

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
Accountability Metrics Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**February 14, 2017  
9:00 – 10:00am**

**PHAB Subcommittee members in attendance:** Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Eva Rippeteau, Eli Schwarz, Teri Thalhofer, Jennifer Vines

**OHA staff:** Sara Beaudrault, Cara Biddlecom, Christy Hudson, Joey Razzano, Angela Rowland

**Members of the public:** Omar Abdirahman, Sarafina Crowell, Mark England, Courtney Johnston, LaunaRae Mathews, Kelly McDonald, Kristen Tjaden

**Welcome and introductions**

The December 6, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Eli stated that Clackamas County has shifted to using the term “infectious disease” instead of “communicable disease” for broader understanding.

**Proposal for developing accountability metrics**

Sara presented OHA’s proposal for developing accountability metrics. OHA worked with colleagues who helped to create CCO incentive metrics to provide guidance for this project. The PHAB Accountability Metrics made significant progress in 2016, but a number of barriers or challenges for establishing accountability metrics for public health were identified. These included:

- Lack of existing public health data sets;
- Challenges to identifying measures where public health is solely responsible;
- Feasibility of measuring the impact of public health interventions;
- The time needed to see changes in population health outcomes resulting from public health interventions;
- Insufficient subject matter expertise for making recommendations on measures for specific health areas.

This proposal aims to address these challenges.

To achieve the goal for developing population health outcome measures, OHA proposes to use state health profile indicators, create statewide benchmarks, and

provide recommendations to the PHAB Accountability Metrics subcommittee from now until April 2017. Feedback will be solicited from local and tribal health.

This proposal also includes identifying local public health accountability metrics through small groups of subject matter experts along with public health staff and PHAB subcommittee members. These groups will look at Public Health Activities and Services Tracking (PHAST) measures, the Public Health Modernization Manual deliverables, or others to help define measurement criteria from now through June 2017.

In July through September 2017, OHA and the PHAB Accountability Metrics subcommittee will field a stakeholder survey to solicit feedback on the proposed measures. The stakeholders will include CCOs, Early Learning, and health care providers.

The collection of baseline data will proceed in the next step, date to be determined.

Eli requested that data sources be included for each metric in the statewide population health metrics column of the proposal table in the meeting materials.

Lack of financial support for this process might pose difficulty on local public health departments. It will also be new work for the Public Health Division to collect and report on this information. Teri stated that health departments cannot do more work for no more funding. Muriel agreed.

Jen proposed that the subcommittee give a directive to look at CCO metrics, PHAST measures, or End HIV measures to compare to peer health departments. Aligning public health metrics with CCO or other established metrics may open up additional opportunities for collaboration and potentially funding.

Jen questioned that if public health funding gets tighter in the coming years, is this a chance to demonstrate how the system is working differently on things that matter. Subcommittee members discussed how demand for local health departments to provide clinical services may increase if the population doesn't have insurance. Those clinical services are helping to pay for some of the staff.

Cara says that public health is being asked to produce numbers in terms of its impact to justify the services provided and their importance. If budget cuts result in allocating work in another way that is negative, that is another story to tell.

The subcommittee agrees to bring this proposal forward to the PHAB meeting on February 16, 2017.

### **Subcommittee business**

Jennifer Vines will provide the subcommittee update to the PHAB on February 16, 2017.

The group decided to continue to meet monthly for one hour. A doodle poll will be sent out to the subcommittee to determine a regularly scheduled meeting for the rest of 2017.

**Public Comment:** No public testimony.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.