



Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Minutes
April 2019

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, Room 126

Purpose: To provide broad stakeholder input on work related to reducing health inequities and improving population health in Multnomah County.

Desired Outcomes:

1. Hear an update on the Chair's and Public Health Division's budget
2. Report out of Committee activities
3. Hear an update on Membership recruitment
4. Vote on Chair and Vice Chair
5. Discuss and plan for the July MCPHAB retreat

Members Present: Suzanne Hansche, Becca Brownlee, Cheryl Carter, Debbie McKissack, Joannie Tang, Daniel Morris, Gerald Deloney, Audrey DeCoursey,

Public Health Division staff: Rachael Banks, Nathan Wickstrom, Christina Brown, Bernadette Nunley, Patricia Charles-Heathers

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introduction and Meeting Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees introduced themselves 	Suzanne Hansche
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Charles-Heathers, new Health Department Director: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rachael shared information on the Board o Patricia is currently digesting and understanding information on the board 	Suzanne Hansche
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus was reached to move ahead with the agenda 	Suzanne Hansche
Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus was reached to approve the minutes from January 	Suzanne Hansche
Health Department Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachael introduced Patricia Charles-Heathers • The Health Department moved to the new Gladys McCoy Building, located at 619 NW 6th Avenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tour of new building - MCPHAB retreat; include Commissioners • Ebony Clarke was appointed to be the Director of Mental Health and Addictions Services • Patricia Charles-Heathers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From Port of Spain, capital of Trinidad and Tobago, and moved to the US for school; settled in Chicago ▪ Moved to Sacramento to develop drug and alcohol program ▪ Received doctorate in clinical and organizational psychology ▪ Received a master's in public administration when moving to the public sector ▪ Director of Health and Human Services Agency in El Dorado County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 1200 employees and volunteers ▪ Strength of blending public and private sectors ▪ Focused on creating a workforce that's excited to come to work and has the support needed to be successful ▪ Looking forward to learning more about MCPHAB and how to support o Suzanne: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On the panel who helped screen candidates for the Health Department Director ▪ Would like to discuss what you've seen and done with a better investment (from a wealthier, more populous state) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Dorado County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Is a diverse County, with a lot of wealth only in specific pockets o When we merged and worked together, it allowed for utilizing the money that existed in certain areas (e.g. wealthier areas) for other areas, such as public health o Have a lot of work ahead of us, but there is a lot of potential 	Rachael Banks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gerald: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to align with the progress/calendar of the County so that we're a part of process, not an afterthought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rachael: that requires moving out of a traditional confidentiality agreement (e.g. budget timelines are usually condensed to a few weeks) • Need to start thinking about areas like next year's budget and legislative agenda now to prep for next year 	
<p>Public Health Finance Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's FY20 Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Constraint based on structural deficit on a County level; based on Measure 5 property tax cap ◦ Public Health took a 15% constraint, equaling about 4 million dollars ◦ Kept focus on modernization, health equity, partnerships (e.g. working with CCOs and having them pay for our services) ◦ Merged STD and Communicable Disease programs and clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Results in saving money on positions ▪ Use a lot of the same resources, so it makes a lot of sense and leverages skills they have ▪ Immunizations - many children seen in clinics have primary care providers elsewhere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes there's value in creating gaps for the private sector to absorb ▪ Harm reduction center providing service but in fewer sites ◦ Maternal Child Family Health had major cuts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The more you invest in an area with general fund, the more heavily the constraint is felt ▪ Rather than taking bits and pieces from different programs, we asked Chair Kafoury to give additional resources via an out-of-target ask for Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) to maintain current capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair included NFP in her budget released today • Restored one of the three vacancies • Will have cuts year over year, so have to determine what this will look like in the future ◦ Received another 5-year HBI (Healthy Birth Initiatives grant) ◦ Need to support the Chair's budget as we move into the next phase of the budget process ◦ Suzanne: When you mention partnerships, it's important to look at CCOs to make sure they are delivering the coverage they are supposed to or paying the County for services they are providing instead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have CCOs who are not providing the behavioral health care they should be ▪ If we hold these partners accountable, this will remove a lot of the barriers preventing public health work from being done ▪ Indicative of time: disinvesting in behavioral and mental health care ▪ Rachael: CCO meetings are public and open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Share, which we are on the board for, submitted an application that includes a number of things <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Our role in behavioral health system ◦ Strategic investment fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public health funding at the top ▪ CHIP ▪ Social determinants of health ▪ Joannie: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap in access and treatment for folks in the disability community on open card ◦ What can we do to support Chair's budget? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed ad-hoc finance committee to support and write testimony letter for MCPHAB members • Committee can modify letter to thank the Chair for supporting services • Budget hearings - provide voice to thank the commissioners for supporting the PH Division's budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Suzanne is willing to thank Commissioners and work with finance committee to draft thank you letter 	<p>Rachael Banks</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If you want to provide suggestions, send to folks on the ad-hoc finance committee <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will send out the link to the website to find out when CCO meetings are, since they're open to the public ● Christina will follow up with Sam Kaan to see if Joannie's issues are part of CCO 2.0 conversation ● If you want to attend a public budget hearing, let Christina know ● Send letter suggestions to members on the ad-hoc finance committee ● Christina will send out the dates for the budget hearings 	
Public Health Approaches Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From the policy suggestions for the Board of Health, the ask was for us to come back as a department with suggestions how to address leading causes of death, starting with tobacco ● Put together a committee of subject matter experts to come up with strategies ● Bernadette providing legal analysis ● How does smoke-free housing and housing first act together? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o MCPHAB brought these ideas forward; staff is now discussing ● Providing recommendations to the Board of Health in June, and then BOH provides recommendations that we can act on in July ● Have additional PH approaches meeting on May 23 to help prepare for June presentation ● MC-PHAB has 4 tobacco recommendations: E-cigarette tax, flavor ban including menthol, restricting location of tobacco retailers near schools, minimum pack size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Daniel: This list has the 4 most impactful policy recommendations; nice to have a concise list o Rachael: have some opposition already to the MCPHAB recommendations ● Everyone is in support of tobacco list ● First focus BOH issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o High impact o Are they ready? o Impact on health equity o Is it legal? <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bring an update on the conversation that has happened with staff subject matter experts to May Public Health Approaches meeting 	Suzanne Hansche
Ethics Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February Ethics Meeting focused on a participatory evaluation of ethics deliberation process ● Sifted through quantitative and qualitative data and then came up with process improvements ● Will be meeting in July and will be implementing some of the process improvements/suggestions ● Considering vaccinations - the more we can learn about what public health authorities are faced with will inform group discussion in July ● July Ethics Committee meeting - Christina sent out a doodle poll to determine availability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o July 18 is the date identified from participants thus far; Christina will send out a reminder 	Suzanne Hansche
Membership Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 73 applicants for 5 vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More than doubled last pool of candidates ● Identified demographically who we would like to add to the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o e.g. people under 30, Arabic speaker, people of color, located in East County ● Top 5 candidates all accepted ● Determined candidates in one session - did homework by looking at top choices individually ● Membership Absences: 2 current members have been absent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Executive Committee has done outreach, but no response o None of these members have reached out to request a leave of absence o Board needs to decide on removing two members from board according to bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy - if folks have at least one unexcused absence, Christina reports to membership committee who does additional outreach o Audrey has decided to end her board membership ● There was consensus to remove and replace the two members who have not been attending, as well as Audrey at the end of the term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o First solution is to go with alternates 	Becca Brownlee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If we can move with getting 3 new folks ready for orientation, we can move forward in July ▪ Membership committee will look at who will be coming off of the board <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership committee will come up with an exit interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each member should come up with 5 questions 	
Board Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair and Vice Chair positions are very involved and requires commitment and time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board also has many other opportunities for members to be involved ● Good opportunity for nominees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suzanne is a veteran at serving in the Chair position ○ Rachael and Christina will help with the structural elements ● Gerald nominates Becca for Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Want to do what's best for board ○ Will step up if asked, and will show up ● Debbie nominates Cheryl for Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheryl is also embarking on potential work with the homeless peer advisory board ○ Still interested in being the CBAC representative ● Joannie would like to participate in Executive Committee discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still on-boarding as a board member, but interested in becoming more involved ○ Those meetings are open to everyone ○ Always a conference call ● Chair position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suzanne is the only person running for Chair ○ Board approved reappointed by consensus ● Vice-Chair position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Becca, Cheryl and Joannie nominated ○ Board voted and approved Becca for Vice-Chair position ● Executive Committee structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include CBAC rep in meetings ○ More representation is needed on the Executive Committee 	Suzanne Hansche
Summer Retreat Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board agreed with 7/25 Board retreat date; same day as the regularly scheduled board meetings ○ Communicated with new members ● Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decided on 12:30-5:30 and will include a working lunch and field trip ○ Exploring the idea of doing equity training ○ Community Powered Change - health in all policy tool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Asked how we can be advisors ▪ Maybe we could ask Community Powered Change members if they can be at the retreat to better inform one another ● What else should be included as a topic? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debbie suggests looking at shower truck ○ Structured brainstorming <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christina will communicate MCPHAB retreat date and time to new members ● Look into where the conversation related to the shower truck should continue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perhaps with CHIP ● Reserve a conference room for the retreat on July 25th at the new Gladys McCoy Building 	Christina Brown
Wrap-up and Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting adjourned at 5:36 ● OHEA dinner next Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheryl is attending dinner and OHEA is excited to be a part of retreat 	Suzanne Hansche