



Advisory Council

September 20, 2016 meeting notes

Council: Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Kelly Espinoza, Adrienne Fairbanks, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Tracy Rude, David Scott
Staff: Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Roxanne Wolfe
Guest: Jonathan Chase, Chris Goodwin, Jamie Fujino, Andrea Hernandez-Garibay, Carol Moehrle

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

Mark opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from August 16, 2016. Kelly moved and Paul seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

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

▪ **Review Attendance Policy**

Article III, Section 3, of the original bylaw contains a brief description on the attendance policy however the proposed bylaws will contain more specific language to address the drop in attendance. The goal is to have members who are engaged in the Public Health Advisory Committee.

▪ **PHAC Bylaw Update**

In order to amend the bylaws, two-thirds members vote is needed, however since only ten members are present an email will be sent to the missing members for a chance to vote. All ten members present at the meeting agreed on the proposed changes to the bylaws regarding the attendance policy.

(3) **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** *(Janis)*

▪ **Carol Moehrle Introduction:**

Carol is the District Director for Public Health in Idaho North Central District and covers five counties in North Idaho. She is also an accreditation expert and past chair of Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Carol has been working with us as a consultant on the Community Health Improvement Plan, which is a requirement for the accreditation process.

(4) **COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN** *(Chris)*

▪ **Community Input Results**

The community results from the last two months consist of 116 external participants and 39 internal participants. The overall results with the top three selections were: social determinants, mental & behavioral health and substance abuse.

▪ **Priorities Selection**

From the community input results the two top issues and four goal concepts are categorized as follows:

- Social Determinants
 - o Improve access to affordable, safe housing
 - o Improve access to healthy foods as a means to combat overweight and obesity

- Mental & Behavioral Health
 - o Reduce the rate of substance abuse
 - o Improve the mental health and emotional well-being

- **Timeline of Next Steps**

The CHIP will be a process of connecting with organizations and coming up with some ideas of what we can track and show improvements on together.

- Connect
 - o Identify who in the Clark County communities is currently addressing the selected issues, or would be interested in doing so.
 - o Connect with these organizations and map out their efforts.

- Implement & Monitor
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 - o Connect with these organizations and map out their efforts.

- Report & Revise
 - o Share data analysis with partners.
 - o Collaborate to produce an annual report.
 - o Develop revision process.

As a group exercise, PHAC members identified some partners and organizations who may be interested in the top issues discussed. Measurable objectives will be brought back for further discussion and PHAC members may help with the policy side as we learn more on what people are doing. Chris will keep members posted on the updates.

(5) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE *(Discussion)*

- Paul brought up service animals. People bring in service animals in the restaurant and he was wondering on the current law. Further discussion ensued.
 - o Bob sent a helpful link with more information on service animals:
<http://mrsc.org/Home/Research-Tools/Ask-MRSC-Archives/Legal.aspx#Is-the-county-required-to-allow-in-the-courthouse>

- Joan shared some ACEs information. Charlene Welch from the Homeless Council is sharing the report of The Silver Lining at the ACEs Action Alliance meeting. In addition, Raising of America will be showing on December 13th at Clark College in the Foster Auditorium. Joan will be sending invitations to all PHAC members when that becomes available.

- Tracy, The Nursing Commission in Washington is huge on education. One of the staff working on the panel with Tracy is implementing a nursing program that places nursing students out in the community to work with the elderly people. The results were amazing with improvements in their health based on the exercise received from the students.

- David, Unite Washougal received a \$625,000 grant to combat youth substance abuse that will go through the Washougal School District.

(6) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.