



Public Health
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Advisory Council

August 16, 2016 meeting notes

Council: Amy Bishop-Smith, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Kelly Espinoza, Gregory Noelck, Bob Richardson, Alden Roberts, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita
Staff: Lydia Gherman, Chris Goodwin, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Roxanne Wolfe
Guest: Jonathan Chase, Christine Harper, Joe Laxson, Adam Lim, Alyssa Payne, Sara Schroder, Nina Skulbru, Dalila Zelkanovic

(1) **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES** *(Mark)*

Mark opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from June 21, 2016. Joan moved, Paul and Stephanie seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

(2) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** *(Mark, Roxanne)*

▪ **Bylaws Update**

The proposed PHAC Bylaws modification for, Article III: Membership, Section 1, has been reviewed and approved by two-thirds vote with changes as follows: "A representative of the Cowlitz Tribe located in Clark County" replaced with "A Clark County federally recognized tribe member". The change was done in order to include all.

▪ **Term Expiration Update**

Positions with terms ending September 30 include:

- Medical doctor practicing in Clark County
- Non-elected rep of Clark Co cities other than Vancouver
- Consumer of public health services
- Clark County water utility
- Clark County Restaurant Association
- Nursing representative

If you want to reapply for the position please send your letter of interest to Lydia.

▪ **Attendance Policy**

A gentle reminder, the PHAC Bylaws on attending states that, "Unexcused absences from three consecutive regular meetings, or assigned committee meetings, shall constitute cause to recommend replacement to Board of Health for their actions". Attendance is important as the success of the council depends on the exchange of ideas from all its diverse members.

▪ **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging has a policy platform that they are working on. They will have a Conference on Feb. 9, 2017 at the Red Cross Building at Fort Vancouver – "Future of Housing – Realities and Possibilities." They are currently focusing on aging in place. Also there will be monthly meetings next year with various topics, speakers, and community input that they'd like to invite PHAC members to (either as speakers or attendees).

(3) DEPARTMENT UPDATE (*Jeff, Alan, Janis*)

- **Budget:**
2017-2018 operating budget has been submitted. Twelve staff from Solid Waste Environmental Outreach is coming to Public Health. The County is moving to a zero based budget move and to get closer to that move a 10% reduction package was requested with specific cuts identified. The balance budget for 2017 was submitted to fund NFP from different partners and was successful. EPH fees schedule will be reviewed however with SWEO coming over the fees will not be going up nearly as much.
- **2016 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Update:**
The 2016 Comprehensive Growth Management plan has been passed with the Growing Healthier Report incorporated into the plan. A special thanks to Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier and Tracy Rude for their time in testifying on behalf of PHAC at the Board meetings.
- **RFA:**
A Request for Applications (RFA) was sent out last June for HIV Case Management and HIV Prevention funding. The process has changed from the way it was been done in the past. They are merging the funding and making it a competitive process. Clark County was receiving its own funding however Region VI model is coming back. Clark was encouraged to apply with Skamania but decided to expand to all five counties and include Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum and Klickitat Counties. Cascade Aids Project also applied for the same funding as Clark County. If the application submitted is not successful these important programs may be lost.
- **Model Practice Award:**
Clark County Public Health received a Model Practice Award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for helping prevent opioid overdoses through naloxone. Naloxone reverses the effects of an overdose.
- **Zika:**
Testing for Zika is primarily focused on pregnant women and symptomatic individuals with exposure. Twenty-six Washington residents have tested positive and all were travel associated. Currently two Zika vaccines are in testing and development. The specific species that transmits Zika have not been identified in Washington or Oregon.

(4) Environmental Public Health (*EPH Team*)

- **Introduction:** (*Joe Laxson*)
The goal of Environmental Public Health is to prevent or mitigate public health impacts from pathogens and disease spread through water, air, food and the built environment. EPH develops and implements regulatory and educational tools to develop a sustainable system of safe food and water; wastewater treatment; and solid and hazardous waste management.
Environmental Public Health Programs include:
 - On-site Septic System Wastewater Treatment
 - Drinking Water Permitting and Protection
 - School Health and Safety
 - Solid Waste Inspection and Enforcement
 - Site Hazard Assessment
 - Food Safety
 - Water Recreation Safety (Pools & Swim Beaches)
 - Green Schools/Master Composters

- Solid Waste Contract Management

For this presentation, three programs will be covered in more detail, Summer Food Safety, Water Recreation and School Health and Safety.

- **Summer Food Safety:** (*Dalila, Adam*)

The food safety program aligns with Clark County Public Health Mission, ensuring our community's good health, collaborative and educational.

- Food safety inspections
- Plan review
- Complaint response
- Foodborne illness & outbreak investigations
- Fairs, Festivals
- Markets

- **Water Recreation – Swim Beach Monitoring:** (*Alyssa, Nina*)

Two types of bacteria or closely monitored:

E. coli Monitoring:

- Biweekly sampling of Vancouver Lake and Kline Pond
- E. coli occurs in digestive system of warm blooded animals.
- Fecal contamination indicator
- Example of pathogenic strain STEC

Cyanobacterium (Blue – Green Algae) Monitoring:

- Single celled bacterium in all bodies of water
- Can “bloom” rapidly grow and become visible
- Need sun, warm water, and nutrients to have a bloom
- Cyanobacteria can produce toxins
- We test for microcystin and anatoxin – a

Keep the Public Informed:

- Website www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/public-beaches
- Work with Clark County Parks to post signs
- Work with PIO to issue Press Releases
- Social Media Postings on Facebook and Twitter

- **Water Recreation – Pools and Spas:** (*Christine, Sarah*)

This particular work aims to protect the health, safety, and welfare of users of recreational water facilities, including pools, spas, wading pools and spray pads.

Plan Review

- New and remodeled facilities

Inspection

- Year round
- Seasonal (Operate from Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Educational approach

- Connect to resources

Illness and injury response

- Report to DOH
- Work with CD

- **School Health & Safety:** (*Christine, Sarah*)

The aim of the program is to prevent disease and injury in public and private K-12 school settings.

New construction, remodels and portables classrooms

- Pre-Application meetings
- Site review
- Review plans
- Pre-occupancy inspections

Existing schools

- Cafeteria inspections
- Complaint response

Future program development

- Outreach and education
- Building partnerships

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

(6) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.