

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)
March 17, 2016
Portland, OR
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Carrie Brogoitti (by phone), Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Katrina Hedberg, Prashanthi Kaveti, Safina Koreishi, Jeff Luck, Alejandro Qeral, Eva Rippeteau (by phone), Joe Robertson, Akiko Saito, Eli Schwarz (by phone), Lillian Shirley, Tricia Tillman, Jennifer Vines

Board Members Absent: Teri Thalhofer

OHA Public Health Division Staff: Sara Beaudrault, Cara Biddlecom, Angela Rowland

Members of the Public: Will Nettleton, Jan Johnson

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

A quorum was present so the Board was able to vote to approve the January 29, 2016 minutes.

Public Health Division Update

- Lillian Shirley, Public Health Director, PHD

Lillian announced that the Public Health Division is recruiting many key positions. PHD is working in issues around environmental health regulatory gaps due to the recent response at the Portland glass factories. Michael Tynan took a position with CDC. Cara Biddlecom has been appointed as the interim Policy Officer. The Oregon Public Health Division has received national accreditation.

Public Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

Review PHAB Charter

- PHAB Members

This version of the charter used House Bill 3100, a required Oregon Health Policy Board template and the previous PHAB by-laws as the template.

Open for discussion:

- Item (f) around finance of public health.

Formal Vote: Request to add a bullet in the right column of Item (k): “Explore and recommend sustainable ways to expand funding for state and local public health and community health.” All in favor.

Tricia asked how the PHAB connects with other advisory boards.

Action Item: Public Health Division staff will provide an organizational chart of the Oregon Health Policy Board and its subcommittees during the April meeting.

- Jeff pointed out that accountability measures are not listed in the objectives.

Formal vote: Suggestion under Item (j) to add “Develop outcome and accountability measures for state and local health departments.” All in favor.

- Akiko made a recommendation to include health equity and social justice in the objectives.

Formal Vote: Modify the second bullet under item (a) in the objectives, “Use best practices and an equity lens to provide recommendations to the OHPB on policies needed to address priority health issues including social determinants of health.” All in favor.

- Silas made a suggestion to modify the conflict of interest statement in Section V.

Public Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

Formal Vote: Propose to adopt the charter with changes made and update the conflict of interest suggestion that Silas will be bringing. Motion to move to accept the charter. All in favor.

Public Health Modernization Assessment

- *Cara Biddlecom, Interim Policy Officer, PHD*

Cara gave a brief overview of the Public Health Modernization Manual, available at

http://public.health.oregon.gov/About/TaskForce/Documents/public_health_modernization_manual.pdf

- *Annie Saurwein and Jason Hennessy, BERK Consulting*

Annie and Jason provided a detailed overview of the public health modernization assessment process. The assessment report is due by June 2016. So far 32 out of 34 local assessments have been submitted.

Alejandro asked if BERK looked into population growth and race. Jason shared that there are 22 drivers included in the tool to assist with the development of projections.

Jeff asked what the PHAB would expect to review and digest. Annie stated that BERK will provide more preliminary information at the April PHAB meeting. The full first draft will be released at the May meeting. Jeff requested any outlines or tables available from BERK would be helpful for Board members at the April meeting.

Overview of Oregon Public Health funding

- *Morgan Cowling, Executive Director, CLHO*

Morgan discussed a basic background of how the local health departments are funded. Currently the statute does not mandate funding for chronic disease work, community health assessments, improvement plans, or policy work. The state and federal intergovernmental agreement (IGA) funding goes towards WIC (34%),

Public Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

School Based Health Centers (17%), tobacco prevention (10%), communicable disease (9%), public health preparedness (8%) and so on.

The Office of Rural Health published a report of health care needs in Oregon by county. There is a strong connection with public health. The link to this report will be sent to the board.

Tricia asked if there is a way to look at the 34 local health departments funding with a breakdown by county.

- Karen Slothower, Program Support Manager, PHD

Karen provided a brief overview of the state public health budget. Of the \$600 million state budget funds, 58.7% are federal, 31.8% are from private grants, awards, and fees, 6.9% are general fund, and 2.6% are from tobacco tax.

Tricia requested the PHD general fund budget detail.

Action Item: The PHD will provide budget detail on general fund investment information from the PHD Fiscal Officer.

Review PHAB work plan

- PHAB members

Jeff requested volunteers to create two subcommittees. One subcommittee could address page 2, item H in the PHAB charter, to “draft recommendations on the use of incentives to encourage the effective and equitable provision of public health services by local public health authorities” (e.g., supporting continued county investment in public health should state general funds become available down the line while also considering a variety of local needs). This subcommittee may also be tasked with developing a straw funding formula for public health modernization.

Another subcommittee could identify the measures we would use to address item J on page 3 of the PHAB charter to “monitor the progress of local public health authorities in meeting statewide public health goals, including employing the

Public Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

foundational capabilities and implementing the foundational programs for governmental public health.” Although item J specifically calls out local public health authorities that outcome measures should apply to the entire public health system, including state public health.

Alejandro, Tricia, Akiko, and Silas volunteered for the incentives and funding subcommittee.

Jennifer and Eli volunteered for the metrics subcommittee.

Jeff asked the board if non-members could participate. Katrina feels that subject matter experts are beneficial.

Action Item: Jeff and staff will create an outline of what each group will be working on and bring to the next meeting.

Public Comment Period

-Will Nettleton, Chief Resident OHSU Preventative Medicine

Mr. Nettleton made a recommendation to help increase the funding for preventive medicine physician programs in Oregon. There are problems with funding for preventive medicine training programs unlike hospital resident programs that are reimbursed from Medicare. The preventive medicine training funding currently streams from HRSA, DA, or OHSU. Gaps in training and workforce. He stated that Oregon is an innovative state. He suggested that we finance these programs through OHSU, CCOs and local public health departments in conjunction with their academic partners to help with public health modernization.

Closing:

The next Public Health Advisory Board meeting will be held on:

**April 21, 2016
2:30pm – 5:30 p.m.
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon St., Room 1E**

Public Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016

Portland, OR 97232

If you would like these minutes in an alternate format or for copies of handouts referenced in these minutes please contact Angela Rowland at (971) 673-2296 or angela.d.rowland@state.or.us.