October 18, 2016 meeting notes


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Guest: Kala Madugula

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES (Mark)
Mark opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from September 20, 2016. Joan moved and Paul seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (Mark)
- Nomination Committee:
  - Aru, Joan, Stephanie and Mark volunteered to be on the Nomination Committee which will meet within the next few weeks to nominate for the 2017 Executive Committee.
- PHAC Appointments Update:
  - Paul Childers, John Roth, Greg Noelck, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, David Scott have been reappointed for another three years. Aru Undurti is our newest appointed member.
- Bylaw Amendment Update:
  - Article III, Section 3 has been amended and passed by the members’ two-third votes.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE (Chris, Jeff)
- CHIP Update
  - Chris has reviewed posters that PHAC helped produce on the agreed themes for the CHIP with a closer look at who is doing what.
  - The two categories were social determinants and mental and behavioral health with two focal areas for each.
    - The first focal areas are: affordable safe housing and healthy foods as a means to combat overweight and obesity.
    - The second focal areas are: reducing the rate of substance abuse and improving the mental health and emotional wellbeing of Clark County Residents.
  - With these categories in mind different organizations were reviewed on what they are doing with the mental and behavioral topics. Also the measurable specifics were looked at to see where we are at, what we are doing and how things change over time.
  - Chris will continue work with the Public Health epidemiologist to review data and find some solid measurable things that can be measured, such as data we are already looking at as a department or in the community, which may be used to evaluate where things are and where they are moving in the future.
  - The measurable things will be split up with two or three specific things to look at and bring back to our community partners. In conclusion, the first step will be to look at the measurable things and
second step will be to bring them to the community partners.

**Budget Update:**
- The Clark County Manager will release a recommended budget around November 1st. The work session on October 19 will go to the County Manager and the Board of County Councilors. They are recommending adoption of the county 10% reduction package for work that is funded through the county general funds and are moving forward in the process. The final budget will be adopted in the first week of December with a staffing reduction.
- On October 26 there will be a review of EPH fees. There hasn’t been a fee increase since 2014 but have seen a cost increase in services and are moving towards a more cost recovery model. Any EPH fees increase or decrease will not affect the 10% reduction package of the general fund. The reduction exercise has to do with general funds and not the fee based revenues.
- The funding received in Public Health varies depending on type of work done with sources ranging: county funds, state funds, grant funds, fees and general funds. General funds only cover a certain amount of funds, about 20%. Also, this will be a county wide cut that not only affects Public Health but other departments as well. However, in some other areas we will be adding staff since that source account will have an increase in funding, so it all depends where the funds come from.
- Budget information is available on the grid at clark.wa.gov.com. The county is moving toward priority budgeting and reviewing everything in general county funds.

(4) **FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES** *(Alan)*

- **Why this is a high priority: a New Vision for Public Health**
  - Many people suffer from illness that public health efforts can help prevent, however public health funding has eroded with less than 3% of national health spending on public health.
  - Since 1900, the average life expectancy in the US has increased from 49 years to 80 years, primarily due to public health.
  - Everyone should have the opportunity to make choices that will allow them to live long, healthy lives, regardless of their income, education, racial or ethnic background, or where they live.
- Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) must be available to everyone and meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - Services for which governmental public health is the only primary provider of the service, statewide
  - Population-based services (versus individual services) that are focused on prevention.
  - Services that are mandated by federal or state laws.
- Foundational Programs Include:
  - Control of Communicable Disease and Other Notifiable Conditions
  - Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
  - Environmental Public Health
  - Maternal/Child/Family Health
  - Access/Linkage with Medical, Oral, and Behavioral Health Care Services
  - Vital Records
- Workgroup Recommendations:
  - State funding for public health should ensure that the costs of Foundational Public Health Services are covered in every community
  - Foundational Public Health Services should be funded with statutorily-directed revenues placed in a dedicated Foundational Public Health Services account.
  - Allocation determinations should be a collaborative process between state and local stakeholders.
  - A robust accountability structure that aligns with the Foundational Public Health Services framework should be collaboratively developed by state and local stakeholders to ensure
accountability and return on investment.
  - Tribal public health, with support from the Department of Health, should convene a process
to define how the Foundational Public Health Services funding and delivery framework will
apply to tribal public health, and how tribal public health, the Department of Health, and local
health jurisdictions can work together to serve all people in Washington.
  - Local spending on Additional Important Services should be incentivized.

- Draft proposal for the 2017 legislative session
  - 2017 Legislative Proposal has two parts:
    - Policy request to incorporate the FPHS framework into state law
    - A system-wide (local and state) financial request that we hope to have included in the
      Governor’s 2017-2018 proposed budget that will be released in December 2016.
  - 2017 Legislative Budget Request:
    - Previous FPHS cost estimation work, current status of public health agencies, consultation with
      partners, and dialogue among the workgroup.
    - Accountability Workgroup defined performance measures for any new state funds to local PH
      for foundational activities in communicable and chronic disease.

(5) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE (Discussion)
  - Marijuana/vaping issues will be discussed with ESD 112 and Prevent Coalition. If anyone is interested in
    being subject matters send Roxanne an email (Roxanne.Wolfe@clark.wa.gov) and Theresa Cross will
    contact and provide additional information.
  - Raising of America will be taking place at Clark College - Gaiser Hall on December 13th from 4-6:30pm.
    There will be a panel of discussion with John Weiseman and Department of Early Learning. (Joan)
  - The Ethics Committee will be doing its final allocation summary meeting on November 9th. (Alan)

(6) ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.