



# Advisory Council

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**Council:** Gregory Noelck, Rhonda Turner, Laurie Lebowsky, Stephanie Roise-Kamashita, Mark Collier, Adriana Linares, David Scott, Bob Richardson, Karen Evans, Trevor Evers, Laurie Lebowsky  
**Staff:** Alan Melnick, Julie Grimm, Tricia Mortell, Janis Koch, Jeff Harbison  
**Guests:** Colete Anderson and Jacqui Kamp

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**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES (Laurie)**

The council reviewed the meeting notes from February 18, 2014. Greg moved and Bob seconded motion to accept meeting notes as submitted. No further discussion. The motion passed.

**2. DEPARTMENT UPDATE (Alan)**

- **Staffing:**

*Informatics Specialist:* Miguel Isaza was hired for the position. He's done a lot of work around electronic records and has great interpersonal skills. He will start on April 22 and will be helping us to get our business practices automated. He will be interacting with health care partners.

*Communicable Disease Manager (Catherine Kroll's former position):* Monica Czapla has been hired. She as an MPH from Tulane and has worked in Kenya with cholera. She will begin April 14.

*Community Health Specialist, Immunization Program:* Katy Himes was hired for this position. She has worked at OHSU as a medical assistant and will be doing community-based work around immunization throughout the community.

*Environmental Health Specialists:* Chris and Christine were recently hired to work in the environmental public health programs.

*CTG (Community Transformation Grant):* This is a federally funded program administered through the state of Washington for chronic disease programs. The CDC has informed that they will not be funding it after September 2014. However, the federal budget has been increased for chronic disease prevention for such programs as diabetes, etc. We're hoping that there will be enough money to make up for the CDC funding loss, but we won't know that until sometime in may.

*Healthy Columbia-Willamette:* this is a collaborative of hospitals, coordinated care organizations, etc. This group is taking a community needs assessment to determine where the "community good" dollars are directed. The collaborative came together to get some synergy around: (1) health care access (many hospitals are working on premium assistance); (2) chronic disease prevention (tobacco cessation and breast feeding); and, (3) mental health and substance abuse (reduction of opioid prescription abuse).

### 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/MEMBER UPDATE

- **Update on terms/BOCC Policy:** Laurie updated the council on changes in filling term expirations on council positions. Council members will be notified by June 30 (as well as the Board of Health) when a position will expire on September 30.

### 4. COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER/HEALTH ELEMENT

- **Policies in new chapter relating to health element (Colete):** The purpose was to develop a document that would inform policymakers when making policy decisions around land development. The Board isn't adopting the entire document; however, the county is incorporating parts of the *Growing Healthier* report into the Comp Plan. Community Planning is working to draft goals and policies to provide a mechanism for jurisdictions to measure their progress. The Comp Plan has 14 chapters that don't match up well with the *Growing Healthier Report*. Some of the points Colete made included:
  - The state provides the mandatory elements, and the county adds additional elements.
  - County-wide planning policies link up all jurisdictions, aiming for consistency.
  - The goal or framework should establish what we want the community to look like over time.

The following policy was presented for the council's consideration: "Communities and neighborhoods shall be designed that promote and protect aging in-place for all age groups, especially by providing for physical activity and access to healthy food."

The Council edited the proposal to read: "Communities should be designed in a way that supports all age groups through life course especially by providing opportunities for physical activities and support access to healthy food. (Note: Proximity to farmers market, grocery stores, and community gardens).

Council commentary included:

- The language should promote green living – more food stands.
- Define access in the document.
- What is the definition of life course? Birth to death? Or is it life cycle? Age groups and life cycle – aren't they redundant? Maybe support all residents through their life cycle?

Colete stated that they have the gist of the council's input. This will be used as a broad statement – probably in the introductory chapter.

Jacqui Kamp is working on a new chapter which is a culmination of three chapters compressed into one. The goal is to identify strategies and present them clearly and succinctly.

Council commentary included:

- There are a lot of buzz words.
- This is a great start for the cities and towns.
- There is a huge amount of regulatory piece is tied up by the utilities – undertones already. Energy – efficiency block grants trickle down.

The next steps include:

- Making recommendations in the development code. Once they can show more of a chapter with context, it will make more sense.
- They have to have a SEPA process done by December 2015. Then they will have five months for the final hearing process.

5. **PLANS FOR APRIL 10 COMMUNITY FORUM: "ROAD TO RESILIENCE"**

The plans are in place for the event at the library. The speaker will be Erinn Havig, Program Manager for Strengthening Families Washington.