

**Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)**  
**June 12, 2015**  
**Portland, OR**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendance:**

**Board Members Present:** Shawn Baird, Brooke Kyle (by phone), Jeff Luck, Pat Luedtke (by phone), Loreen Nichols, Joanne Noone (by phone), Alejandro Queral

**Board Members Absent:** Jim Coffee, Josie Henderson, Joe Ichter, Tran Miers

**OHA Public Health Division Staff:** Sara Beaudrault, Katrina Hedberg, Jan Kaplan, Rosa Klein, Priscilla Lewis, Brittany Sande

**Members of the Public:** Leah Brandis; LeeAnn Hastings, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems; Jan Johnson, The Lund Report; Kathleen Johnson, Coalition of Local Health Officials

**Opening:**

The meeting was called to order, board members were welcomed, and introductions were made.

**Changes to the Agenda & Announcements**

No announcements or changes to the agenda were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

(Handout: *DRAFT PHAB Meeting Minutes, December 2014 & March 2015*)

**A quorum was not present so the Board was unable to vote on the approval of the December 2014 or March 2015 minutes. Approval of the December 2014 and March 2015 minutes will be revisited at the September 2015 meeting.**

**Public Health Division Update**

- Priscilla Lewis, Deputy Public Health Director, PHD

(Handout: Copies of slides: "Oregon Health Authority Public Health 2015-2017 Governor's Budget")

**Douglas County:**

Douglas County had issued a relinquishment directive last year and stated that their intent was to relinquish all public health services as of October 1, 2015.

Division staff went down and met with them and were successful in encouraging them to adopt a long term planning process. The county began that process and presented it to their community in March. Their county counsel rescinded their relinquishment. Douglas County is evaluating their own public health services and

public health department, and continues a positive relationship and partnership with the state.

### **Public Health Budget:**

The presentation that Priscilla shared with the Board was a presentation provided to the Ways and Means Committee in March. The presentation tells the story of public health, and where our funding comes from and where it goes to in an easily understandable way.

The Division's 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan goals are to:

1. Improve quality of life and increase years of healthy life;
2. Promote and protect safe, healthy and resilient environments;
3. Strengthen public health capacity to improve health outcomes; and
4. Integrate our work with healthcare system transformation.

The Division's role in terms of conducting, identifying and taking charge of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and reporting back to PHAB has been elevated, and is one of the things that staff internally feel the strongest about and is excited about. Overall it makes much of the Division's work more meaningful and visible, and the Division will be reporting back on how it's making progress on meaningful objectives.

Priscilla shared some other slides to help demonstrate some of the important work that the Division does, including work on preventing and reducing tobacco use; slowing the increase of obesity; reducing substance abuse health issues; reducing suicide; and preparing for emergencies.

Some of the challenges that the Division is facing includes a changing state (population changes in the state and changing drivers of poor health); stresses on the local public health system, declining resources, categorical funding; significant natural disasters or disease outbreaks (e.g. meningitis and Ebola); increased diversity; fastest aging population in the nation; and lack of skilled workforce in the public health system, particularly in rural areas.

The opportunities that the Division faces includes modernization of the public health system (HB 3100 passed during the 2015 legislative session); Oregon's health care transformation; expanded partnerships with county public health and their CCOs; public health accreditation; formalized partnership with the

Department of Education and the Department of Transportation; and alignment with the Early Learning Council.

The overall 2015-17 Governor's budget for Public Health is \$528.7 million, which is a combination of federal funds, General Fund and other funds. Further slides went into additional detail regarding the breakdown of the Governor's 2015-17 Public Health budget by Center level.

As a part of the restructuring of the Oregon Health Authority, the Health Licensing Office is now a part of the Public Health Division.

Copies of the slides are available upon request.

- *Katrina Hedberg, MD, MPH, State Health Officer and State Epidemiologist, PHD*  
(Handouts: "*Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan*"; "*Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Priority Targets*"; "*PHAB Role in SHIP Oversight*")

**State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP):**

The SHIP has been in process for a while now. There was a Chronic Disease Plan back in 2010, but that didn't include the whole breadth of public health issues. There have been a couple of other iterations since then. The current plan focuses on seven priority areas and was developed with community input:

1. Prevent and reduce tobacco use
2. Slow the increase of obesity
3. Improve oral health
4. Reduce harms associated with substance abuse
5. Prevent deaths from suicide
6. Improve immunization rates
7. Protect the population from communicable diseases

Within these seven priority areas the Division is working to come up with measurable strategies and activities. The strategies fall under three areas:

1. Population-level Strategies
2. Health Equity Strategies
3. Health System Strategies

In each of the areas there is a role for what the Division would do, but also roles for local public health departments, CCOs, health systems and community based organizations.

The Division is currently in the process of pulling together what the measures and activities will be for each strategy area. It has been proposed that once the Division has a full plan, PHAB would serve as the accountable body that the Division can report progress to.

### **Retail Marijuana Scientific Advisory Committee:**

Due to the passage of Measure 91, which legalized recreational marijuana in Oregon, and the pending marijuana bills in the Legislature, the Division has pulled together a scientific advisory committee to provide input and recommendations to the Division regarding retail sales of marijuana. The committee met for the first time in May and the first issue that they discussed was the recommendation around how much THC should be contained in a single serving size of an edible. The committee will also look at what is known about the effects of THC on a pregnant woman and her developing fetus, and breastfed infants. The committee will also address preventing youth access to retail marijuana sales and review what is known in the literature in order to make recommendations to the Division. Additional information about this committee can be found at: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/About/Pages/Retail-Marijuana-Scientific-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

### **Legislative Update**

- Rosa Klein, Legislative Coordinator, PHD

(Handout: "Public Health Division Legislative Tracker")

Rosa provided an overview of high priority bills that the Public Health Division was tracking during the 2015 legislative session, including an update on where the bills are at in the process. Please see handout for further details.

Some of the bills that passed that she discussed include:

- [HB 2546](#), Inhalant Delivery Systems (E-Cigarettes)
- [HB 3100](#), Public Health Modernization
- [SB 71](#), Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- [SB 227](#), Traumatic Brain Injury Registry
- [SB 228](#), Increase of Radiation Protection Services Fees
- [SB 478](#), High Priority Chemicals of Concern in Children's Products
- [SB 660](#), Dental Sealant Program
- [SB 895](#), School Immunizations

Some of the bills that did not pass this session that she discussed include:

- [SB 336](#), General Fund for School-Based Health Centers

- [SB 337](#), General Fund for 11 New School-Based Health Centers
- [SB 415](#), Flavored Tobacco Products
- [SB 663](#), Tobacco Retail Licensure

### **Meet and Greet with Oregon Health Authority Director**

- *Lynne Saxton, Director, OHA*

Lynne started with the agency in January. She shared with the Board some of the goals and priorities of the Authority for the next year:

- Quality health for Oregonians
- Financial sustainability of health system transformation
- Restructure of the agency to be responsive to the new system of care
- Find out where things are working and why, and what we can do going forward to ensure that things are working across the entire state

Lynne encouraged board members to share with her their views of needs and challenges ahead, and of how she can help the agency be successful. Board members engaged in discussion with Lynne and time was allotted for questions.

### **HB 3100 and Public Health Modernization**

(Handout: "*Modernization of Public Health*")

Board chair, Alejandro Qural, stated that this topic would be held over until the next PHAB meeting in September due to other agenda items running over on time.

### **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant**

- *Jan Kaplan, MSW, Community Liaison Manager*

(Handouts: "*Agenda: Oregon Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant Advisory Committee*"; "*Background on PHHSBG*"; "*PHHSBG funded activities 10/1/14 – 9/30/15*"; "*Plan to utilize unexpended FFY 14 PHHSBG funds*"; "*Proposed Work Plan Activities – 10/1/15 – 9/30/16*"; "*Work Plan Rationale for FFY 15 PHHSBG Funding*")

Jan presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "PHHSBG FFY 2015 Work Plan."

He began with some background on the grant. The Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) requires that a state have a Block Grant Advisory Committee, and the Public Health Advisory Board is designated as that advisory committee. The PHHSBG has been around since the 1980's and is a non-competitive grant that is issued to all states and territories, and is an allocation

based primarily on census. In Oregon, the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division is the designated state agency to allocate and administer the grant. An annual work plan is developed under federal guidelines for funds that are allocated annually to be used over a two year period. Oregon, like most states, uses the allocation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

The advisory committee for the grant is required to meet at least twice a year and must be chaired by the State Public Health Director. The advisory committee must have broad representation from the general public, local health departments, schools of public health and other entities. One public hearing must be held each year regarding the development and implementation of the work plan. The advisory committee is required to discuss and make recommendations regarding: priorities determined by State Public Health; development and implementation of the work plan; and revisions of the work plan.

Jan provided some historical use of the PHHSBG funding. From the early 2000's the grant was primarily used to support infrastructure through funding of the Office of Community Liaison. Regarding progress on the FY 14 work plan, the grant is supporting ongoing activities of the Office of Community Liaison, the Performance Management Program, and mandated sexual violence prevention. Although the work plan for FY 14 included partial funding for the OHA Dental Director, the Dental Director position is funded with other funds. Staffing vacancies and costs under budget have resulted in approximately \$150,000 under budget. It is proposed that the funds will be used in a grant to the Coalition of Local Health Officials to fund support for local health department participation in the Modernization of Public Health process (HB 3100, 2015), including work to focus on establishing definitions, creating assessment tools, participation in assessment of local foundational capabilities and programs, and cost study. **PHAB members were given an opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the use of the unexpended funds**, which must be spent on activities that are in the work plan. No comments from PHAB members were provided.

Jan spoke about the FY 15 work plan funding, which uses FY 15 allocation for activities during October 2015 – September 2016. Most of it is continuation of existing activities. Jan also spoke about the FY 15 national and state objectives that the work plan will be addressing and will be included in the block grant application.

Jan presented a list of the PHHSBG FY 15 funding priorities, which demonstrate that the block grant is used to address the lack of public health infrastructure funding available within the state. Priorities include: supporting core state and local public health services; supporting coordination and alignment of state and local health improvement planning; supporting assessment and planning for state/local foundational capability (Modernization of Public Health); supporting assurance of minimum standards for local public health services; and supporting workforce development. **PHAB members were given the opportunity to provide input on the funding priorities.** No comments from PHAB members were provided.

Jan ended by talking about the FY 15 work plan activities: Modernization of Public Health – Performance Management Program and Office of Community Liaison funded staff will provide leadership and staff support through work plan activities; Performance Management Program – accreditation, performance management, workforce development, Community Health Improvement Plan alignment; Office of Community Liaison – support for local health departments; and Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence – support and training for local rape crisis programs.

**Public Comment Period**

No public comment was given.

**Closing:**

The next Public Health Advisory Board meeting is:

**September 11, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon St., Room 1B  
Portland, OR 97232**

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