



Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Minutes
Public Health Approaches
November 2019

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Location: Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, Room 126

Purpose: To advise the Public Health Division on several areas of work including 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 November 12 public hearing and MCPHAB testimony
2. Discuss potential testimony for December 3 public hearing
3. Hear an update on the BOH flavor ban deliberation, MCPHAB policy recommendations as well as the BOH timeline, process and policies
4. Review and understand campaign-related restrictions under ORS 260.432

Members Present: Suzanne Hansche, Joannie Tang (phone), Becca Brownlee, Debbie McKissack, Hanna Atenafu, Cheryl Carter

Multnomah County Staff: Rachael Banks, Adelle Adams (phone), Bernadette Nunley (phone), Nathan Wickstrom, Christina Brown

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introductions, & Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees introduced themselves and said what they were thankful for • September minutes were approved 	Suzanne Hansche
November 12 - Flavor Ban public hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanna provided testimony: It was a great learning experience • Turnout: 15 against, 10 for • MCPHAB's statement has been submitted • Online form can be completed by individuals • There is value in adding arguments to counter what was heard • Important to think through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Do you wait on evidence? What happens to people vaping in the meantime? Is there any evidence that vaping is safe? • How does the governor's temporary ban affect work moving forward? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will not be enacted statewide o Multnomah County is working through a legislative process instead of an emergency notice - gives more time for people to weigh in <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina will send out the link for the online form to provide a personal statement 	Adelle Adams, Hanna Atenafu
December 3- Flavor Ban public hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next public hearing is December 3, 4:30-6:30 in East County (600 NE 8th St, Gresham) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will be limited to 2-minute testimony if there are many people signed up • Issues brought up in public hearings are not sheerly a numbers game, but the amount of support shown does matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Voices from youth and communities of color are powerful • This issue will come back to the Board in mid-January, when they would decide if they want to move forward in ordinance and what that would look like 	Adelle Adams, Bernadette Nunley
BOH timeline, process and policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March, MCPHAB went to the Board of Health and presented 9 policy recommendations • In November, the Public Health Division presented 7 policies that are similar but not exactly the same; the focus was widened • Poly-substance use strategic plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alcohol regulation o Strategic plan co-developed by departments to reach better health outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speaking the truth to focus on poly-substance use rather than just one substance area (e.g. alcohol, tobacco, opioids) • Expand suicide data collection, monitoring and analysis\ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Broaden the ways we collect data to get to prevention policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why data? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't know how to find folks who have failed to commit suicide (not documented) • Data surveillance will help find the root causes • We need indicators to know if the dial is being moved • Issue in how suicide is reported to the medical examiner and how 	Adelle Adams, Bernadette Nunley

	<p style="text-align: center;">that gets entered into the system (software)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use a public health approach for a violence prevention framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work comprehensively with current efforts and get the coordination set up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes staff from various departments and specialties including public health ● Vision Zero and Complete Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to get good comparisons between jurisdictions on what's working and what's not working ○ Commissioner Vega Pederson has shown particular interest in this ○ The history of the speed limit being lowered has not been shared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The importance of setting local speed limits has been shared ○ Has this come up as a legislative priority? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Believe there has been some discussion ● Healthy food procurement policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set nutritional guidelines for county-purchased food ○ Some guidelines have been put in place in the juvenile detention center as a pilot ○ City Health put out city rankings - Portland got a bronze medal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have no medal in this particular area ○ City of Portland is working on this as well ○ Is this an easy win? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In some ways it is, because it is an internal policy it is in the County's authority and doesn't require a vote ▪ It is difficult to implement, however <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have to determine who is ordering food and provide training for staff ● Have to determine which contractors to work with ● Easy to adopt, difficult to implement without having gaps ○ Supports local business; food vendors might be ready to go due to demand from other organizations for healthy food ● Ban sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine products ● Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Health Division is providing follow-up data when the Board asks follow-up questions ○ When there is more direction we'll be bringing that to MCPHAB ○ Is there anything MCPHAB wants to do in the meantime? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e.g. learning/homework ▪ Some of the frameworks would be helpful to get up to speed on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ADCP is creating a preliminary plan related to substance use <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft plan will be completed by February b. Finalized plan will be completed by July ● Violence prevention framework (Tameka, Erin, Kallie) ● Next meeting: start to filter out priorities and look at a proposed time on what we want to do <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adelle will follow up on whether Vision Zero/Complete Streets has been identified as a legislative priority ● Provide educational materials for MCPHAB members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ADCP plans ○ Violence prevention framework 	
<p>Overview of campaign related restrictions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Falls under state law - relates to public bodies and public employees ● No restrictions for board members acting as a private citizen ● Restrictions apply when members are in their advisory board role ● Make sure you bring MCPHAB advocacy questions to the group and public health leadership so that they can be vetted before being brought before the Board ● Talk to public health staff if you have questions about advocacy 	<p>Bernadette Nunley</p>
<p>Wrap-up and meeting evaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting adjourned at 5:27 	<p>Suzanne Hansche</p>