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Advisory Council

June 20, 2017 meeting notes

Council: Amy Bishop-Smith, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Adrienne Fairbanks, Kacia Gauthier, Scott Johnson, Melanie Maiorino, Sandra Mathewson, Alan Melnick, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Tracy Rude, Marla Sanger, David Scott, Aru Undurti

Staff: Lydia Gherman, Chris Goodwin, Janis Koch, Cyndie Meyer, Don Strick, Roxanne Wolfe

Guests: Jonathan Dirlam, Quinton Harold, Wendy Silverthorne

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

Stephanie opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from May 16, 2017. Remy moved and Bob seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

(2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public guests: Quinton Harold and Jonathan Dirlam introduced themselves. They are both from SeaMar and interested in learning more about PHAC.

(3) DEPARTMENT UPDATE *(Public Health Staff)*

▪ **Chickenpox & Immunization update** *(Dr. Melnick)*

Dr. Melnick gave a brief overview of the Walnut Grove chickenpox outbreak. May 31st was the first known exposure outbreak at the school. All susceptible students and staff received exclusions. Out of 35 students and 8-10 staff, only seven were unable to prove immunity and did not return. Vaccines protect individuals, other people, and especially the vulnerable population such as pregnant women and those with a compromised immune system.

▪ **State Budget update** *(Dr. Melnick)*

The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) request was as follows: Governor \$20 million, the House \$40 million and the senate \$0. They are still in their second special session and will need to pass a budget by end of June to prevent a shut down. This would affect Public Health through freezing of the grant funds received from the state; however, if a shutdown occurs, CCPH is prepared to use existing fund balance to continue current operations.

▪ **Bylaws update** *(Roxanne)*

We are in the process of clarifying verbiage regarding letters of support and advocacy in order to simplify what PHAC can and cannot do in supporting specific topics. The sole purpose of PHAC is to advise the BOH. Prosecuting Attorney's office will help with verbiage clarification.

▪ **Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) update** *(Roxanne)*

NFP has a preliminary approval for the DSHP application, up to 1:1 match and are able to apply for those funds. The next step is to clarify the 1:1 match with the Health Care Authority

and how that process works. The funds will go through Southwest Accountable Community of Health (ACH) which may provide the funding back to the NFP program. Additionally, the NFP program has been updated and we are now able to provide services for women who have had multiple births as well as telehealth options.

(4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE *(Stephanie)*

▪ **PHAC Terms (September 30)**

Positions with terms ending September 30 include:

- Dentist *(currently held by Remy Eussen)*
- Clark County consumers of public health services *(currently held by Tracy Rude)*
- Clark County educational community *(currently held by Sandy Mathewson)*
- Clark County law enforcement community *(currently held by Bob Richardson)*
- Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) *(currently held by Dave Fuller)*

For members interested in being reappointed, please provide a formal signed letter stating your interest no later than the next meeting July 18th (dark in August).

(5) YOUTH SUICIDE INFORMATION

▪ ACES & ACEs Action Alliance update *(Joan Caley)*

- Joan updated members on the work of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and ACEs Action Alliance (AAA). Training of ACEs scores and understanding the correlation of increased health risks, chronic disease and poor health outcomes is the first step towards building resilience in the community, and this is a primary goal of the AAA.

▪ AWARE grant update *(Sandy Mathewson)*

- Sandy described Project AWARE, Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education, a 5-year grant awarded to the Battle Ground School district. The focus is on providing support for mental health services for youth, while improving school climate and safety through prevention education. Through evaluations, programs are measured and analyzed for effectiveness. However, the grant funding is in peril and they are looking to fill the support gap.

▪ SMART panel – update on community conversation *(Wendy Silverthorne)*

- The School Mobilization Assistance Response Team (SMART) team operates under Memorandum of Understanding from all the superintendents in Clark County. SMART team volunteers who are mostly school employees are trained to respond to tragedy in the community where students may need emotional support. A common theme has been that youth depression, mental health and suicide are issues for the schools to manage, but through community conversations we are beginning to understand this is a problem that needs to be addressed by our community as a whole.

▪ Youth perspective *(Amy Bishop–Smith)*

- Presentation included a youth questionnaire, different ways to engage youth in healthy ways and promoting positivity. Amy stressed that youth want to be part of finding solutions to help mitigate youth depression and suicide, but do not want to be responsible for intervening with peers and colleagues.

(6) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE *(Discussion)*

Tracy Rude gave a brief update on attending the Governor’s Opioid Summit in Seattle. There were references to ACEs and suicide at the summit. Several agencies from a variety of sectors were in attendance, including Snohomish County which is partnering with law enforcement and other agencies to provide site-based services to help people get addiction services.

(7) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.