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Advisory Council

September 19, 2017 meeting notes

Council: Steven Becker, Amy Bishop-Smith, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Adrienne Fairbanks, Dave Fuller, Melanie Maiorino, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Marla Sanger, David Scott, Arundhati Undurti

Staff: Lydia Gherman, Chris Goodwin, Kari Haecker, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Charina Walker, Roxanne Wolfe

Guests: Estela Clemente, Scott Johnson

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

Adrienne opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from June 20, 2017 and July 18, 2017. Paul moved and Remy seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

(2) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments

(3) **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** (*PH Staff and Scott Johnson*)

▪ **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) update**

- Chris Goodwin gave a brief update on the CHIP and timeline of the report. With the help of Charina Walker, they are on track with drafting the first report.
Approximate timeline of report:
 - o October 2017 - rough draft
 - o January 2018 - complete report finalized
 - o February 2018 - first annual report

▪ **Budget update**

- *Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)*
 - o The Governor and Legislation came through on the Foundational Public Health Services funding. A one-time funding of \$12 million was signed in the 2017 State Biennial Budget. The \$9 million will be parceled out across the state to the Local Health Jurisdictions, and CCPH will receive an estimated \$259,000 per year. The additional \$1 million will be set aside to fund shared service demonstration projects and will go through an application process. The state will award two regional grants and should be finalized by next month. Also, \$2 million will go to the Department of Health (DOH).
- *Capital Budget*
 - o The capital budget didn't pass this year with speculations that it may next year. In addition, the Model Toxic Control Act (MTCA) grants have been held up. We are

hoping that the Solid Waste Tipping Fee increase will pass in order to fund the losses.

▪ **Tipping fee ordinance update**

- Thank you for your letter of support to BOCC. A Solid Waste Management Ordinance has been drafted and will be presented at the BOCC Hearing at the end of the month.

▪ **Wildfire update** (*Dr. Melnick, Scott Johnson & Dave Fuller*)

- Scott Johnson (CRESA) joined the wildfire discussion by phone.
- The Columbia River Gorge wildfires released smoke and ash in Southwest WA region, which intensified when the Eagle Creek fire jumped the Columbia River Gorge on the south side of Archer Mountain. The air-pollution advisory was extended, as additional fires and hot weather created poor air quality. The extended days of poor air quality was unprecedented.
- The unexpected wildfires gave us an opportunity to learn and improve on mitigation plans, faster response time in communication and consistent messaging. In this day and age social media can go very fast, and part of the process is to combat misinformation to social media.
- An unforeseen issue of the Eagle Creek fire was the closure of transportation lines such as rail lines and barges to the eastern Oregon landfill for garbage transportation. This had the potential to halt timely disposal of garbage. Also, Interstate 84 was closed between Troutdale and Hood River.
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated with volunteers providing information to the decision makers on evacuation trigger points. The EOC process was activated to allow good information and coordination to all the decision makers involved.
- CCPH issued press releases with recommendations of places to go where air conditioning was available and if possible for folks to stay inside.

▪ **Opioid update:**

- *Battle Ground Police Department: Naloxone certification*
 - o The Battle Ground Police Department is now Naloxone certified. Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose. It is safe to use and cannot get someone high.
 - o If someone is experiencing heroin overdose, the best practice is to call 911 as soon as possible, while giving them the first dose of Naloxone. Some of the newer synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, are much more powerful than heroin and one or two doses of naloxone might revive users, only to have them succumb afterwards.
 - o CCPH Needle Exchange naloxone program has reported hundreds of reversals. Since last June, around 500 Naloxone kits have been distributed and so far the self-reported reversals are nearly 600. Needle Exchange also offers overdose prevention training.
- *Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in jail*
 - o MAT is an effective treatment for opioid addiction. Historically, when opioid dependent persons participating in MAT were arrested and jailed, they lost access to MAT and went through withdrawal while incarcerated. This resulted in loss of tolerance to opioids, and when inmates were released, if they went back to using heroin, they were at risk for overdose. The risk for opioid overdose is high for the first couple of weeks after release. Recently, the jail began continuing MAT following arrest for persons on MAT, with a warm handoff to their outside treatment program on release. This will ensure that opioid dependent persons on treatment continue treatment in jail and on release, thereby further reducing the risk of opioid overdose while supporting recovery from opioid addiction.

- **Published Article – Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)**
 - The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has accepted manuscript *Outbreak of Campylobacter jejuni Associated with Consuming Undercooked Chicken Liver Mousse* for publication in their weekly report, MMWR in issue September 29, 2017. Derel Glashower, with the Communicable Disease team, is the first author listed. The article describes the investigation process and findings of the outbreak. All MMWR reports undergo a rigorous scientific and editorial review during the production process and are an accomplishment when published.

(4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE *(Stephanie)*

- **Volunteers for Nominating Committee**
 - Joan Caley, Steve Becker and Melanie Maiorino will serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2018 Executive Committee Officers. The positions are: Chair, Vice Chair and Member at Large.
- **Committee Appointments update**
 - 2017 PHAC reappointments are as follow: Remy Eussen (*Clark County Dental Society*), Dave Fuller (*Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency*), Sandra Mathewson (*Clark County educational community*), and Bob Richardson (*Clark County law enforcement community*)

(5) SMILE SURVEY *(Dr. Remy Eussen, Roxanne and Janis)*

- **Oral Health**
 - Dr. Remy Eussen is a Pediatric Dentist in Vancouver. He helped champion the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program in Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania Counties. He shared his experience around children in low-income households.
 - They are more likely to experience the greatest tooth decay. The ABCD program helps children ages five and younger get dental care, prevention and treatment through the state’s Medicaid program.
 - The key to prevention is early detection. The first dental visit should be in the child’s first year, when the first tooth comes out. The education and visits starts at a very young age for prevention care. Education can be effective, especially since children love to learn how to brush their teeth.
 - Low income children are hit the hardest in lack of access to oral healthcare.
 - *Smile Survey Report*
The Smile Survey report found similar findings that low-income children experience higher tooth decay. The survey is conducted every five years and assesses the oral health of children. Trained examiners assess the children’s tooth decay along with their dental needs from preschool to 3rd grade. They collect data based on the core indicators: decay experience, presence of untreated or rampant decay, white spot lesions, dental sealants, and urgency of need for dental care. The survey results show that demographics and social determinants play a big role in tooth decay experiences *(Roxanne)*.
 - Clark County Public Health had a bigger role in the ABCD dental program, however over the years funding has decreased and we are very fortunate to have Remy on board. Children misbehaviors sometimes are associated with oral pain, so preventing pain can help children succeed in school. Oral health is one of the things that drive around social determinants *(Janis)*.

(6) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE *(Discussion)*

- A rabid bat was found in the back yard of a home in Camas. Rabies is spread to humans by animal bites. Bats are the primary carrier for rabies in Washington State. Post exposure prophylaxis is available and should begin as soon as possible after human exposure. All cats and dogs should be vaccinated for rabies.

Joan Caley would like to extend the **2017 Early Learning Summit** invite to all PHAC members.

Date: Tuesday, October 24th, 9am-3pm

Location: Warehouse 23, 100 Columbia St #102, Vancouver, WA 98660

Registration is required.

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(7) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.