts isn't working but messages about making our communities safe and healthy are more successful.</p> <p>PHAC member Doig mentioned it is important to build partnerships and support those who voice their support for masks mandates.</p> <p>Co-Chair Christina Boadamer noted that the intent of the letter changed from its original intent of requesting a mask mandate in Clackamas County to requesting that the BCC endorse the mask mandate declared by the Governor.</p> <p>The intent of the PHAC request is that the BCC use their platform to talk about why the mask mandate is important and how it can be a tool to save lives.</p>

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	<p>Letter to Clackamas BCC: Link here.</p> <p>PHAC Member Mike Foley noted that in addition to the letter being emailed to the entire BCC, it should be entered into the record by a commissioner during a public meeting.</p> <p>Ryan Hassan moved and Althea Ender seconded that the letter be emailed to all BCC members. Motion to submit a letter to the BCC passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Legislative Update:</u> Over 2500 measures introduced during the 2021 session. 752 bills passed by the House and 793 passed by the Senate. As of today 679 have been signed by the Governor.</p> <p>Public Health successes during the legislative session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$45 million was allocated for public health modernization • \$7.8 million was dedicated to universal home visiting • SB 587 was passed that focuses on a state Tobacco Retail License. • Many bills passed that concern community health and resiliency related to climate change. <p>Clackamas PHD will be actively involved in the implementation of the new laws and the distribution of funding for these areas.</p> <p><u>Racism as a Public Health Crisis update:</u> Philip Mason-Joyner provided an update on the status of the racism as a public health issue resolution. Presently, there are 11 Clackamas County advisory councils that have signed on in support of the resolution. The resolution has been a joint effort between PHAC and the Leaders for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council (LEDIC). When LEDIC reconvenes in September, its co-chairs would like to meet with the PHAC co-chairs in order to determine next steps and how the resolution will be introduced to the BCC.</p> <p><u>CCPHD Strategic Plan:</u> Philip Mason-Joyner thanked PHAC members for participating in the recent focus group sessions regarding the development of the CCPHD Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The goal is to have it done by October. During an upcoming PHAC meeting it will be shared what the goals are and what the prioritized strategies will be.</p>

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	<p>PHAC oversees the Blueprint Plan and the strategic plan is an internal working document for the Public Health Division.</p>
<p>VII. Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County Update</p> <p>A. Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software-grant making selection • Grant making parameters work group • Cross-walk exercise • Blueprint Types of Grants proposal (Draft) • Blueprint implementation structure proposal • Next steps; PHAC involvement; standing Cmtes. 	<p>Susan Berns-Norman and Armando Jimenez presented highlights on the Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County 2020-2023 Update. Instead of presenting the prepared slideshow presentation, and to accommodate the discussion related to the mask endorsement letter for the BCC, staff provided a brief verbal update. The PowerPoint presentation for this agenda item can be viewed on the PHAC county webpage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software grant-making selection: In the spring of 2021 a work group of CCPHD staff initiated a bidding process to select a grant making software vendor. SurveyMonkey was selected from four applicants as the proposed vendor. Contingent upon successful contract negotiations, the new software will be ready for use in the winter 2022 for the rolling grant process, but not in time for large Blueprint Grant distribution in the fall. • Grant making parameters work group: Staff is seeking PHAC volunteers to serve on the Blueprint Steering Committee that will help shape and guide the parameters for the Blueprint grants. To date there are four individuals that have indicated interest. • Cross-walk exercise: Staff is conducting cross-walk exercises across Blueprint goal areas to determine commonalities and plan implementation details. • Blueprint implementation structure proposal: The Blueprint Steering Committee will develop an implementation structure proposal. • Approximately \$411,000 will be available for grants through June 30, 2023.
<p>VIII. Tobacco Prevention & Education Program (TPEP) Update to PHAC: <i>Information sharing & feedback requested</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a high level summary of TPEP & the 2021-23 work plan (consider it part of the PHAC orientation to PH) • Request their feedback on how to advance the county's tobacco-free campus policy given the current political climate <p>Desired outcomes:</p>	<p>Jamie Zentner and Katie Knutsen presented a program update: <u>TPEP priorities for the next two years:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts regarding a tobacco free county campus policy • Tobacco is leading cause of preventable deaths, pg 35 of Blueprint Plan. • \$153.7 million is spent on tobacco related medical care and disproportionately affects LGBTQA+ communities and those with mental illness. Tobacco also increases the risk of severe COVID symptoms. Nicotine addiction is a gateway to illicit drugs. • Clackamas County TPEP Plan was awarded \$850,000 for the next two years in order to implement policies and systems that support tobacco free communities. Clackamas County

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHAC is familiar with one program that lives in the Center for Population Health • PHAC ask questions and provide suggestions for staff to inform our policy strategy • PHAC members express personal interest in writing a collective letter of support of a TF campus policy to the BCC 	<p>was also awarded funding from Health Share of Oregon to work regionally on tobacco prevention cessation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regional work will focus on an electronic referral system for the Oregon quit line in four FQHCs in the region. • Three policy strategies that, if successful, will create more smoke free and tobacco free environments and fewer tobacco products available in retail spaces. • The presentation focused on the tobacco free county campus policy. However, two other strategies will focus on implementing policies that restrict the use of tobacco products in outdoor settings (city of Milwaukee and one culturally specific retailer). • Next steps as directed by our county administrator: meet with department leadership and stakeholders next Monday, a week from today to start the “smoke free campus” policy change process. <p>Ways for PHAC members to be involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to be ongoing strategists and advisors • Submit a letter of support for a tobacco free campus to the BCC. • Provide oral testimony during board meetings, through the coordination of the CCPHD Health Equity committee • Dr. Ryan Hassan noted the impact of second and third hand smoke on young children and a cause of SIDS deaths, and the issue of toxic stress and adversity is a leading cause of preventable deaths.
IX. Announcements	No announcements were made.
X. Adjourn Next Meeting: October 18, 2021	Elizabeth adjourned the meeting given no further topics.

Future Meetings	Time	Topic	Location
PHAC: October 18, 2021	5:30 – 7:30		
PHAC: December 20, 2021	5:30 – 7:30		
PHAC: February 7, 2022 (Changed from the 21 st due to President’s Day)	5:30 – 7:30		Hybrid / in-person meetings beginning in 2022 (tentative)
PHAC: April 18, 2022	5:30 – 7:30		
PHAC: June 20, 2022	5:30 – 7:30		

