

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)
December 15, 2016
By webinar
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board members present: Carrie Brogoitti, Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Katrina Hedberg, Jeff Luck, Eva Rippeteau, Akiko Saito, Eli Schwarz, Lillian Shirley, Teri Thalhofer, Tricia Tillman, Safina Koreishi and Jennifer Vines

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division (PHD) staff: Sara Beaudrault, Jeston Black, Christy Hudson, Angela Rowland

Members of the public: Morgan Cowling, Coalition of Local Health Officials; Jan Johnson, The Lund Report, Kelly McDonald, CLHO contractor

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was present. There were a few word edits. The Board unanimously voted to approve the edited November 17, 2016 minutes.

Changes to the Agenda & Announcements

The meeting was held via webinar since the Portland State Office Building was closed due to inclement weather.

The OHA Legislative agenda update was tabled for a future meeting.

Announcements and Updates

Jeff announced that Teri, Jennifer and Akiko applied for re-appointment. An Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) liaison will also be appointed. Prashanthi Kaveti will not be pursuing re-appointment for the Board.

Sara announced the communication support through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) grant. McCabe Message Partners is working with all three states that received RWJF funding to offer expertise and technical assistance. In early 2017 McCabe Message Partners will convene a small group to develop a communication strategy for public health modernization. There is an opportunity for 1 -2 PHAB members to be involved in developing this strategy. Jennifer Vines

expressed interest in participating. Other members who are interested can get in touch with Sara.

Morgan provided an update on the Aligning Innovative Models for Health Improvements in Oregon (AIMHI) meetings that the Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) is holding across the state. Three meetings have been held so far. The Portland meeting was canceled for Wednesday December 14th and the Albany meeting is canceled tomorrow December 16th due to inclement weather. Please visit: <http://oregonclho.org/public-health-issues/aimhi-meetings/> for more information and to register. Following these meetings, CLHO will work with its contractor to develop tools and templates for local public health authorities to use to develop and implement local modernization plans.

Governor's recommended budget

The Governor's recommended budget was released on December 1st. This budget must close a large fiscal gap. It does not include funding for Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) public health modernization policy option package (POP) for \$30M.

Eli questioned whether existing funding can be shifted to support modernization priorities or whether any additional grant opportunities may be available. Tricia stated the governor's recommended budget includes a tobacco and alcohol tax, and this may present an opportunity to reinvest in public health. Katrina provided an overview of the budget and legislative process. The governor's recommended budget is a first step, and the legislature may make other decisions throughout session. Final funding decisions from the legislature probably won't be determined until May 2017. Tricia questioned if PHAB is considered external to OHA. Board members recommended making a statement or recommendation to the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB).

Jeff shared a draft statement he wrote that PHAB could submit to OHPB. PHAB members reviewed and provided suggestions for this statement. PHAB members then reviewed a revised version of the statement and voted to submit the statement to OHPB and the legislature. OHA employees abstained from this vote. Motion passed with all in favor, other than abstentions.

Lillian discussed a framework for how modernization work can continue despite the discontinuation of the \$30M POP. The public health system can expand the use of the modernized model by applying foundational capabilities to health

priorities, building cross sector collaborations and ensuring accountability for improved health outcomes. Lillian described how this framework can be used with tobacco prevention, which remains the most effective way to bring down morbidity. PHD will support tobacco tax increase discussions in the legislature. PHD can also provide technical assistance with CCO tobacco cessation work. PHD will also focus on alcohol and substance use reduction and will support the alcohol tax proposed in the governor's recommended budget. PHD recently released the End HIV Oregon plan which will end all new HIV transmission in Oregon. Finally, the new Healthy Places Initiative will take a comprehensive approach to addressing unmet environmental health risks. The Healthy Places Initiative will be presented at the January PHAB meeting.

PHAB members asked what the projected revenue for the tax increases in the governor's recommended budget is:

Projected revenue

- Cigarette Tax \$21.5M
- Cigar and snuff tax \$13.7M
- Hard spirits tax \$33.8M

PHAB members expressed concern that demonstrating what the public health system can do without funding could have a negative impact. We could continue to lose ground with an unfunded system. How this is messaged needs to be carefully considered.

Eli asked how public health can build collaborations with CCOs, stating that CCOs are looking for more collaboration. All the health and metrics committees should be better connected.

Subcommittee reports

-Akiko Saito, Incentives and Funding subcommittee member

At the December meeting, subcommittee members continued their discussion about poverty indicators. The group recommends using two indicators: percent of population below the federal poverty level and high school education. The subcommittee also made an adjustment to how per capita averages for the five county size bands are calculated.

Akiko proposed to subcommittee members that the modernization funding formula be shared with the CLHO Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) committee to use as one option for distributing PHEP funds to local public health authorities. The subcommittee did not come to consensus around this proposal.

Subcommittee members continue to request a joint meeting with the Accountability Metrics subcommittee.

-Eva Rippeteau, Accountability Metrics subcommittee member

Eva thanked CLHO for their input by serving as subject matter experts in the priorities. At the December meeting the subcommittee developed measurement areas for communicable disease control, environmental health, and emergency preparedness measures.

Board members questioned how health equity is being incorporated into all areas. The current thinking is that a set of health equity measures will stand on their own, and equity will also be woven into all other areas. This concept will be developed in 2017. Eva offered to collect feedback from Board members on the health equity measures and on how to incorporate health equity into all measurement areas.

Subcommittee members requested that the statewide modernization plan clearly state that accountability metrics are in development.

Eli recommended sharing information back with the CLHO committees that presented recommendations to the subcommittee.

Jen has other measure edits or proposals including an STI measure that tracks at least one partner treated. This is a health system measure. She suggested another measure around HIV diagnosing.

Review draft modernization plan

In accordance to HB 3100, OHA will submit the statewide modernization plan by the end of 2016. Board members provided feedback. The executive summary should reference the full cost of a modern public health system. The plan should reference the State Health Improvement Plan. The statewide modernization plan will go through the OHA review process in late December and early January and

may contain more changes after this review. It was suggested to send a draft to the OHPB as soon as possible for their funding discussion.

Prepare for 2017

The 2017 work plan will be discussed at the January meeting. Jeff also suggests discussing meeting frequency at the January meeting.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were made in person or on the phone.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**January 19, 2016
2:30pm – 5:30 p.m.
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon St., Room 1E
Portland, OR 97232**

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