CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

The Board convened in the Councilors' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Board members Marc Boldt, Jeanne E. Stewart, Julie Olson, John Blom and Eileen Quiring present.

9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Councilors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Moved by Olson to APPROVE minutes for August 23, 2017. Stewart seconded the motion. Board members Boldt, Stewart, Olson, and Blom voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nurse Family Partnership Collaboration:
Dr. Alan Melnick, Public Health Director/Health Officer announced the PeaceHealth SW and CCHP partnership for the next three years. The commitment of $900,000 towards the NFP program will help sustain and ensure the program continues. He also gave a brief background on the Nurse-Family Partnership program and benefits of the program. The NFP program matches low-income, high-risk, first-time moms with specially trained registered nurses. Visits start early in pregnancy and continue until the babies are two years old. This is an evidence-based program, with nearly 40 years of research that shows a return on the investment. CCHP has provided these services for ten years, since 2007.

Dr. Alan Melnick introduced PeaceHealth representatives:
- Sean Gregory, Chief Executive Officer of PeaceHealth Columbia Network
- Meghan McCarthy, System Director of Community Health
- Marla Sanger, Columbia Network Director for Community Health
- Barbe West, Executive Director of the Free Clinic and Chair of PHSW Community Needs Assessment and Collaboration Committee

Sean Gregory gave a few words on the NFP collaboration. He thanked Dr. Alan Melnick for serving on the PHCH Community Health Board. The NFP program, which provides evidence-based, preventive, effective and compassionate care, exemplifies PeaceHealth’s vision and mission for community wellness.

PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION

Youth Marijuana Prevention:
Dr. Alan Melnick introduced presenters:
- Joy Lyons, PREVENT! Coalition | Prevention Intervention Coordinator
- Adiba Ali, Public Health Epidemiologist
- Kathleen Lovgren, Public Health Epidemiologist
Dr. Alan Melnick gave a brief background on the grant received from Department of Health (DOH) in partnership with ESD 112 and PREVENT! Coalition, to address marijuana education among youth in Clark and Skamania counties. Joy Lyons described the prevention initiatives. An Evaluation Workgroup conducted a community needs assessment to inform strategies to prevent youth marijuana use. The workgroup included representation from local prevention coalitions throughout the county including Battle Ground, Evergreen, La Center, Vancouver, Washougal, as well as Skamania. Aciha Ali and Kathleen Lovgren shared information on the assessment process and data

The Prevent coalition met monthly with the evaluation workgroup to review the Healthy Youth Survey data profiles of the region and each community. The workgroup identified three priority issues: ease of access, perception of harm, and adverse childhood experiences. Community stakeholder survey responses were consistent with findings from the Healthy Youth Survey. The community stakeholders identified needed resources and services such as treatment and counseling capacity at schools, affordable youth engaging activities, more research and education and trauma informed discipline. Further discussion ensued.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

Hearing adjourned
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