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# Advisory Council

## May 16, 2017 meeting notes

**Council:** Steve Becker, Amy Bishop-Smith, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Kelly Espinoza, Remy Eussen, Adrienne Fairbanks, Debbie Hassler, Melanie Maiorino, Sandra Mathewson, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, Marla Sanger, David Scott, Aru Undurti  
**Staff:** Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Pat Shaw, Don Strick, Roxanne Wolfe  
**Guests:** Dawn Bonder, Sally Fisher

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

Stephanie opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from April 18, 2017. Paul moved and Remy seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

- **Debbie Hassler (Clark County federally recognized tribe member) – Intro**
  - Debbie has been an elected Tribal Council member for the Cowlitz Tribe for nine years and manages the Pathways to Healing Program. She is also on the Health Board and her passion is social services.

(2) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments

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

- **Green Programs Orientation**

Sally gave a brief background on her job. Sally works in the Solid Waste and Environmental Outreach program, which works with the public to increase recycling, reduce the solid waste flow and increase sustainability. For more information: <https://clarkgreenneighbors.org/>

**Repair Café:**

- This fairly new program provides an opportunity for people to get broken items fixed by skilled volunteer “fixers”.
- The Café, held at the Habitat Store, was very successful despite little advertisement. There were 36 repair tickets with 26 volunteers and most items were fixed. In addition, staff identified 100 new skilled fixers interested in volunteering at future events.
- The next café will take place at the Downtown Vancouver Community Library (901 C Street) on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Thereafter, the following café will be on August 24<sup>th</sup> at *Filbin’s Ace Hardware* in Hazel Dell. The fourth cafe, will try to go out to Battle Ground.
- The long term goal is to turn the program over to volunteer groups who will manage the cafes.
- Also, want to connect with a Tool Library.
- For more information: <https://clarkgreenneighbors.org/repair-cafe>

### **Recycled Arts Festival (RAF):**

- This year the RAF will take place on June 24 & 25, 2017 at Esther Short Park. This will be its 12<sup>th</sup> year. There are around 40,000 attendees who show up with 150+ artists. The event includes sculpture garden (with People's Choice Award), food carts, children's art, music, magic, stilt walkers, jugglers and clowns.
- The primary purpose of the RAF is to educate on sustainable living practices with art and celebration. The hope is to spark positive consumer behavior within the community and reduce waste.
- There will be a *Tossed & Found* display. At the transfer station, items are pulled out that people dumped but could have used and placed on display for educational purposes. Thereafter the items are donated to the thrift store. The idea is to educate that the dumped items could have been given to a relative, a neighbor, taken to the second hand store, etc... Also, in the past, the items used to be raffled off, but were difficult to manage and instead now are donated to a thrift store.
- Furthermore, the green work efforts have been recognized through multiple awards:
  - o Recycler of the Year – Innovation (2011)
  - o Vancouver Downtown Association Gamechanger – People's Choice, Favorite Event (2014 & 2015)
  - o Washington Festival and Event Association (WFEA):
    1. Summit Award for Community Impact (2015)
    2. Summit Award for Best Overall Event (2015)
    3. Gold Award for Best Promotional Item (2016)
    4. Gold Award for Best T-Shirt (2016)
- The program generates great sponsorships (\$22,500):
  - o McCord's Vancouver Toyota, Biokleen, NW Natural Gas, Renewal by Anderson, Waste Connections, City of Vancouver
  - o There is still a sponsorship available (\$2,500) for *Procession of the Species*. If there are any interested businesses willing to sponsor, this is a great opportunity.
- Booth space sales generate around \$10,000 in revenue. There are high expectations of the artists. They have to be in their booth all weekend and are the educators. The message points are using recycled material in art and having that lifestyle.
- *Procession of the Species* is a new feature this year. The idea started in Olympia and is basically a parade with costumes, floats, music, and dancing with animal and element themes. It is a celebration of community and the natural world with a goal to connect people to nature.
  - o The idea is that people are far less likely to go in their backyard and spray chemicals if they are connected to their natural environment. Engaging people through a parade is much easier and more effective than a lecture.
  - o Although the event is free and open to anyone, there are three rules:
    1. No written/spoken words
    2. No live pets (except service animals)
    3. No motorized vehicles (except motorized wheelchairs)
- (*Janis*) Updated council on the background of Solid Waste and Educational Outreach connection to Public Health. Last year (June 2016), the Department of Environmental Services was dismantled. Some of that department went to Public Works and the Solid Waste and Educational Outreach program came to Public Health. The Green Program staff is encouraged to attend the PHAC meetings to better educate how their program aligns with what Public Health does.

- **Mental Health Sales Tax Task Force update:**
  - Back in 2006, PHAC was instrumental in getting the Mental Health Sales Tax (MHST) passed in the Meth Use Epidemic. Last year Public Health was able to use \$1.1 million out of the MHST fund balance to keep the NFP program going through 2017.
  - Councilor Boldt created a Mental Health Sales Tax Task Force to take a look at how the Mental Health Sales Tax was being used. The task force will review and work with the criteria to leverage additional dollars.
  - The current criteria includes: Clark County resident, connection to behavioral health; prevention, intervention, treatment, aftercare, outreach support, and support services, newer and extending programs, service operations deliverable for therapeutic court, and flexible funding.
  - The Task Force is looking at long term what criteria should be used for this at Councilor Boldt's request. The Task Force has added additional criteria; however it's still a work in progress. The added criteria are: local funding is a last resort, is not intended to replace programs that are part of general services, must be data driven, should be best practice and/or research-based, is not a duplication of services, has to have identified outcomes, intended for low income at-risk populations, and should align with the County's values.
  
- **Nurse Family Partnership update:**
  - A budget request of \$400,000 from the Mental Health Sales Tax will go before the Board on May 30 to keep NFP through 2018. Hopefully by May 30<sup>th</sup> the funds will be approved in the supplemental budget to keep NFP an additional year while Public Health continues to look for additional dollars.
  
- **Designated State Health Program application:**
  - The NFP program is also eligible for the Designated State Health Program (DSHP) which will provide up to a 1:1 federal match. If the Board approves the \$400,000 for NFP in 2018, Public Health will get an application in for a matching \$400,000 through DSHP for the federal funding. Work with other possible partners is still in the process and we hope to have an update by the next meeting.
  
- **Foundational Public Health Services update:**
  - At the state level, we have been advocating for Foundational Public Health Services, the basic public health services that should be available in all jurisdictions. House Bill 1432 defined FPHS and is associated with a monetary request.
  - The bill made it through the House and went back to the Senate, which didn't vote on it. However FPHS is designated as Necessary to Implement the Budget (NTIB) and will be included in the special session. Although bill 1432 didn't make it out of the Senate, the bill still lives on as NTIB in the legislature.
  - The initial request from the Local Health Officials was \$60 million for the biennium with \$50 million going to Local Health Jurisdictions. The Governor proposed \$20 million; the House proposed \$40 million and the Senate proposed 0. However, we are hopeful that when this goes through the special session of the legislature and the house completes their special session that we will get \$40 million.
  
- **Casino update:**
  - The casino is up and running. Public Health is working on an agreement with the tribe on monitoring of the effluent in the injection system and looking at the data to work with them on that. The Casino is on public water and not well water.

- **Changes in County Management:**
  - Mark McCauley is no longer the County Manager. Bob Stevens, Director of General Services, remains as Deputy County Manager but is serving in the Manager role until an interim County Manager is hired. Thereafter, the interim will fill the position until a national search is done for a permanent fill of that position. Business is as usual in the county departments.
- **Budget update:**
  - The regular session ended April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the first special session is in place now. This is the seventh time in the last eight years that a special session was held. Back in June 30, 2015 when they finished their budget, they were in their 3<sup>rd</sup> special session and would not be surprised if that happens again this year. The legislature will need to agree on a budget for Governor Inslee to sign prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to avoid a government shutdown.

**(4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** *(Stephanie)*

- **Letter of Support for Commission on Aging (COA):**
  - Marjorie Ledell presented at the last meeting and gave a brief overview of Commission on Aging. She provided their policy platform for review and based on that is asking PHAC for a Letter of Support.
  - Steve moved and Remy seconded motion to approve on submitting the letter as presented to the BOH, with all in favor.
- **PHAC meeting – Dark in August:**
  - Remy moved and Steve seconded motion to approve going dark in August, with all in favor.
- **ACEs Action Alliance Recommendation:**
  - ACEs Action Alliance is seeking sign on support for the Op-Ed.
  - Mark moved and Remy seconded motion to approve content of recommendation, along with having the Executive Committee work with Public Health on how to get this in front of BOH for endorsement, with all in favor.

**(5) SW WASHINGTON ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITY OF HEALTH** *(Dawn Bonder)*

- The core strategies are to integrate physical and behavioral health, services paid for quality over quantity and a collaborative regional approach.
- Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs), located in 9 regions throughout the State, have a common interest in improving health and equity.
- Washington State and local organizations have partnered to form ACHs. ACHs bring together community members to work on shared regional health goals. They are an important part of creating value based performance for dollars spent, common measures for care and supporting practice transformation for the Medicaid population.
- Washington has nine ACHs operating across the state as part of the healthier Washington initiative. Each ACH aligns with the State’s Medicaid Regional Services and together represents all counties in Washington. Through local partnership and collaboration, ACHs can better respond to the unique concerns of their regions.
- A key responsibility of an ACH is to identify needs and gaps in health within a community.
- SW ACH includes Clark, Skamania and Klickitat counties and the Tribal Nation of Cowlitz.
  - April 1, 2016, Clark and Skamania Counties became the only region in the state to achieve financial integration for physical and behavioral health services for Medicaid recipients (Early Adopter).
- The next steps for SW ACH include: response to social determinants, policy and system changes, addressing incredible housing crisis and health inequities. These issues will be approached with upstream

and downstream strategies.

- SW ACH key impact areas are: prevention and health promotion, holistic and culturally appropriate care delivery, adequate access to health systems, systems that work at full capacity and use resources effectively and efficiently.
- Decisions are made on data and information. The data will help to define how to look at the projects and what the projects are really about.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the due date and January 2018 will hopefully start the implementation.

**(6) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE**

▪ **Daybreak Tour update (May 18)** (*Steve Becker*)

- Daybreak will have a Community Open House at their new location: 11910 NE 154<sup>th</sup> St., Brush Prairie, WA on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 3:30-6:00pm.

▪ **Other items for discussion:**

- Council interested in having updates on SW ACH brought back to future meetings.

**(7) ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.