January 16, 2018 meeting notes

Council:  Steve Becker, Amy Bishop-Smith, Sandra Brown, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Dave Fuller, Adrianne Fairbanks, Lawrence Neville, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, Marla Sanger, Aru Undurti

Staff:  Alan Melnick, Alyssa Payne, Chris Goodwin, Jeff Harbison, Joe Laxson, Lydia Gherman, Roxanne Wolfe

Guests:  Amy Gross, Geraldine Mikelson, Kim Smith, Quinton Harold

(1)  WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES (Adrianne)
Adrianne opened the meeting and introductions. The Council did not have a quorum to approve the meeting notes from December 5, 2017 and will review at the next meeting in February.

-  New PHAC Member Update (Dr. Neville, Representative of PeaceHealth SW Medical Center)
  Lawrence Neville, M.D., is Chief Medical Officer and Patient Safety Officer for PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center. He began his career with PeaceHealth in 2005 as a physician in the PeaceHealth Medical Group Neurology Clinic and has held several leadership positions, including vice president and medical director of PeaceHealth Medical Group’s Columbia Network from 2012 to 2017.

(2)  COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
-  Public guests introduced themselves: Amy Gross, Geraldine Mikelson, Kim Smith and Quinton Harold.

(3)  DEPARTMENT UPDATE (Public Health Staff)
-  Service Animals in Food Establishments (Joe Laxson and Alyssa Payne)
  -  Joe Laxson, Program Manager, gave an overview of The Food Safety Program. The program regulates and enforces the Washington State Retail Food Code; performs food safety inspections, reviews food establishment plans, responds to outbreaks, and provides education around risks and healthy choices.
  -  The Food Safety Program team also responds to inquiries from the public, which recently have been related to dogs in food establishments. The team collaborates with partners to educate the public and food establishments on the difference between service animals and pets.
  -  A service animal by definition is an animal trained for the purpose of assisting or accommodating a disabled person’s sensory, mental, or physical disability and includes guide dogs, disability dogs and miniature horses. The service animal must be trained beyond basic obedience and to perform a specific task(s) for the handler.
  -  Pets are excluded from all food establishments which include all areas under the food licensing permit. However, per ADA requirements, food establishments must accommodate service animals.
- Employees are allowed to ask the following questions to determine if the animal is a pet or a service animal:
  1) If the animal is a service animal.
  2) What task is the animal trained to perform.
- Employees are not allowed to ask for proof of service such as documentation, witnessing the action, or asking about the person’s disability.
- Furthermore, service animals are expected to be well mannered at all times while in the food establishment and can be removed if they become disruptive.
- CCPH is continuing work with partners to create educational materials and a website that will include educational links related to this topic.

**Accreditation update (Chris Goodwin)**
- The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is a non-profit organization that developed a national public health accreditation program to advance the quality and performance of all public health departments. Accreditation signifies that national standards are met and ensure essential public health services are provided. Accreditation identifies strengths and weaknesses, promotes transparency, stimulates quality and performance management and helps health departments be more competitive for funding opportunities.
- The application submission in February begins the official process and allows for a 12-month timeline in completing the document selection and submission.
- PHAB will complete a site visit which will include observation and interviews for 2-3 days and will be followed by a report from the PHAB committee determining accreditation status.
- Reaccreditation is required every 5 years.

**Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) update (Chris Goodwin)**
The CHIP is a collection of information from community partners and is part of the Public Health Accreditation requirements. The document will highlight strategies to improve nutrition, housing, mental wellness, and reduce substance use disorders. As we move forward, more partners and activities will be tracked.

**Foundational Public Health Services Assessment update (Dr. Melnick)**
Public Health departments completed a detailed assessment of Foundational Public Health Services. Managers and staff reviewed activities within their programs and assessed expertise, strengths and possible gaps. The collected information from the 35 local health jurisdictions will go in the state database and a consultant will quantify the data and present to the legislature as part of ongoing work to secure sustainable public health funding.

**Flu update (Dr. Melnick)**
Dr. Alan Melnick described recent Influenza activity in Clark County. Although flu activity is still high, it has decreased in the past week with a specimen positivity rate of 34.9. Syndromic surveillance data also showed a decrease in influenza-like illness. Dr. Melnick described how the public health department works together with long term care facilities to identify, report and control influenza outbreaks in their facilities. Although influenza activity is decreasing, based on past experience, the flu season will continue for at least several weeks, and those who haven’t obtained a flu shot should get one.

(4) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE (Adrianne)**

**Election of 2018 Executive Committee Officers**
The members voted on the proposed slate of officers: Adrianne Fairbanks, Chair; Bob Richardson, Vice Chair; Remy Eussen, Member-at-Large. Joan moved and Steve seconded motion to approve slate of
officers; the members unanimously approved.

(5) **2018 PRESENTATIONS (Council Members Discussion)**

- **2018 Topics of Interest**
  
The main goals of the Council, as we move forward, will be to continue and align with our mission. This can be achieved by sharing personal and professional perspectives and expertise, and also to share perspectives from colleagues and other key stakeholders.

*The Council shall provide a forum to:*
- Identify community health needs based on current data and testimony.
- Set priorities based on these factors to assure present and future health.
- Evaluate the impact of proposed public health policies and programs to meet identified needs/concerns.

*Topics of interest from the Council Members:*
- ACEs Alliance update
- Youth Commission
- Council of Aging
- Behavioral Health
- Harm Reduction
- Growing Healthier Report update
- Opioid update
- SWACH update
- Budget/fees
- Gun control, gun safety: alcohol and guns, epidemiologists with data, vital records, homicide/suicide
- Tribal Community update
- Green Spaces – parks and open spaces
- Diabetes Prevention Work
- Access to Healthy Foods and Local Foods – Cowlitz County schools have a garden for students
- Bat update

(6) **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.