



Public Health Advisory Board meeting minutes

November 14, 2024, 9:00-4:00

This meeting was not recorded.

Board members present: Naomi Adeline-Biggs, Heather Kaisner, Dean Sidelinger, Marie Boman-Davis, Veronica Irvin, Dianna Hansen, Sarah Present, Kelle Little, Tameka Brazile-Miles.

Board members absent: Ana Gonzalez, Brenda Johnson, Jackie Leung, Jawad Khan, Jenny Withycombe, Kelly Gonzales, Mary Engrav, Nic Powers, Bob Dannenhoffer, Ryan Petteway.

OHA Staff for PHAB: Sara Beaudrault, Kirsten Aird, Steven Fiala, Heather Redman, Danna Drum, Tamby Moore.

Facilitator: Nhu To-Haynes

Welcome and Connections

Nhu To-Haynes, Facilitator

- Nhu welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the day.
- Nhu led the group through three activities to get to know and build relationships among members and the OHA team. These included an “I like” activity, an activity to design your own self-care spoon, and small group connections on identity and positionality.

Role of PHAB and PHAB's Charter

Nhu To-Haynes, Facilitator

- The group reviewed the Role statements in PHAB's charter and discussed, What from the charter is tangible? And, What does this mean for my community?
- Notes from the discussion include:
 - A commitment to leading intentionally with racial equity to facilitate public health outcomes.
 - *PHAB is committed to this.*
 - *Examples include strategic data plan, modernization funding formula, Public Health Equity grants to CBOs.*
 - *PHAB's health equity policy and procedure lays out that proposals brought to PHAB outline health equity impacts.*
 - A commitment to health equity for all people as defined in OHPB's health equity definition.
 - *PHAB is committed to this.*
 - *PHAB added rurality and geography to its health equity policy and procedure.*
 - *PHAB has taken steps to engage other bodies, like the OHPB Health Equity Committee in updating the health equity definition to included geography or rurality.*
 - Alignment of public health priorities with available resources.
 - *Statute alignment.*
 - *Is it bigger than state health assessment and state health improvement plan?*
 - *Alignment of OHA Strategic Plan.*
 - *Can we align modernization cost and capacity assessment findings with future priorities?*
 - *Due to limited resources, this is one we need to focus on more; structure of governmental system.*
 - *Is this role too broad? Which resources? Which priorities?*

- *More discussions regarding funding, maintaining, how are we prioritizing as a system, think about possibilities of shrinking funding.*
- Analysis and communication of what is at risk when there is a failure to invest resources in public health.
 - *Not done well. Compassion fatigue.*
 - *PHAB Chair and member testimony.*
 - *Where does PHAB communicate? OHPB? OHA? OHPB does not seem ready to align.*
 - *Did PHAB participate in COVID response or contribute to COVID public health study?*
 - *How does CLHO work with PHAB?*
- Guidance for Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division strategic initiatives, including the State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan.
 - *Very cursory work on this.*
- Support and alignment for local governmental strategic initiatives.
 - *Does not feel like we do this.*
- Connect, convene and align LPHAs, Tribes, CBOs and other partners to maximize strengths across the public health system and serve community-identified needs.
 - *Expanded membership through Legislation. What has PHAB done to support extended membership?*
 - *Subcommittee membership included people in addition to PHAB members.*
 - *Room for improvement when aligning with health care delivery partners including Oregon Medicaid.*
 - *Where does this intersect with equity stickies?*
- Support for state and local public health accreditation and public health modernization.
 - *Does accreditation add value or contribute to systems change work?*

- *How has PHAB had an opportunity to support modernization outside of legislative deliverables?*
- *PHAB statute supports modernization.*
- *Accreditation can equal power and influence. Accreditation has/creates barriers.*
- *These things can be used as tools in the process.*
- *Where IS PHAB in this?*
- *Some members expressed interest in continuing to discuss PHAB's charter and possible changes to roles in 2025.*

Public Health Elevator Pitches

- The group participated in an activity to develop elevator pitches based on a set of different scenarios.

Public Comment

Sara Beaudrault

- Sara opened a public comment period through Zoom from 11:45-12:00.
- No public comment

PHAB's Bylaws and Leadership Structure

Sara Beaudrault

- Sara shared that Veronica's term as Chair ends in December. Veronica will continue to serve as a PHAB member.
- Based on recent discussions, OHA is proposing that PHAB consider changing its leadership structure from a one-person Chair model to a three-person Incoming Chair/Chair/Past-Chair model. OHA has drafted these changes in the Bylaws.
- OHA is making this proposal to share the load of leading PHAB among members, develop leadership in newer members, and to shift responsibility for things like agenda planning from OHA to PHAB members.
- Members who attended supported this proposal and bringing these changes to the December meeting for discussion and a vote.

Planning for 2025

Nhu To-Haynes

- Members discussed ideas for PHAB topics or priorities for 2025. These included:
 - Recommendations for future priorities and funding
 - Building understanding of governmental public health funding
 - Doing a reset to answer the questions “Over the past decade, have we done what we said we would do? And where are we going now?”
 - Building understanding for the goals of public health modernization.
 - Doing a deep dive into results from the modernization cost and capacity assessment, evaluation and accountability metrics to understand themes and make decisions. Moving from assessment to action.
 - Soliciting input from partners on what they think PHAB should be focusing on.
 - Reviewing and narrowing scope of roles in charter. Reflecting on spaces that PHAB is not currently addressing, like accreditation or local governments.
 - Telling the story of public health in Oregon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM