Clackamas County Public Health Advisory Council Minutes, December 16, 2024



Present: Pam Bonner, Mimi Luther, Desiree Thomas, Kirsten Pitzer, Gianou Knox, Savannah Powell, Christine Kan, Michelle Kutnyak, Max Penner

Absent, Excused: Missy Albrich, Mike Foley, Roma Leiva, Rebecca Stavenjord, Darcee Kilsdonk, Yvonne Smith

CCPHD staff: Philip Mason-Joyner, Kim La Croix, Armando Jimenez, Jamie Zentner, Leah Fisher, Jenny Masculine, Kate Bennet, Susan Berns-Norman,

County Staff: Joe Marek, DTD

Group Agreement:

- Meetings are meaningful, action focused while making time for follow-up and further analysis.
- Stay on point and on time.
- Don't stay confused ask for clarification, avoid acronyms.
- ❖ Address the problem, not the person, be respectful.
- ❖ Assume best intentions and recognize impact.
- Move up and move back accordingly. Recognize that It can be just as challenging for someone to step forward as it is to step back.
- Bring respectful passion to the meetings.
- Learn from previous experiences and focus on moving forward. Slow down to support full participation by all group members.
- Stay engaged, speak your truth, and hear the truth of others.
- Expect and accept non-closure.
- It's ok to experience discomfort.
- ❖ Acknowledge intent.
- Remember our interdependence and interconnectedness and share responsibility for the success of our work together.
- When speaking introduce yourself and if referring to a comment in the chat, share the content of the chat.

	Topic	Objective	Motion/ Vote	Comments
1.	Call to Order	Welcome to PHAC members and visitors	NA	Co-Chair, Knox called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
II.	Introductions & Ice Breaker	Activity to get better acquainted	NA	The Council shared their favorite holiday traditions.
III.	Public Input	Public Input	NA	No public input was received.

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IV. Agenda approval	Are there any additions to the agenda?	Pam Bonner moved; Mimi Luther seconded. Motion passed.	
V. Minutes of October 21, 2024 reviewed, and action taken	Review minutes from previous PHAC meeting	Mimi Luther moved; Savannah Powell seconded. Motion passed.	
VI. Director's Report A. Post Election Update B. Upcoming Budget Season C. Upcoming Legislative Season	Inform PHAC members on relevant CCPHD future	NA NA	Philip discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by the public health department in Oregon. He highlighted the impact of the Federal administration on public health funding, the need for additional resources to respond to emerging diseases, and the upcoming legislative session in Salem. Philip also mentioned the election results and the appointment of new board members, including a new chair, Craig Roberts. He expressed concern about potential cuts to public health funding and the need for additional resources to sustain critical services. Philip also mentioned the need to orient new commissioners and create a legislative agenda. Mimi expressed admiration for the work done by the public health department. Pam asked about specific ways the PHAC members could help, to which Philip responded that they could be involved in the process of creating the legislative agenda and could discuss further involvement at the next meeting.
VII. WIC 50 th anniversary!	Celebrate and recognize WIC's 50 th year!	NA	Kim shared highlights from the 50th anniversary celebration of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program. She emphasized WIC's role in improving health outcomes, such as breastfeeding, birth outcomes, child brain development, and access to healthy foods. Kim also noted the program's significant impact on the local economy, with nearly \$60 million spent in the tri-county area in 2023. However, she expressed concern about the increasing caseload in Clackamas County, which is outpacing available appointments and stretching staff thin. Kim

VIII. Call for new business	New topics/issues brought forward by members	NA	also mentioned a legislative package being proposed by the Conference of Local Health Officials to support WIC and home visiting services. Kim provided an update on the team's quality improvement efforts and the challenges faced due to Covid. Savannah asked about the factors contributing to the program's success, to which Kim responded that it was a combination of several things. No new business was introduced or offered.
IX. Review & Discuss PHAC's Group Agreement	What actions can PHAC take to actualize, implement the Group Agreement principles?	NA	Philip suggested that these should be more operational and meaningful to the members. Pam suggested having a standing item on the agenda to discuss these agreements, and the team agreed to show them at the beginning of every meeting.
X. Climate Adaptation Plan	A shared understanding of the role of public health in responding to climate hazards. What other departments are doing in the climate and resiliency space — how that supports CPH's work and creates a full spectrum of assessment & response.	NA	In the meeting, Armando discussed the importance of the Public Health Division's work on climate and health, highlighting the need for a Public Health Climate Adaptation Plan. He praised Leah for her significant contributions to this area. Leah then introduced Kate Bennett, the new Climate and Health Population Health Epidemiologist, and discussed the team's focus on protecting vulnerable community members from the health impacts of severe weather in a changing climate. She also mentioned the upcoming Regional Climate and Health Monitoring Report, a tri-county effort led by Multnomah County. Leah then presented an agenda for the meeting, which included an overview of the center's work on climate and health, data and surveillance, partnerships, and the climate adaptation plan. The team also used the Mentimeter platform to gather feedback on the top concerns related to a changing climate and its impacts on health. Leah discussed the county's focus on addressing extreme heat, poor air quality from wildfires, and extreme winter weather. She highlighted the importance of data collection and surveillance, particularly through regional partnerships with Washington and Multnomah counties. Leah also emphasized the need for collaboration with other county departments, such as

				Parks and Recreation, Water Environment Services, Department of Transportation and Development, Disaster Management, and Housing. She mentioned the importance of integrating climate and health work into the county's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the upcoming update of the Clackamas County Blueprint. Leah also discussed the potential for partnerships with community-based organizations and the importance of community engagement in the planning process. Leah led a discussion on proposed strategies for climate and health adaptation, focusing on extreme heat and air quality. She asked the team to review the strategies and provide feedback on their alignment with staff capacity and policy system requirements. Leah also requested suggestions for improvement and potential community partners to advance these
XI.	Extreme weather communication	PHAC discusses current practices and ideas for improvement.	NA	Jamie then presented two surveys related to extreme weather communication and
XII.	Community Health Needs Assessment Update Survey	PHAC members are informed about the CHNA, tasks, and requests assigned as needed.	NA	community health needs assessment, asking the team to share these with their networks. The survey will be sent out buy staff the following day.
XIII.	Wrap-up and Adjournment	What would you like to learn more about?	Pam Bonner moved; Christine Kan seconded. Motion passed.	Gianou addressed feedback on the food voucher system and announced a post-meeting survey and an invoice form for those requesting an incentive benefit.

Future Meetings	Time	Topic	Location
February 10, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	 Blueprint grantees presentations: 15 minutes each = 45 minutes total IMAC – Beth Ronk, confirmed PANOW – Stephanie Gomez-Fregoso, confirmed Todos Juntos – Shawna Johnson, confirmed Legislative Session – County Priorities By-Laws, ??? Strategic Plan & Letter of support 	Virtual
April 21, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Modernization Cost & Capacity Report	Virtual

		Public Health Week celebration	
June 16, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.		Virtual
August 18, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.		Virtual
October 20, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.		Virtual
December 15, 2025	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.		Virtual