



**Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board
Public Health Approaches Minutes
September 2018**

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018

Time: 3:30-5:30

Location: Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, Room 126

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. Review policy analysis worksheet data for policy issues;
2. Review and decide on top 1-2 priority policy issues;
3. Identify and discuss next steps

Members Present: Tyra Black (phone), Suzanne Hansche, Becca Brownlee, Cheryl Carter, Joannie Tang, Alonzo Chadwick

Public Health Division staff: Rachael Banks (by phone), Nathan Wickstrom, Adelle Adams, Christina Brown, Elizabeth Takahashi Barth, Brendon Haggerty

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome & Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members introduced themselves 	Suzanne Hansche
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne reviewed the agenda Agenda was approved 	Suzanne Hansche
Approval of June meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June board meeting minutes were approved 	Suzanne Hansche
Address Follow-Up from June Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting process: stand up nametag if you want to speak to determine order Expectation that everyone participates Need to get clear on what the 1, 2, 3 rankings are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should not have the expectation that there will be many 1s Whatever doesn't rank high will not go away Consider opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If it is already a priority for commissioners, if the department has already done a lot of work on it, etc. As community members, you can recommend things that currently don't have traction Short lists on 1s Longer list on 2s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially a written letter then an appearance before the Board of County Commissioners 3s could be something innovative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on research Not a lot of traction Opportunity may be further down the line; does not go away 	Suzanne Hansche
County Board of Health Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of County Commissioners (BCC) also acts as a Board of Health (BOH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only gavelled in as BOH two times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Menu labeling (2009) Tobacco Retail Licensing BOH now has more legislative authority that covers the entire county, including cities Working to get the board to convene as the (BOH) regularly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least once a month Process: We will use the first year to walk through a process; next year we can make functional adjustments Convened phone calls with various jurisdictions to determine BOH functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy a big component BOH may function similarly to MC-PHAB (apply to join) Fall schedule (refer to timeline sent by Christina): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeline is confidential; please do not share Orientation for the current County Commissioners on BOH role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is appropriate for the BCC vs. BOH Winter: 	Rachael Banks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy process - parallel process as MC-PHAB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MC-PHAB is one step ahead to prepare to present to BOH ○ Data Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Enhanced since MC-PHAB's presentation ■ Focus on leading causes of death and disease ■ This will result in board interest (e.g. opiates) ○ Use opportunity to bring CHIP forward for formal adoption ○ MC-PHAB present top priorities in January/February ● Spring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anticipate BOH will take information and do legal analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Same time as budget season and legislative session ● Summer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use authority to effect policy ● Reasons to get in front of everyone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work happening in MC-PHAB is leading directly to BOH ○ Ensure we stay on the timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ September and November meetings to finalize priorities ● Forward priority list to full board next month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalize list in November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What can we do next in terms of timeline? ■ If we know what our list is, can send a letter as early as January ■ What we are doing now is getting our vision straight ● Opportunities to influence policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County-level with BOH ○ State-level through County legislative agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Government relations gathering priorities earlier this year ● If there are state-level priorities that align with MC-PHAB's, they will be easy issues to draw attention ● Could add a column in a spreadsheet to show State and County alignment ● When will we have a finalized priority list for the County? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative priorities will be voted on in January 	
Identification of Top Policy Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tobacco Tax Increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing tax on tobacco is a long-time strategy pursued ○ Preempted at a state level from raising taxes ○ Repeatedly comes up at the legislative session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Repeal state preemption ■ Most likely will come up in conjunction with an e-cigarette tax ○ Potentially harmful to communities we're looking to help? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The more we invest in tobacco consumption reduction the better the health outcomes, making it an equitable approach ○ Suggest supporting if it is a part of legislative agenda ○ Consensus that it is a number 2 ● Smokefree Policies for Multi-Unit Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add suggestion to beneficial outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recognize that a smokefree environment is an important component of safe and healthy housing ○ Supporting this recommendation and supporting it being a priority in CHIP give it the opportunity to be a number 2 ○ Consensus that it is a number 2 ● Flavor Ban including Menthol, Restricting Locations of Tobacco Retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N/A in evidence - newer policy, more in innovation bucket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Policy opportunities, local team exploring and gathering evidence ○ Believe County has the legal ability to pursue and gather evidence ○ Other jurisdictions have passed flavor bans (California, Minnesota) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Currently do not have long-term analysis ■ Internal knowledge from local tobacco partners ○ Analysis determined tobacco stores in close proximity to high schools twice as likely to fail inspection ○ Would also impact chewing tobacco ○ REACH and SPARc grants already part of County resources ○ Consensus that Flavor Ban and Restricting Locations are both number 1 ● Traffic Calming Measures, Vision Zero Implementation through Multco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vision Zero <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Change in approach and philosophy ■ Suite of policies 	<p>Suzanne Hansche Christina Brown Rachael Banks Adelle Adams Elizabeth Barth</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changing speeding (speed limits, cameras) ○ Strong evidence base for these type of policies ○ Some authority in city, some in county ○ Already in place in the city of Portland ○ There is a venue to support work being led by Commissioner Stegmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What is needed is a prompting of the work - currently isn't going on in East County ○ Add to beneficial outcomes: recognize that what we value is no traffic fatalities ○ Could be brought before BOH - requires city partnership ○ By addressing the eastern part of the County, would that inherently be addressing disparity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Enforcement tools were used very intentionally in Portland city implementation ○ Up potential impact on disparities ○ Consensus that it is a number 1 ● Complete Streets Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updating the manual is a very attainable goal ○ BOH could request that County update construction manual with more complete streets elements ○ Possibility to align with other jurisdictions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Most of the authority lies in the cities ■ Potential for BOH to be impetus to set standards across County ○ Add: If we improve environment, it could have a positive impact on disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Addresses physical activity ○ No downside to making healthier communities ○ Consensus that it is a number 1 ● Healthy Food Procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No problem pulling up scientific evidence ○ Policy at an organizational level (purchasing, catering, jails) ○ Would go before BOH to make this policy ○ Consensus that it is a number 1 ● Fruit and Vegetable Incentive Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example - Farmers Market, folks with SNAP - more value to visit markets ○ Veggie Rx: healthcare provider level - bring food to the clinics ○ Recommend that this become a priority in healthcare delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Becomes a factor when budget allocation comes about ■ Raises issue in conversation ○ Impact would be more programmatic; funding and policy is unclear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grant funding by Kaiser and Providence is running out ○ Could be opportunities to bring up as a priority; alignment with CHIP ○ Consensus that it is a number 2 with a lot of attention ● Sugary Beverage Tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ballot 103 would prevent this ○ Consensus that it is a number 2; watching the issue ● Banning high capacity Magazines, Assault Weapons, and Bump Stocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the future, there will be opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Folk's committed to place on ballot for future legislative session ○ Consensus that it is a number 3 ● Housing First <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ So much collaboration work to address homelessness already exists ○ Many of the guiding principles are already being implemented ○ Metro's Affordable Housing Bond, Measure 102 in November ○ Consensus that it is a number 2 ● Final Consensus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority 1: Total = 5 ○ Priority 2: Total = 5 ○ Priority 3: Total = 1 	
Next Steps and November Meeting Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● List of recommendations to bring to the full board ● Already have some colleagues involved with these issues 	Suzanne Hansche
Wrap-up and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm 	Suzanne Hansche