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# Advisory Council

## November 15, 2016 meeting notes

**Council:** Steve Becker, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Dave Fuller, Adrienne Fairbanks, Sandra Mathewson, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Tracy Rude, David Scott, Aru Undurti

**Staff:** Chris Goodwin, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Roxanne Wolfe, Lydia Gherman

**Guest:** Jonathan Chase

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

Mark opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from October 18, 2016. Adrienne moved and Paul seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

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

▪ **Executive Committee Nominations:**

Joan reported the proposed slate of officers: Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, Chair; Adrienne Fairbanks, Vice Chair; Bob Richardson, Member at Large. PHAC members unanimously approved the 2017 Executive Committee.

- The Executive Committee decided to cancel the December meeting and will reconvene in January 2017.

(3) **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** *(Roxanne / Jeff / Janis)*

▪ **Follow-up on PHAC letter to BOCC:**

Board of County Councilors (BOCC) received PHAC's letter in October. They are supportive of Public Health's work, although, this is a very busy time of the year for them.

▪ **Budget/Position Extensions:**

EPH fees hearing will take place on November 30, at the BOCC hearing. Also, identified funding source to extend the two positions and will be able to keep them through June instead of January. Budget hearing will start December 5<sup>th</sup>; thereafter the budget is adopted first week of December.

- **Case Management Update:**

HIV Case Management is transitioning to Cascade AIDS Project (CAP). Although, the RFA application for HIV Care Services was successful, we did not anticipate that DOH (Washington State Department of Health) would be awarding the grant to two agencies to provide the same services. For Clark and Skamania counties we would be collaborating with CAP (Cascade AIDS Project) and in Wahkiakum and Cowlitz counties we would be collaborating with Lifelong. For Clark County, this also meant sharing other funding sources such as Ryan White Part A, which supports case management activities, emergency rental assistance, and medical bill payment, and HOPWA, which supports the Housing Coordinator position and several housing programs for clients. These unanticipated impacts affect the resources we have available to meet the needs of people in Clark County living with HIV. Therefore, the HIV case management is transitioning to CAP. A consultant will provide program management through the transition. DOH funding for 6 months extension for case managers and program management should ensure a smooth transition.

- **State/Local Public Health System Update:**

Public health is population health focused and wants to ensure that going forward we are not setting up competitive infrastructures and inadvertently damaging the population health focus. Many social determinants go into health status and want to ensure that population health work continues when a program transitions out. The state will be asking for sustainable funds to continue the work of foundational public health services throughout the local health jurisdictions. Sustainable funds will be critical going forward. Another important topic is the tobacco 21 legislation which would increase the legal age from 18 to 21 for sales of tobacco and vaping products.

(4) **REVIEW THE YEAR** (*Janis*)

- **Accomplishments and where we are now:**

A review of last year's accomplishments will help plant a foundation for PHAC next year when we come back in January. In addition, the Leadership Team, (Janis, Roxanne, Jeff and Alan) is looking at their current structure in order to change a little bit in addressing interactions with PHAC and building an efficient system. Feedback from the members is welcome about the meetings and topics. The beginning of the year started with ACEs, thereafter epi information presented on bullying, epigenetics followed, and we had a successful BOH-PHAC joint meeting, Furthermore, PHAC did years of amazing work on the Growing Healthier Report.
- **Ethics Committee Update** (*Don*)

Ethics Committee convened a meeting with critical care doctors last January. After a review of the literature, the physicians agreed on a scoring tool, with triage teams to include critical care physician, critical care nurse, respiratory therapist and ethicist. The ventilator allocation strategy

consists of utilizing the scoring tool, rather than first come first serve. In a pandemic situation, Public Health has the authority to determine allocation of scarce resources, however this is best done through partnerships rather than getting police to commandeer ventilators.

▪ **Raising of America Event:** *(Don)*

Don Strick and Cyndi Meyer have been working on this event. They are trying to get the elected officials to attend, and discuss some of these important issues in the community. The event features a film and thereafter a panel discussion featuring Ross Hunter, Director of the Washington State Department of Early Learning and John Wiesman, Washington Secretary of State. Time and location of event: December 13, 4-6:30pm, Gaiser Hall at Clark College.

▪ **ACEs Update:** *(Roxanne/Joan)*

ACEs Action Alliance has robust meetings. Joan would like to bring, *Resilience*, a 50-minute documentary to the PHAC meeting. It is a very informative documentary about ACEs. In addition, there are four different workgroups for those interested in joining, let Cyndie Meyer know and she will bring you on. The goal of the workgroups is to share the approaches and training.

▪ **CHIP Update:** *(Chris)*

A quick recap of where we are at and headed in the near future: The Community Health Assessment (CHA) was the initial start along with the Healthier Columbia Willamette Collaborative. Thereafter, with PHAC members' help as the steering committee topics were selected for community input. After engaging with the community narrowed down further the topics: access to nutrition, safe and affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse. As a reminder, the CHIP does not take place of the strategic plan but rather brings a clearer focus on addressing specific issues. Chris will continue to reach out to community partners and bring back to PHAC on progress.

(5) **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE** *(Discussion)*

David Scott - mentioned advertisements on cable television about Hep C testing for baby boomers.  
Janis - Hep C testing started in the 90s. People may have Hep C but not be symptomatic for a long time. Although some strains of Hep C may be treated, some health plans do not cover the treatment.  
Adrienne – Pet Peace of Mind, is a national program in hospice for owners of pets who would like to stay with their pet until the end of life. It is a complimentary service that will help with pet care so that pets can remain with their owners until the end.

(6) **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.