

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Health Equity Framework Workgroup Minutes

May 1, 2024, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Subcommittee members present: Taylor Silvey, Sara Poe, Misha Marie, Meka Webb, Marie Boman-Davis, Margaret Sanger, Krizia Polanco, Faron Scissons, Christine Sanders, Bob Dannenhoffer, Beck Fox

Subcommittee members absent: Natalie Carlberg, Miranda Williams, Jennine Smart, Jackie Leung

OHA staff: Sara Beaudrault, Tamby Moore, Vanessa Cardona

Introductions and warm up

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Welcome to new committee member Sara Poe.
 - Introductions were made by committee members in the chat.
- Reviewed today's agenda

Feedback Loop

- A table was shared with workgroup members to show how their feedback is used. The three columns include:
 - What was shared by committee members. Topics include:
 - Technical issues related to the product.
 - Input around the environment of meetings.
 - What was done
 - This keeps OHA accountable for ideas and concerns shared by committee members.
 - Describes any actions taken by OHA.
 - Status of feedback and any follow up needed
- Vanessa suggested during every meeting the group could review feedback from previous meetings using this table. The group can decide the best format to share the feedback loop if they prefer another method.
- Vanessa reviewed each feedback point with the group. Refer to the meeting materials for the complete table.
- Discussion
 - Margaret asked about decision making agreements for the group.

- Sara replied that the group previously determined it would use consensus system (Fist to Five) voting and this could be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Christine shared appreciation for the feedback loop and OHA listening to the comments that there were too many OHA staff in the workgroup meetings.
- Faron shared they were disappointed with the reduction of OHA staff in the workgroup meetings. They see OHA presence as a way to build relationships and get tribal perspectives heard.

Grounding of Workgroup Purpose

- Background for the creation of this workgroup
 - The [Public Health Advisory Board](#) (PHAB) is largely composed of [members](#) appointed by the governor and is tasked with providing direction and guidance to the state public health system, with a focus on public health modernization.
 - Over a year ago, PHAB was making funding recommendations to the state legislature and struggled to come to an agreement on the vision, priorities and goals of public health modernization.
 - This workgroup was formed at the request of PHAB to focus on a specific deliverable that OHA and PHAB are responsible for that is related to public health modernization funds received from the state legislature.
- Review of the Deliverable
 - Phase 1 Deliverable: Role Mapping - due November 2024.
 - Define the roles of partners within each domain of Oregon's Modernization Manual. Partners include:
 - Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
 - Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs)
 - Federally Recognized Tribes
 - Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
 - Other partners
 - Determine how these roles work together within Oregon's public health system with a focus on eliminating health inequities.
 - The Role Mapping document will contain a vision for all public health system partners and a table of roles for each partner group.

- Phase 2 Deliverable: Framework Development - due June 2025.
 - This workgroup will provide a framework for decision-making to ensure that health equity and community health is at the center of decisions made across the public health system.
 - This framework provides something that can be used for all public health system partners.
 - It is still unknown what the framework document will look like. This workgroup will need to identify an existing framework and modify it to meet Oregon's needs.

Domain 2 - Emergency Preparedness Information Sharing

- Vanessa shared the definition of emergency preparedness and response provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Refer to page 11 of the meeting materials for the definition.
- Vanessa discussed Community Resiliency as resources and support that allow a community to bounce back after a hazard or emergency.

Emergency Preparedness – Discussion in small groups

- Vanessa provided guidelines for the breakout rooms.
 - Like partners were paired together, e.g., CBOs were paired with other CBOs.
 - Select a notetaker to create notes and email the notes to publichealth.policy@odhsoha.oregon.gov. The contents will be discussed at the next meeting. Notes to include:
 - An aspirational vision for the people of Oregon around the ideal support provided during an emergency.
 - Partner roles that would contribute to the vision during an emergency.
- Workgroup members returned to the main meeting space to share what was discussed in the breakout rooms.
 - Misha shared that the CBO group felt it was important to build community relationships before an emergency happens and to invite the community to participate in yearly Emergency Preparedness trainings.
 - Marie shared that the LPHA group felt that all partners should be aware in advance of an emergency the distinct roles, decision-

making powers, authorities and responsibilities of each partner group. She suggested a template to communicate this.

- Beck shared that the OHA/Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) group discussed supporting communities through recovery and resiliency through a trauma-informed lens and to make investments in behavioral and mental health during that recovery period.

Future Planning

- A poll will be emailed to workgroup members about how to handle meetings that are scheduled on the Juneteenth and Independence Day holidays.
- Discuss Emergency Preparedness (Domain 2) notes from breakout room activity at the next meeting.

Public Comment

- Gene Biggs (an emergency preparedness consultant) shared a hope that this group will be intentional in its focus. He stressed the importance of the preparedness and mitigation (to lessen the impact of the event) stages and that the recovery stage will look different during each emergency.

Meeting Adjourned