

## STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT: Health Status Assessment

Monday, November 6, 2017

9:00am – 11:00am

Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., Room 918, Portland, OR 97232

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*Subcommittee Attendees:* Tamara Bakewell, Megan Bolton, Maria Castro, Beth Crane, Lesa Dixon-Gray, Frank Franklin, Mark Johnson, Holden Leung, Channa Lindsay, Jennifer Mead, Stephanie Millar, Erin Fitzpatrick, Meredith Guardino, Becky Jones

*Oregon Health Authority Staff:* Cara Biddlecom, Julia Hakes, Christy Hudson

### **Approval of Minutes**

The [September 1, 2017](#) meeting minutes were approved.

### **Introductions**

Subcommittee attendees and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Staff went around, gave introductions, and said if they were able to attend a community meeting:

- Jennifer Mead: Attended the Portland Community Meeting
- Meredith Guardino: Attended the La Grande Community Meeting
- Becky Jones: Attended the Portland Community Meeting

### **Review community engagement feedback to date**

Olivia Stone and Candace Johnson from Metropolitan Group facilitated a series community meeting around the state. The first half of the meeting included introductions and an overview of the process and framework for Oregon's State Health Assessment, as well as emerging themes specific to the area. The second half of the meeting focused on gathering input from attendees on the health priorities in their community. Attendees were asked to discuss two key questions: 1) "What does well-being mean to you?" and 2) "What does it take for everyone in your community to be healthy?"

The objectives of this meeting were as follows:

- Listen to community members about strengths and needs related to health.

- Describe what the state health assessment and State Health Improvement plan are and how they are used to improve health in Oregon.
- Share topline findings from quantitative and qualitative assessments of the health of people in Oregon and the public health system in order to engage participants in a dialogue about how statewide findings resonate with their local experience.

Christy Hudson went over the [thematic summary of the challenges and opportunities](#) identified at each location of the community meetings that were held in La Grande, Portland, Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford, Newport, and Madras.

Subcommittee members gave feedback of their experiences at the community meetings.

Jennifer Mead shared that it would have been nice to have more people to have people from diverse communities attend from the Portland Metro area at the Portland meeting. Jennifer said she had attendees from the Gorge and Wasco County at her table. Holden Leung did not attend a community meeting but recommended that OHA reach out to community-based organizations that serve minority populations and consider interpreter use for future community meetings. Cara Biddlecom said interpreters were available for attendees at two of the community meetings.

Tammy Bakewell heard feedback at the Josephine Community Meeting that public health is too “prescribed by the state.” Amanda Singh Bans stated that this may be due to reorganization and substantial loss of funding at the Josephine County Public Health Department.

Amanda Singh Bans highlighted that the opioid and meth epidemic in Medford was an important challenge discussed at the Medford Community Meeting. Amanda also expressed concern that there may not be substantial wrap-around services for community members suffering from addiction, specifically mental health services.

Action item: Cara Biddlecom to discuss Josephine County feedback with Oregon PHD staff.

### ***Online Survey***

Christy Hudson discussed [the online survey](#) where community members can provide feedback about Oregon’s state health assessment

Erin Fitzpatrick said she is passing out paper copies of the survey and asked how Oregon PHD would like to receive the paper responses back. Christy said survey results can be returned in whatever method is easiest for those who are passing out paper copies.

Amanda Singh Bans was concerned that some survey questions were too broad and was curious what the results will be.

Christy let subcommittee members know that the survey is open for the entire month of November and Oregon PHD is purchasing three Facebook ads that are targeted to the African American community, Native American community, and Hispanic and Latino community respectively. Beth Crane has posted the survey on the 211 info Facebook and Twitter and they have 10,000 followers.

### ***Develop themes in community engagement feedback***

Meredith was surprised how much affordable housing was a challenge discussed at community meetings across all communities: urban, rural, and frontier. Meredith wondered if this plays a role in retention for providers in rural communities. Megan Bolton from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) shared that they are currently working on [Oregon's Statewide Housing Plan](#). Amanda wondered how she could advocate for OHCS to come to Jackson County and what that capacity of OHA is in addressing affordable housing concerns. Megan shared that right now OHCS is collecting data and doing an environmental scan of Oregon. OHCS' timeline for the Statewide Housing Plan is to finish their assessment end of 2017, draft action plan end of summer 2018 and complete their five-year strategic plan the end of 2018. Cara sees OHA's role in affordable housing through supportive housing, but that there would be follow up to see how Oregon's Housing Plan and the next State Health Improvement Plan could be aligned given

Beth shared that the number two statewide concern that 211 info receives calls about is energy.

Action item: Beth to share 211 call center data with subcommittee members and OHA staff.

Tammy noted there was not a lot of feedback around pediatrics. Cara and Christy agreed that feedback focused more on adolescent health and not on early childcare.

Meredith suggested that OHA split the Environmental Health domain challenges and opportunities among urban, rural, and frontier communities.

Tammy asked if anyone mentioned infestations (lice/bedbugs) in the community meetings. Christy said concerns over infestations were not mentioned in community meetings.

### **Questions from webinar chat:**

Stephanie Millar:

- Can you ask people to put their phones on mute when they are not speaking?

Thanks

Jennifer Mead:

- Can you give us a sense of who attended each forum - eg mostly providers/paid individuals vs. the public, mostly healthcare? Others?

*Response: Most participants identified as white, educated women with a professional affiliation.*

Tammy Bakewell:

- Unable to talk by phone right now because of where I am located. I will do another social media push that will go to families of children with disabilities.
- This is Tami Bakewell again; unable to talk by phone, but my observation is that aside from Childcare, I did not seem to see many themes from the meetings/survey that discuss children/pediatrics. That is surprising to me. Can you tell me if there were other child-related themes that arose here that we need to know about?

*Response: Aside from the need for affordable child-care, no other child-related themes came up during the meetings.*

- Obviously, kids need safe housing, etc. so what is good for their parents is good for them
- I am concerned, personally, about the numbers of children who are not in school in Oregon.

*Response: Chronic absenteeism is a key indicator that will be included in the SHA.*

- I don't know how to get that data, but we know anecdotally that there are many kids who have been expelled for behavior reasons who don't return in any consistent way. This is not just adolescents, but younger children as well. The Disability Rights Oregon Organizations just had to publish a parents' rights guide on this topic because families report that their kids' school days are drastically shortened.
- I personally, have not heard families discuss environmental health as a concern for them.

- Safety for kids is indeed something families discuss as a problem for their children's health. Particularly for kids who have impulse and behavior challenges.
- Also, for this category of prevention, Grandparents and other kin who are caring for children report that their biggest concern is drug use and neglect. I heard this a lot in a focus group in Klamath Falls in 2014
- Infestations (lice/bedbugs) is something that families talk about--they keep kids out of schools. Sometimes people don't think about plain old lice when they think about communicable diseases, so I wonder if there were few teachers in the groups.
- Another key strength is the number of health organizations using community health workers and peer support.
- Home visiting CAN be another strength in this column, although it is sometimes a concern for some families.
- Thank you for including these chat comments as part of the meeting minutes. Sorry I could not use the phone to participate.
- I have to hop off now to get to another meeting. Thank you! Interesting and important work!

### ***Public Comment***

There was no public comment by phone or in-person.

### ***Next Steps and final thoughts***

Christy encouraged subcommittee members to:

- Support community engagement efforts
  - Share community feedback survey (online or paper based)
  - Bring key questions to community meetings
- Themes from community engagement process will be
- shared with SHA Steering Committee November 30th
- Provide comment on draft of State Health Assessment -
- early 2018
- [Sign up for updates about 2020-2024 SHIP](#)

### ***Meeting evaluation***

Holden thanked OHA for the information sharing and asked that slides be available to subcommittee members earlier.

Meeting adjourned. This concludes meetings for the HSA Subcommittee.

