

# AGENDA

## PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD HEALTH EQUITY WORKGROUP

**September 1, 2020, 2:00-3:00 pm**

Zoom

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Meeting objectives:

- Update PHAB Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure

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<b>2:00-2:10 pm</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Cara Biddlecom, OHA staff
<b>2:10-2:50 pm</b>	<b>Updates to Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review changes made since last meeting</li><li>• Develop commitment to racial equity statement</li><li>• Continue to update policy and procedure</li></ul>	Cara Biddlecom, OHA staff
<b>2:50-3:00 pm</b>	<b>Public comment</b>	Cara Biddlecom, OHA staff
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upcoming meetings</li></ul>	Cara Biddlecom, OHA staff

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**Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)  
Health Equity Workgroup Meeting  
DRAFT August 13, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendance:**

*Board members present:* Rebecca Tiel, Veronica Irvin, Rachael Banks, Jeanne Savage

*Oregon Health Authority (OHA) staff:* Cara Biddlecom, Victoria Demchak

**Welcome, introductions and updates**

*Cara Biddlecom, OHA staff*

Ms. Biddlecom welcomed the PHAB to the meeting and shared that the workgroup was convening to discuss two topics: declaring racism a public health crisis and updating the 2017 PHAB health equity review policy and procedure.

Ms. Tiel started the meeting by sharing that PHAB is able to bring a public health framework to declaring racism as a public health crisis. Racism is a driver of the social determinants of health. PHAB had a conversation at its July meeting about not just declaring racism is a crisis, but actually doing the work that is needed for fundamental change. PHAB will need to make sure to engage the people in communities. This is also an opportunity to align with the SHIP.

Ms. Banks suggested having a follow up discussion with board about leading with racial equity in all of our health equity work. This was a part of the shared agreement the board made during its February 2020 retreat.

Ms. Biddlecom shared that the Oregon Health Policy Board and the Health Equity Committee are both interested in declaring racism a public health crisis and this is an opportunity to work together. In alignment with the SHIP, it is also an opportunity to work across sectors to advance racial justice.

## **Updates to Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure**

*Cara Biddlecom, OHA staff*

The workgroup proposed several changes to the draft review policy and procedure, including:

1. Updating the definition of health equity in order to reflect the Oregon Health Policy Board's 2019 definition.
2. Determining that the policy questions should be responded to within subcommittees first, and then with the full board. Staff would be prepared for the equity review prior to any motions but would not prepare responses to the questions.
3. Revising questions in the policy to center racial equity and correcting historical injustices.

Ms. Banks recommended that PHAB take some time in the coming months to do some more work on racial equity, and that the work today and included in this policy is the “head” work of equity that is supported by important “heart” work.

### **Public comment**

LeRoy Patton, Governor's Commission on Senior Services asked if this group will convene again.

Ms. Biddlecom let Mr. Patton know the workgroup would determine its next steps and that the Public Health Advisory Board generally meets the third Thursday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm, with the exception of August and December.

Willow shared the need to invest in the population and using government funds for community health as a way. She agreed to allow heart work and time for these conversations. Systems that do not allow heart work are systems of white supremacy

### **Next steps**

Workgroup agreed to convene again before the September PHAB meeting to continue working on the policy and procedure.

Ms. Biddlecom adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm.