



**Public Health Advisory Board meeting minutes
December 8, 2022, 3:00-5:30 pm**

Attendance

Board members present: Rachael Banks, Mike Baker, Carrie Brogoitti, Bob Dannenhoffer, Veronica Irvin, Jackie Leung, Kelle Little, Meghan Chancey, Sarah Present, Erica Sandoval, Jeanne Savage, Nic Powers, Dean Sidelinger, Ryan Petteway, Jawad Khan

Board members absent: Jocelyn Warren

PHAB subcommittee members present: Kat Mastrangelo, Rosemarie Hemmings

OHA Staff: Charina Walker, Sara Beaudrault, Tamby Moore, Cara Biddlecom, Victoria Demchak

Welcome and introductions

- PHAB members, subcommittee members and staff introduced themselves.
- PHAB members acknowledged and expressed appreciation for Carrie as her PHAB membership ends.
- PHAB members voted to approve the November meeting minutes. All in agreement.

PHAB membership discussion

- Workgroup, including Bob, Erica, Kelle, Mike and Sarah, met on 12/2 to make recommendations.
- From here the recommended changes would need to be included in a bill by a member of the legislature. OHPB chairs are supportive of these changes.
- Bob stated workgroup recommendations to add four new members:

- Two members representing CBOs, one rural and one urban
- One position for early learning/K-12
- One seat for an expert in health equity
- Cara reviewed responses to the questions included in PHAB’s health equity review policy and procedure.
- The motion to expand membership as listed above past with no additional discussion.
- OHA will work to identify a path to getting these changes introduced in the 2023 legislative session.

Subcommittee updates

- No update from Accountability Metrics subcommittee
- Strategic Data Plan Subcommittee is meeting later in December
 - Previous meeting raised questions about role and authority of this group.
 - OHA staff are meeting individually with subcommittee members to plan for 2023.

COVID-19 After Action Report

- PHAB members heard a presentation from the Rede Group, who was awarded a contract from OHA to conduct an independent third party study of Oregon’s response to the COVID-19 public health response. This study was required through the passage of SB 1554 (2022). The contract was awarded through a competitive request for proposal process.
- The Rede Group presented on the findings and recommendations from the first of three reports due to the legislature, which was submitted November 15, 2022. Recommendations were provided for public health system resources, health equity, emergency management and coordination, and enforcement of public health mandates.
- Sarah asked about Reports 2 and 3, will there be additional data collection? Jill from Rede Group responded that as much information was collected up front but some additional data will need to be collected, including for schools.
- Ryan noted the time constraints and that it is important to keep in mind that information is partial and situated and may not represent the truth. Has there been an objective assessment of what the state did or did not do related to health equity? He noted as an example that the first

prioritization for vaccines was for adults 65 and older, 93 percent of whom are white, even though evidence showed that people of color had more severe complications and were dying at higher rates.

Public health modernization investment prioritization

- A workgroup of PHAB members, LPHA administrators and members of the CBO Advisory Board met on 12/5 and 12/6 to begin discussing recommendations for public health modernization priorities at different funding amounts.
- Mike provided an update from the first two meetings and noted that this group will meet two more times before the January PHAB meeting.
- Veronica asked what the current funding levels are. Cara replied that Oregon currently receives \$60.6 million for public health modernization, and the workgroup discussions are about new funding that would be in addition to the current funding. Cara also stated that OHA staff have made sure recommendations from the SB 1554 COVID public health study recommendations are included in the modernization priorities, as requested by the workgroup.
- Cara reviewed the workgroup documents.
- Sarah asked about the consistency of public health messaging and unified command. Should coordination work in emergency responses be prioritized at lower funding levels in order to provide consistent public health messaging?
- Bob agreed and asked whether each funding level has been priced out.
- Sarah asked about prioritizing disease investigation staff instead of public health staffing more broadly. Sarah also asked about laboratory services; is this capacity for the state lab or is it broader?
- Ryan appreciated seeing community-led data as a focus. He asked about the focus on disease investigation specialists. Ryan asked what is meant by building community capacity in terms of community engagement. Is this about opportunities for communities to be more closely connected to public health or about funding more positions within health departments? Community outreach and engagement should not be conflated with antiracism work, which requires shifting power and resources into communities. Ryan would like to see the workforce section include engaging high schoolers in public health careers. Related to community-led

data initiatives, it will be important to think about how to facilitate accessible data storage that can be encrypted and used, development and use of apps, and other technological infrastructure solutions.

- Veronica asked about the item under chronic disease related to community health improvement plans and whether LPHAs would be able to use funds to implement CHIPs.
- Ryan said that chronic disease prevention requires working with other sectors and should not be only the responsibility of public health. He recommended adding in cross sector partnerships and policy.
- Questions and comments provided by PHAB will go back to the workgroup for discussion.

January meeting agenda items

- Final recommendations from PHAB public health modernization funding workgroup
- Medicaid 1115 Waiver
- Jeanne requested agenda topics that come from the charter and the work PHAB has identified wanting to do.
- Future agenda items to include development of 2023 PHAB work plan and review and update to Health Equity Review Policy and Procedure.

Public comment

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.
- The next Public Health Advisory Board meeting will be held on January 12, 2023 from 3:00-5:30 pm.

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