



## Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Minutes May 2023

**Date:** Thursday, May 25, 2023

**Time:** 3:30-5:00pm

**Purpose:** To advise the Public Health Division on several areas of work with a strong focus on ethics in public health practice and developing long-term public health approaches to address the leading causes of death and disability in Multnomah County.

**Desired Outcomes:**

1. Strengthen our bonds of community and trust
2. Learn about the Syringe Services Report and determine how the board can be involved
3. Hear about the opportunity to serve on the ADVSD evaluation panel
4. Receive an update on the Traffic Report discussed at previous meetings

**Members Present:** Laurel Hansen, Ronica Reimers, Mz Cheryl, Haley Mountain, Erika Zuel, Jennifer Philips, Ronica Reimers

**Multnomah County Staff:** Adelle Adams, Jessica Guernsey, Kim Toevs, Kate Lee, Amie Zawadzki, Andy Cho, Arya Morman, Marina Khalina

**Community Members:** Serena Mashal

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introductions, Agenda & Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendees introduced themselves</li><li>• April minutes were approved by consensus</li></ul>	Laurel Hansen
Syringe Services Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Syringe Services &amp; Harm Reduction Report - <a href="#">see attached slides for more details</a></li><li>• Direct service data: syringe access and Naloxone distribution in the database<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ We had the highest barrier for accessing Naloxone and have worked on addressing this barrier</li></ul></li><li>• “Chime In Survey” - state survey that collects anonymous HIV information</li><li>• Main findings of the survey included a higher percentage of respondents using fentanyl, smoking drugs, and poly-substance use<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Fewer people are sharing injection equipment</li><li>◦ People are testing for HIV/HCV and syphilis less than in 2019; this is likely a correlation with the pandemic and people being unaware of testing options</li><li>◦ More people are moving away from injecting drugs to smoking drugs due to availability in drug supply</li></ul></li><li>• Recommendations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Maintain 1:1 needs-based model of distribution for syringe access as it decreases sharing of injection equipment</li><li>◦ Provide supplies for other routes of administration as it increases engagement, reduces transmission rates of certain STDs, and reduce soft-tissue infections caused by injection</li><li>◦ Increase access and availability to low barrier HIV/STD testing - some methods allow for immediate results as well as testing that doesn't require a blood sample</li><li>◦ Improve integration/coordination with culturally-specific BIPOC providers</li><li>◦ Support legislative efforts to amend drug paraphernalia laws which remove restrictions to access drug checking supplies</li><li>◦ Assess feasibility of an overdose prevention site/safe consumption site<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Benefits of these sites: no fatal overdoses, reduces crime, and less syringe debris lying around</li><li>▪ In Canada, the day center is integrated with the integration center</li></ul></li><li>◦ Establish LGBTQIA+ affirming services to integrate harm reduction supplies</li><li>◦ Contact us:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Kim Toevs - <a href="mailto:kim.e.toevs@multco.us">kim.e.toevs@multco.us</a></li><li>▪ Andy Cho - <a href="mailto:andy.cho@multco.us">andy.cho@multco.us</a></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Mz Cheryl shared appreciation towards Multnomah County sharing services and preventative work</li></ul>	Kim Toevs, Andy Cho

ADVSD Evaluation Panel Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Services Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) Panel Recruitment</li> <li>Today's Key Terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFPQ: Request for Programmatic Qualifications (proposals)</li> <li>"Mega RFPQ": our nickname for the funding event; Community Services for Older Adults</li> <li>Culturally specific: agencies that provide services for specific populations to create an environment of belonging and safety in which services are delivered</li> <li>Culturally responsive: services provided in a way that is culturally responsive to the varied and intersecting identities of older adults and people with disabilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Community Services RFPQ Background and Contracts Evolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project charter submitted on March 26th, 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applications Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District centers, enhancing equity, evidence-based</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applying an Equity Lens - Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenesie shared: <a href="#">Equity Lens</a></li> <li>We are applying this equity lens into our current contracts and procurement processes as well as panel development and financial allocation planning</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the form to submit interest to serve on an <a href="#">evaluation panel and view timeline</a>; please submit the <a href="#">panel interest form at this link</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure we have a diverse panel that represents the communities that we serve</li> <li>June 5th the application closes and we will conduct a week of training the week of July 10th followed by a week of scoring proposals</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Q&amp;A Engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mz Cheryl - Medicare doesn't offer much for dental, would like to see this addressed especially for aging individuals</li> </ul> </li> <li>Contact us: <a href="mailto:ADVSDRFPQ2023@multco.us">ADVSDRFPQ2023@multco.us</a></li> <li>Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.multco.us/ads/serve-evaluation-panel">https://www.multco.us/ads/serve-evaluation-panel</a></li> <li>Community Workshops: <a href="https://youtu.be/Jh8zLj8c-Bw">https://youtu.be/Jh8zLj8c-Bw</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Arya Morman, Marina Khalina, Lynn Schemmer-Valleau, Tenesie Payne
Traffic Report Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic Fatality Report has went through a couple rounds of review and feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at reformatting the report as the data around drug-related fatalities and pedestrians that tested positive for drugs in their system</li> <li>Joint Office of Homeless Services reviewed the report</li> <li>Wanting to have the report out before the summer season as this is when numbers typically increase</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jessica Guernsey, Adelle Adams
Wrap-up and Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathan will send out a follow-up poll to collect meeting evaluation info</li> <li>Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm</li> </ul>	Laurel Hansen