



Healthier Together Oregon

PartnerSHIP Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 29th, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Attendance:

Committee Members Present

- Alisha Overstreet, Oregon Family Advisory Council
- Amy Thuren, Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon
- Connie Dillinger, AllCare Community Advisory Council
- Dalia Baadarani, Lutheran Community Services
- Esther Kim, Oregon Health Equity Alliance
- Ian Winbrock, Whiteaker Community Council
- Jennifer Little, Klamath County Public health
- Jenny Pool Radway, Consejo Hispano
- Jess Gasper, Oregon Marshallese Community Association
- Kimberly Lane, Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians
- Lauren Gottfredson, United Way of the Columbia Willamette
- Maria D Morales Donahue, Euvalcree
- Monica Yellow Owl, Klamath Tribal Health Center
- Rachel Schutz, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Portland Metro Area
- Stan Baker, Crossroad Christian Fellowship
- Susan Blane, Peace Health
- Timur Holove, Slavic Community Center of NW
- Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie, Health Share of Oregon
- Veronica S Leonard, Latino Network
- W. Kirt Toombs, Association of Oregon Center for Independent Living (AOCIL)

Committee Members Absent

None

OHA Staff:

Cara Biddlecom, Christy Hudson, Sara Beaudrault, Lisa Rau, Liz Gharst, Heather Owens, Rachael Banks

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Christy Hudson welcomed everyone and explained her role as the Cross-Sector and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator. She expressed her appreciation of everyone's involvement and noted that this meeting has been anticipated for a long time. She welcomed members of the public on the call and provided overview of house keeping items for the meeting. This meeting was recorded and will be posted publicly for anyone who would like to review it. No public comment period was held, but members of the public invited to email publichealth.policy@state.or.us with comments.

Cara Biddlecom welcomed everyone and expressed her excitement about getting this work started. She stressed that the bulk of the meeting today would be spent getting to know each other. She acknowledged the impact that COVID-19 has had on our lives and our community this past year, along with the devastating effects of racism and oppression. Cara read OHA's acknowledgements to community, including use of ancestral lands of Oregon's tribes. She acknowledged that OHA recognizes community-engaged health is a long-term dynamic process, and it is striving to engage with communities to make public health effective for all.

Relationship Building

Christy Hudson (she, her, hers) the introductions, sharing that her vocational communities are in the work of public health. She lives in NE Portland and has two small children, so she is in communities with other parents. She enjoys being a volunteer with "Friends of Trees" and singing in a choir.

Elizabeth (Liz) Gharst (she, her, hers) went next and explained her title at OHA is Social Influences on Health Strategist. She lives in NE Portland, is a single mom of a 7-year-old son and has been instrumental in building the plan of the PartnerSHIP.

Lisa Rau (she, her, hers) shared that she is the Executive Support Specialist for Cara Biddlecom and will be helping with the administrative parts of the meeting.

(Heather Owens was doing technical work behind the scenes and was unable to share at the moment.)

Alisha Overstreet (she, her, hers) identifies as BIPOC and multi-racial, and comes from a military family. She parents a youth with developmental disabilities.

Amy Thuren (she, hers) works with CBO's and the non-profit health care sector and has a blended family of five teenagers. She is active in education at her children's schools and loves to garden and dance.

Connie Dillinger (has no pronouns) is retired and ready to take an anniversary trip with her husband to Montego Bay. She represents the AllCare Community Advisory Council and lives in Cave Junction. She enjoys gardening and cooking.

Dalia Baadarani (she, her, hers) is a district manager at Lutheran Community Services and represents the refugee and immigrant communities. She helps her 18-year-old daughter with her online studies.

Esther Kim (they, them) works for the Oregon Health Equity Alliance which works to establish racial justice and health equity. They are temporarily based in Northern Idaho. They are Asian-American, a queer and trans person, and a lot of their work involves disability justice. They just got a puppy and finds that it is exhausting!

Ian Winbrock (he, his, him) went next, explaining that he works at the U of O in science communication research. He is on the committee to represent renters, the elderly, and our unhoused neighbors. He is on the Whiteacre Community Council and enjoys making art and playing chess. Ask him for his chess.com login if you would like to join a game.

Jennifer Little (she, her, hers) is the Director of Klamath County Public Health and was attracted to this committee through her passion for community and public health. She was also in the PartnerSHIP for the last round and really enjoyed the

experience and wanted to do it again. She is an outdoor recreation enthusiast and loves skiing, hiking, and mountain biking.

Jenny Pool Radway (she, her, hers) comments that she is a mom, an immigrant and part of the Latina community. She is the Executive Director for Consejo Hispano in Astoria on the Oregon coast. She does a lot of health equity work and is on Governor Brown's Racial Justice Council and felt that being a part of this committee would be very meaningful and important.

Jess Gasper (he, him, his) announced he is Marshallese, one of the hardest hit communities by COVID-19, and has the privilege of serving as the president of the Oregon Marshallese Community Association. He loves basketball and the Blazers and is excited to see what the PartnerSHIP can do together.

Kimberly Lane (she, her, hers) is a tribal member of the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians and enjoys representing her tribe and improving community health for tribal people and tribal health issues. She is based in Salem but serves across 11 counties.

Lauren Gottfredson (she, her, hers) identifies herself as mixed race (Asian and white) and represents the Jade district community, one of the most diverse communities in SE Portland. She has a public health background and is representing United Way of the Columbia Willamette. She is also a proud mother to Mari.

Monica Yellow Owl (she, her, hers) is based in Klamath Falls and loves her job serving her community as the Behavior Health Manager for youth at the Klamath Tribes Behavioral Health Program. She was sent by her General Manager to represent her group who realized that a variety of voices need to be present at every table when discussing health care. Every day she tries to help her people transcend the impacts and effects of historical trauma as a helper and a healer.

Rachel Schutz (no pronouns mentioned) works for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Portland Metro Area and is here to represent youth and multi-racial families. She comes from a large, blended, multi-racial, multi-ethnic family and acts as a foster adoptive parent. She is an advocate for her constituents to improve life for children growing up in Oregon.

Stan Baker (he, him, his) lives in Corvallis and his passion is working with those who are poor. He is a pastor at Crossroad Christian Fellowship Church and focuses on meeting the needs of the community. His church offers a large food pantry and has received a grant to help pay for the help they do. He is a father and grandfather and loves to run, garden, cook, and sing.

Susan Blane (she, her, hers) is the community health director for Peace Health Oregon servicing four hospitals in Lane county and hospitals and healthcare systems in Alaska and Washington. She frequently interfaces with community services and health organizations on projects that include housing assistance, mental health/opioid treatment, and food banks. She likes to ski, cycle, kayak, and do anything outside.

Timur Holove (he, his, him) shared that he was born in Central Asia and immigrated to the United States in 1998. He is a small business owner in Gresham whose passion is community work and engagement, and he represents the Slavic Community Center of NW. He is the proud father of three children with his youngest being a newborn son. He enjoys photography and taking family photos.

Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie (she, her, hers) represents HealthShare of Oregon as the Director of Community Health. She serves on the Oregon Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, part of Government Brown's Advocacy Commissions. She lives in Hillsboro with her husband and two biracial children, who continue to teach her so much every day about navigating between multiple cultures and the world. She is part of the refugee community from Laos who was displaced by the Vietnam War and represents the ESL community as well. She shares the beliefs of many others who have spoken that there is a need to advocate for communities impacted by inequity and white supremacy. She enjoys meditating, time alone, and practicing JOMO (joy of missing out).

Veronica Leonard (she, her, aya) represents the Latino Network in the tri-county area. Her organization serves thousands of Latinx and refugees each year, as well as youth, undocumented, and multi-generational families. She is a public social worker and passionate about reproductive justice and mental health, while continuing to work towards reducing inequities. She is an immigrant from Mexico

and moved here in 2015. She is married with a son and is pregnant with another child, due in 11 weeks. She enjoys bike riding with her family.

W. Kirt Toombs (no pronouns given) represents the Association of Oregon Center for Independent Living (AOCIL) and says his home and work life tend to blend together. He was on the previous PartnerSHIP committee and enjoyed it immensely. He is a member of the deaf and hard of hearing community. He has a passion for disability international law and has traveled extensively.

Next, Maria Morales Donahue introduced herself and stated she represents Euvalcree in Hermiston. She stated that she was thrilled to be a part of the team and hoped they could accomplish great things together with love and mutual respect. She works with migrant farm workers. She mentioned that although her Zoom screen says “Maria,” she prefers to be called Callie.

Members then broke into small groups for 20 minutes for additional relationship building.

Purpose and Role of PartnerSHIP

The membership reconvened at 2:30 p.m., and Christy welcomed everyone back from the breakout sessions. Some people suggested that next time they would like more time in the breakout rooms to get to know each other better. Christy noted this for future meetings.

Connie Dillinger asked if the purpose of the committee was to exchange ideas, and to get OHA to achieve health equity. She stressed that the purpose of this committee was to bring forth new ideas to the table, and what large community engagement efforts might look like over the next four years. Christy responded this was a good segue to the slidedeck that helped to explain the purpose of the partnership, the history, and the goals. She invited Jennifer and Kirt as past partnership members to add any comments they thought might be helpful.

Christy provided an overview of the HTO Implementation Framework. The original Partnership met for the first time in 2018 and were charged with establishing the priority areas, vision, and values of the group.

The PartnerSHIP is responsible for providing strategic direction for implementation of HTO. The PartnerSHIP will be asked to prioritize the strategies for implementation.

Rachael Banks, PHD director (she, her, hers) expressed her excitement and enthusiasm about starting this group. HTO provides Oregon a pathway to reach the goal of eliminating health inequities by the year 2030.

Christy then asked for comments and questions.

Connie Dillinger shared barriers to accessing medical care in her community. She is hopeful that OHA will think about having another clinic in their town and bring some much-needed services to their county. She wondered how might that happen?

Someone else asked where resources could be found to help them be effective in providing the best healthcare. Christy noted that there are lots of good links on the OHA website.

Another member stressed the need to prioritize the strategies, like how to prioritize the 62 strategies on the bottom of the pyramid. Christy responded that this would be the initial task for the group – with appreciation for the need to level set the groups understanding about the strategies and implementation areas.

Veronica Leonard commented that the HTO Healthier Together Oregon is help and recommended that everyone should review the implementation plan posted there. She also asked for an update on a H2337 which declares racism as a public health crisis. Cara Biddlecom shared that the bill also relates to other things like REALD data standards and establishment of mobile health units. The bill is currently in the Rules Committee. OHA can share additional information about this and other HTO related bills via email or at these meetings. Esther Kim commented that they sit on the task force for that specific bill, and if people are interested in giving testimony, they can arrange that.

Christy Hudson closed the meeting by expressing how excited she was about this committee. The next meeting will be on May 3. In the meantime, OHA will send out materials, an implementation plan, a link to legislative bills of interest, and share the committee roster so that you can all get in contact with one another. .