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Advisory Council

January 15, 2019 meeting notes

Attendees: Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Adrienne Fairbanks, Dave Fuller, Katie Huynh, Melanie Maiorino, Lawrence Neville, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth

Absent: Steve Becker, Sandra Brown, Marla Sanger, David Scott, Cassandra Sellards-Reck, Aru Undurti

Staff: Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, David Hudson, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Roxanne Wolfe

Guest: Clark County Councilor Jeanne Stewart

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

Adrienne opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from November 27, 2018. Bob Richardson moved and Remy Eussen seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

- **Welcome new youth member, Katie Huynh:**

Katie is replacing Amy Bishop-Smith, who recently graduated and is on to college.

(2) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Public Guests Introductions:**

- ❖ Iana Dontu, community nurse
- ❖ Sam Weaver, assistant to Melanie Maiorino (PHAC member)

(3) SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Recognition of Clark County Councilor Jeanne Stewart:**

Adrienne introduced Clark County Councilor Jeanne Stewart and thanked Councilor Stewart for her years of service to our community and her ongoing support of the public health mission. Councilor Stewart joined Clark County Council in 2014, and prior to that, she served on the Vancouver City Council for 12 years. She has been actively involved with many community boards and councils. Dr. Melnick said a few words and presented a small token of appreciation to thank Councilor Stewart for all her efforts on behalf of our community and public health.

(4) DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- **Budget update:**

Jeff Harbison provided a brief summary of finalized budget for 2019. The 2019 operating budget was approved by the Clark County Council on December 4, and includes the proposed modification to the Environmental Public Health fee schedule.

▪ **FPHS update:**

Dr. Alan Melnick provided an update on Foundational Public Health Services funding. The initial ask was for \$296 million, however the Governor's budget came out which included \$22 million of ongoing funding to FPHS. There will be a proposal to legislature for a few more dollars towards FPHS.

▪ **ME office update:**

Clark County did some reorganization and transitioned the Medical Examiner office to the Public Health department. The staff in the ME office will remain at their current location however they will be under Public Health. The Medical Examiner office investigates unnatural and unexplained deaths.

▪ **Accreditation update:**

Roxanne discussed next steps in accreditation and provided information regarding postponing the process. The gaps identified during the accreditation work were helpful. The implementation efforts will continue however will need additional resources to sustain the work even after accreditation. Public Health is already doing a majority of the required work for accreditation; however, the systemic part needs additional resources to maintain.

▪ **Flu and measles update:**

Dr. Melnick provided an update of the flu season and measles case.

The positivity rates for influenza activity are fluctuating as the season progresses, and some flu seasons occur later in the year than others. This is a great time to get the flu shot as it takes two weeks to build up immunity and is still the most effective way to prevent the flu.

Public Health has confirmed several measles cases and is investigating suspect cases. Generally, even one measles case is an outbreak. Measles is a highly contagious infection, caused by a virus that can lead to severe complications. The initial symptoms are high fever, runny nose, cough and red eyes. Thereafter, a rash begins at the head, and spreads to the rest of the body. The measles vaccine is safe and highly recommended, where getting the measles may lead to severe complications. For more measles information and updates, please visit website <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/measles-investigation>.

▪ **Review priority topic and plan for 2019:**

Roxanne gave a summary update on past discussions, activities and a synopsis of priorities selected. The proposed topics for 2019 are:

- ❖ Suicide prevention (adults and youth)
- ❖ Trauma informed policies / ACEs education
- ❖ Safe neighborhood development

Next steps include identifying policy recommendations, emerging topics and presenters. Potential presenters suggested by members are, Janus Youth, youth commission, educator leaders, Council of Aging, and Homeless Action Plan for Clark County.

▪ **Community Priorities Project:**

David Hudson gave an overview and provided a handout of the goals and objectives involved in the community priorities project. The six selected topics will include mental health, trauma and youth, healthy eating and active living, substance use and abuse, maternal and child health, and chronic

disease. The final report will be useful in areas such as grant applications, accreditation, and community education.

▪ **Child Death Review update:**

David Hudson provided an update of the 2019 Child Death Review takeoff. At their first meeting, the team of around 25 people reviewed two cases with a focus on prevention. At their next meeting in April, the team will have an opportunity to review two additional cases.

(5) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

▪ **Vote on Officers:**

The Nomination Committee is proposing the following recommendation for the Executive Committee:

- ❖ Chair: Adrienne Fairbanks
- ❖ Vice-Chair: Marla Sanger
- ❖ Member at Large: Remy Eussen

Joan Caley moved and Melanie Maiorino seconded motion to approve the 2019 Executive Committee nominees. PHAC members unanimously approved.

▪ **Open PHAC Position:**

Currently there are two vacant spots on the Public Health Advisory Council, a representative of Legacy Hospital and a representative from the Clark County educational community.

(6) COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

- Bob Richardson shared an updated gun safety pamphlet with members.

(7) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.