August 27, 2019 meeting notes

Attendees: Paul Childers, Dave Fuller, Charbonneau Gourde, Katie Huynh, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Marla Sanger, David Scott, Aru Undurti

Absent: Sandra Brown, Joan Caley, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Adrianne Fairbanks, Lawrence Neville, Cassandra Sellards-Reck

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

Guest: Brett Bass, Program Coordinator for Safer Homes

(1) WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS (Marla Sanger)

Marla opened the meeting and introductions. Dr. Melnick introduced Michael Kubler, Investigation and Response Director for Clark County Public Health.

(2) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments

(3) PHAC BUSINESS (Marla Sanger)

• Review/approve prior meeting minutes

The council reviewed the meeting notes from June 25, 2019. Paul Childers moved and Bob Richardson seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

• Announcement for PHAC member Melanie Maiorino

Earlier this month, we learned about the passing of our friend and PHAC colleague, Melanie Maiorino. She was a member of our PHAC since the Clark County Board of Health appointed her in 2016. Melanie was a tireless advocate for behavioral health and served as the Southwest Washington Behavioral Ombuds for many years. PHAC members signed a condolence card for her family.

• Proposed schedule change

Members discussed proposed amendment to the bylaws, regarding schedule and attendance requirements. Reviewed Notice of Bylaw Amendment sent out to members on August 19. The proposal is to consider a change to the PHAC meeting schedule to every two months, and change the attendance language, effective upon a 2/3 board vote to approve. Since the bylaws require a 21-day notice for changes, the request is going out via email after the 21-day notice is up on September 16, 2019. Members discussed the proposal and decided on the second Tuesday of the month change for the regular PHAC meetings.
DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- **Budget**
  
  Jeff Harbison provided a quick update on the budget. The Clark County Council approves the balanced budget in the first full week of December.

- **Healthier WA Medicaid Transformation Public Forum**
  
  Roxanne Wolfe briefly discussed the upcoming Medicaid Transformation Public Forum on September 26 at Bridgeview Resource Center from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This forum provides an opportunity for public conversation about Washington’s Medicaid Transformation. They will be addressing regional and statewide work, and are inviting guests to share experiences, perspectives, questions, and conversation.

- **Other items not on agenda**
  
  Dr. Melnick gave a brief update on:
  - CCPH’s new hire of Deputy Health Officer, Dr. Steven Krager. This is a regional agreement serving several counties.
  - Hep A outbreak is statewide, predominantly in the homeless population.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

- **Safer Homes**
  
  Brett Bass, Program Coordinator for Safer Homes, Suicide Aware program discussed suicide prevention and gun safety. He also shared information about his organization as well as lessons learned as he has engaged with stakeholders across the state. For more information, please visit website, [http://depts.washington.edu/saferwa/](http://depts.washington.edu/saferwa/)

COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm