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Advisory Council

April 18, 2017 meeting notes

Council: Amy Bishop-Smith, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Kelly Espinoza, Remy Eussen, Dave Fuller, Adrienne Fairbanks, Melanie Maiorino, Sandra Mathewson, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Marla Sanger, Aru Undurti
Staff: Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Don Strick
Guest: Tracy Cruze, Marjorie Ledell, Kathryn Lovgren

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

Stephanie opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from March 21, 2017. Paul moved and Remy seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

▪ **Tracy Cruze:**

Tracy is joining us for this meeting as a public guest. She is a registered nurse and resident of Clark County. Tracy is working on a community health project that involves health promotion and education of lung cancer. Her special interest is in radon exposure and increasing public health awareness surrounding radon.

▪ **PHAC membership update:**

Debbie Hassler has filled the *Clark County federally recognized tribe member* position.

(2) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

▪ **Legislative update:**

- HB 1432, *Foundational Public Health Services*, was approved by the House but Senate could not agree. The bill did not make it but will have a special session known as Necessary to Implement the Budget (NTIB). This is still a good time to advocate. Senator Rivers is taking a lead role in support of this bill.
- The Columbian did an editorial, *In Our View: Invest in Public Health*, which was published on April 10, 2017. Feel free to write a letter to the Columbian expressing and thanking them for supporting Foundational Public Health Services.
- HB 1054, *Smoking Age to 21*, concerning tobacco and vapor products distribution age did not make it, however is considered NTIB.
- HB 1047, *Drug take-back* bill is dead.

▪ **Budget update**

- *State budget status:*

The State House and Senate passed a budget and the next step process is a reconciliation where the House and Senate comes together to develop a budget for the

governor to sign. It will take a special session, since the regular session ends in April, and may take multiple sessions for a final decision.

- *Federal Prevention and Public Health Fund:*
 - o Program is embedded with the Affordable Care Act and impacts state and local funding. Public Health receives some funding from this source and any cuts would also affect us. It may be worthwhile to contact Herrera Beutler's Office, as she is key legislature to this. The budget deadline for decisions is June 30th.

▪ **Update on NFP**

- *MH Sales Task Force:*
 - o Sustainable funding has been a challenge for the NFP program. Last year a one-time Mental Health Sales Tax fund allocation was requested while community dialogue was in process. Current discussions about the fate of the Affordable Care Act have slowed down some of the partnership dialogue.
 - o Public Health was recently notified of a new federal program that would leverage funds for the NFP program. (see DSHP below)
 - o PH is requesting a \$400,000 allocation from the Mental Health Sales Tax fund in order to submit the matching funding request through this program.
 - o This request would provide full program funding through 2018 as we continue to work with our partners on a sustainable funding model.
 - o The Mental Health Sales Tax Force was recently convened and will be looking at criteria for funding allocations from this source, and NFP will be considered.
- *Designated State Health Program (DSHP):*
 - o This federal program would provide an up to one-to-one dollar match for NFP funding provided through the Mental Health Sales Tax fund.
 - o Great opportunity since NFP has a proven track record for effectiveness across the nation with 30 years of longitudinal studies.
 - o Joan moved and Marla seconded motion to approve letter of support.

▪ **2016 Washington Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) report:**

- Kathryn Lovgren reviewed the background of HYS, described questions answered in the survey, reviewed the drop-out data and discussed ACEs.
- The overall survey included over 230,000 students from 39 counties with 13,000 of students from Clark County. This is a collaborative effort between school districts, communities, and the state.
- Kathryn described data for 10th graders in Clark County and Washington State with 2014 versus 2016 information. The report is available to view: <http://www.askhys.net/reports>

(4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

▪ **Offsite Meetings**

- Good feedback from the Council regarding the offsite meeting at CRESA.
- We will be looking for more opportunities in the near future.

▪ **WSVMA Action Alert (Adrienne)**

- *Washington State Veterans Medical Association* is asking to take action in supporting funding for the *Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL)* at *Washington State University (WSU)*. The current facility has reached the maximum capacity and will need to expand. A letter of support from PHAC would be helpful.
- Joan moved and Paul seconded the motion with everyone in favor of a support letter.

(5) COMMISSION ON AGING (COA) (Marjorie Ledell)

- Marjorie, Chair of Commission on Aging, gave a brief background on the history of COA. The Commission came together in 2012 and formed due to concern for the aging population in our community. This is the only Commission in Washington and it is housed in Clark County.
- They meet on the same night as PHAC, (3rd Tuesday of the month) at the PSC on the 6th Floor, with the meeting open to the public.
- Also, the *2016 Annual Report* is available online.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/sites/all/files/community-planning/aging/COA%20report%20FINAL%20jan2017.pdf>

(6) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE (Discussion)

- Public Health Community Awards presentation will take place on April 26 at the PSC, 6th floor and everyone is welcome to attend (*Don*)
- A brief background on the radon data was shared by our public member guest (*Tracy Cruze*). This is a project that she is working on and due in August. Her interest is due to this being the second most common cause of lung cancer. Dr. Melnick mentioned that folks can do their own radon testing with a kit from places like Home Depot, etc.

(7) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.