



**Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board
General Meeting Minutes
January 2019**

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2018

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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. Hear an update on the Public Health Division FY20 budget
2. Hear an update on the Multnomah County policy priorities and the 2019 legislative session
3. Hear an update on the Board of Health presentations
4. Report out of Committee activities
5. Review board nominations process & open nominations

Members Present: Gerald Deloney, Tyra Black, Debbie McKissack, Suzanne Hansche, Cheryl Carter, Audrey DeCoursey, Rebecca Lavelle-Register, Chuck Tauman, Bertha Ferran, Daniel Morris, Alicia Junker, Yadira Perez, Joannie Tang

Multnomah County staff: Christina Brown, Jessica Guernsey, Rachael Banks, Hilary U'Ren, Adelle Adams, Elizabeth Barth, Taylor Steenblock, Jeston Black

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introductions, & Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & introductions around the table (and on the phone) Unanimously approved October meeting minutes with no edits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne wanted to add information regarding House Bill 2257 - proposal to designate substance use disorder a chronic illness – could potentially have big implications for the PHD and this committee. 	Suzanne Hansche
Public Health Finance FY2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachael provided an update on the FY2020 budget trajectory (still confidential at this time) The division is using the same decision-making & budget criteria used in the past: prioritize equity, eliminate health disparities, focus on core capacity. Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) scheduled for mid-January was cancelled and rescheduled (to 2/21) due to illness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can MCPHAB help raise concerns when it comes to budget decisions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBAC, meetings with Chair's office, PHD staff can help brainstorm with MCPHAB. Christina and Jessica will touch base on follow-up – put together an ad-hoc finance committee focus group for members who would be interested in taking part. When the time comes that more information can be readily shared, it would benefit the group to see specific scenarios to illustrate – who/what would be cut? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program offers are posted 2/15; more information forthcoming 	Rachael Banks
Multnomah County Government Relations - County Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect county safety net programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need new revenue to fill \$800M in Medicaid budget Take action on housing & homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure protections for current living spaces – ensure renters aren't priced out of their living situations, leading to homelessness. Provide homelessness services beyond sheltering – permanent support of housing for individuals, funding for transitional housing programs. Improve behavioral health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB134 – requires CCOs to publicize their behavioral health system, explain to providers and members how it operates, how people will be evaluated, what paths your diagnoses qualify you for, etc. Not yet a bill, but will be soon – increase in substance use disorder rates. Current rate system outdated and based on stigma for seeking treatment for substance use. This bill will mandate that rates for substance use disorder need to be on par with other mental health rates, and that CCOs can't lower the mental health side to meet the 	Jeston Black, Adelle Adams, Taylor Steenblock

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> existing substance use rate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking state (Oregon Health Authority) to put together a task force to look at the training Behavioral Health Workers are receiving to create a standard and a licensure structure so that people can visualize a career path. (SB134 & part of the Governor's opioid task force bill). Targeted state funding & services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are as many unemployed folks east of 82nd in Multnomah County than there are in 26 other counties in Oregon. This legislation requires agencies to report what they're spending and how many people they're serving per county (no number yet) Fund Public Health Modernization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking for \$14.7M in next biennium for PHM. Money for modernization directly linked to increase in tobacco tax. Current happenings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB27 – bill that deals with drinking water (fallout from algae blooms over the summer). Fees collected by OHA. Underfunded drinking water at state, hadn't raised fees. HB2233 – social consumption of marijuana – very important to protect the indoor cleaner air act. HB2600 – requires inspections of kitchens at long-term care facilities (currently not required). Modeled close to current restaurant inspections, with fee attached. Suzanne requests that this team returns to the next full board meeting in April to provide an update since a lot will have happened by then. Adelle Adams or Lizzie Fussell can also provide biweekly updates as they are legislative coordinators. 	
MCPHAB & The Board of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/24/19: CHIP Resolution – Board passed and resolved to adopt the CHIP as their guiding document. 2/12/19: Chronic Disease Presentation to the BOH 2/19/19: Injury Prevention Presentation to the BOH 3/7/19: MCPHAB presents policy recommendations to BOH 	Rachael Banks
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Approaches Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad-hoc planning meeting scheduled for 2/5 to review policy options document (Christina sending the agenda next week) Other board members not on the Public Health Approaches Committee encouraged to attend – if you want to come to the meetings or to the Board and show support or offer communications, you are welcome! We want to convey a message of strong community support to the BOH, display a strong team of advisors for the Division. Ethics Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using our next meeting to evaluate our processes – we currently use the 5Ps, equity lens tool, & basic ethics deliberation questions with Dr. Vines. We're also looking to put out a request for suggestions for ethical questions to consider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you structure allowances for non-medical exemptions? Are there charges for exemptions? Should we consider that? Consider deliberating budget cut scenarios? How can you do that in an ethical way? Encourage board members who aren't able to regularly participate in the Ethics Committee to do it at least once – the exercise is educational and informs general board work. Neither committee should be considered exclusionary. 	Suzanne Hansche
Membership Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to recruit as many as 10 people (5 for the board, 5 alternates). Starting February 1, 2019 – start recruiting next week. On everyone to help with the recruitment process, identify people who may have capacity and interest in serving now or soon. Use your social networks, community groups, etc. to engage people. Ideal to have people by March/April. Identified some opportunities to have a broader spectrum of board members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members aged under 21 	Debbie McKissack Christina Brown

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Transgender / LGBT members 	
Board Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking nominations by our April MCPHAB meeting, when we will vote. • Encourage nominating yourself or others (anyone you want) now. • Chair & Vice Chair terms are one year, you may serve two years in succession before you have to take a break. • It might be pertinent to extend terms to 2 years to allow time for learning and growing into the role – Suzanne & Tyra felt like they spent the first half of their terms just learning how to work as a team. • Tyra and Suzanne co-nominate one another for reelection in their respective positions. 	Suzanne Hansche
Planning MCPHAB Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When MCPHAB changed its structure one year ago, we committed to doing an annual or biannual evaluation to ensure we're meeting process outcomes as well as board outcomes. • Working with an internal County employee to look at how to evaluate that, and working with Suzanne & Tyra for early brainstorming. • Have received some feedback for the Ethics Committee evaluation, but hoping to receive more – Christina will send out one more time. • Currently, Christina sends regular Google Forms after each meeting for evaluations and feedback, but gets very few responses – does this method work for folks? Should we change to physical paper evaluations during meetings? Is there another better way to do it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Agree to keep the electronic evaluations and incorporating paper evaluations to see if we get better engagement. • Some newer members don't feel confident providing feedback when they haven't been a part of MCPHAB for very long and are waiting until they feel more certain to participate in evaluations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Solution: add the following questions to the evaluations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Do you feel like you're not ready to respond to this evaluation? Why or why not?" ▪ "Do you know how to communicate with other MCPHAB members and with PHD staff outside of meeting discussions/as follow-up?" ▪ Some folks use the general comment section to provide suggestions for future meetings (if you feel uncomfortable commenting on past meetings due to being new). 	Christina Brown
Wrap-up & Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members have a difficult time knowing when and how they're supposed to connect with other members/Multnomah County between meetings. • Suggestion to start a message board, Facebook Group, some other way to communicate? • Keep in mind this is all subjected to Public Records laws and gets tricky. We don't have a roster with people's phone numbers, etc., but we can note in the group when a member is okay with having phone calls – use that as a way to connect with folks. • Consider where your own personal boundaries lie (in terms of what's available via public record), and work from there for contact methods and processes. • Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm. 	Suzanne Hansche