Tobacco Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC)
Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street - Room 1B

TRAC members attending:

TRAC members absent:
Sean Kolmer – Governor’s Office, Michael Mahoney – Department of Education

Observers:
Oregon Health Authority: Luci Longoria, Cathryn Cushing, Stacey Schubert, Beth Sanders, Kati Moseley, Tara Gedman, Holly Heiberg, Michael Tynan, Shaun Parkman, Kirsten Aird, Laura Chisholm, Sabrina Freewynn, Jan Kaplan; Elizabeth Takahashi – Multnomah County Public Health; Morgan Cowling -- CLHO

Welcome and introductions: TRAC members and meeting observers introduced themselves.

TRAC Overview: During the legislative session, the 2013-2015 budget for the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) was increased by $4 million. The purpose of today’s TRAC meeting is to receive advice and guidance on program and budget changes, given this addition.

TPEP Status Report: TPEP shared program accomplishments, such as the release of the county tobacco fact sheets

Program and budget recommendation: TRAC reviewed the proposed program and budget proposal. The group had a discussion about cost allocation, SYNAR, accountability, and CCOs. TRAC members expressed an interest in more clearly understanding CDC recommendations for a comprehensive tobacco prevention program. TRAC members stated they would like to see proposed outcomes included with the budget.

TRAC members said they are pleased with the increase in funds to local public health departments, but some expressed they would like to have more budget be dedicated to community programs. TRAC members expressed interest in forming a subcommittee to meet and further discuss the program activities related to the proposed budget. This subcommittee would bring their recommendations back to the entire group.
TRAC recommendations and next steps:

1. TRAC members want to form a subcommittee that will bring its recommendations back to the large group.
   Action: TRAC members interested in participating in the subcommittee will meet during September to further discuss the proposed budget.