



**Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board
Full Board Minutes
January 2020**

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020

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 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 FY21 budget and understand the connections to the MCPHAB Finance/Ethics Committee
2. Hear an update on Multnomah County's 2020 State legislative priorities
3. Hear an update and understand Committee board activities
4. Understand the board nominations process

Members Present: Suzanne Hansche (phone), Joannie Tang (video), Becca Brownlee, Debbie McKissack, Alyshia Macaysa, Laurel Hansen, Daniel Morris, Hanna Atenafu, Mahad Hassan, Cheryl Carter, Bernal Cruz, Timur Ender, Rebecca Lavelle-Register, Yamugu Seraya, Ryan Petteway (video), Bertha Ferran (phone)

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

Community Members: Kelly, Fawn

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introductions, & Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions ● October minutes approved 	Becca Brownlee
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No public comments 	Becca Brownlee
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision to hear Legislative Priorities update before the FY21 budget update 	Becca Brownlee
FY 2021 Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submitted Public Health Division (PHD) budget to the Health Department ● All divisions given a constraint ● PHD strategic direction is the same as previous years and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay the course on equity ○ Focus on the leading causes of preventable death using highest impact strategies ○ Maintaining core public health services ● Focused on core principles of decision making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the areas that somebody else could be paying for? ○ What's the right role for the PHD? ○ Set us up for a multiple-year budget conversation (e.g. bridge funding, redesign) ○ Stepped out of areas of good work due to not receiving funds (e.g. vaccinations) ○ Determining where we can take reductions at an infrastructure level while still maintaining services ● Chair releasing budget in April, the Board will hear public comments and make adjustments ● Budget wins – The PHD worked with Health Share to get about \$1 million for public health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$750,000 for WIC ○ \$350,000 for tobacco prevention ○ \$200,000 for CHIP ● Able to shift funding onto grants: including public health modernization and State HIV grant ● Today were are primarily funded by the general fund ● Question: In the future, do you see a reduction in general fund dollars? Will you receive more funding from grants? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many grants are federal, which are hard to rely on ○ Trying to diversify funding portfolio, but want to be careful with choices ● Important to have conversations that the PHD is diversifying funding options with communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do community members approach partnerships with the County? ○ How do we get community partners to talk with other outside organizations for funding support? ● Goal is have a positive reflection with the Board of Commissioners to show of how financial support has helped the PHD as well as share how we want the funds to influence us going forward 	Rachael Banks, Jessica Guernsey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question: CCO 2.0 impacted how behavioral health is funded. How about Public Health? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We negotiated with Health Share; role of insurer went to Care Oregon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We transitioned over function and some staff to Care Oregon ○ Regional funds were negotiated with Health Share; split into two tracks ○ Behavioral health had whole health alignment ○ There is a lot of potential with Community Involvement work ● Care Oregon is in this region (Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah Counties) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does not take open card 	
<p>Multnomah County Legislative Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020 State Legislative Session will run from February 3 thru March 8 (35 days) ● Short session aim is to make small budget adjustments or finish making adjustments from the long session ● Controversial issues not typically taken up ● Climate change bills will be taken up from long session ● Multnomah County priority items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restore community corrections funding ○ Maintain community mental health services ○ Build infrastructure to serve vulnerable population ○ Fully fund intellectual and developmental disability case management services ○ Restore domestic violence co-located advocate services ● Policy and funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supportive of good climate change legislation ○ Permanent Supportive Housing ○ Vaping bills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Curb internet sales ▪ Ban e-cig flavors (not menthol or mint) ○ Property tax ● Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can we help on any of these priority issues, as individuals or as a board? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can use a public health perspective for houselessness ▪ Voices of those most impacted have been curtailed with regards to environmental impact ▪ Session will be so fast; each priority item will only have one public hearing ▪ MCPHAB can gather suggested priorities for the County for the 2021 long session when there are no limits – share top two priorities with Government Relations office ○ Can you speak to the homelessness state of emergency? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ House speaker made this case - raises awareness ▪ Looking to create a coalition of folks to deliver message on how to use money coming from the bill (\$40 million) ○ Is a balanced budget required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Constitutionally we have to have a balanced budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We currently have \$1 billion surplus, \$500 million will be reserves <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christina will work with Adelle on a strategy to get MCPHAB input on the 2021 legislative priorities 	<p>Sarah Lochner</p>
<p>Updates on Committee and Board activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ethics update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February Ethics meeting will include members of the Finance Committee and the topic will be related to budget ○ Discussed potential schedule change to bring timely issues sooner; put on hold ● PH Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will receive update/analysis on additional public health priorities ● Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conducted board member engagement phone calls in the fall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acknowledge that not everyone is familiar with acronyms stated in meetings ▪ Members often need more information before they feel ready to participate ▪ Meeting participation - everyone is here because they already have life experiences and valuable knowledge ○ Starting another recruitment cycle ● Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met twice before the holidays to understand the process around the budget ○ This has huge implications for what we do on the other committees ○ How are we going to use our time with the finance committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raise financial implications when talking about issues in PH Approaches or Ethics ○ Appreciated getting a better understanding of the timeline and process; certain 	<p>Small group breakouts</p>

	<p>times when decisions are getting made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interested in conversation related to the tobacco tax ● Will combine Ethics/Finance meeting in February using the equity and empowerment lens <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have Bernadette give update/analyses on public health priorities before the next PH Approaches meeting in March ● Suggest including 30 minutes at meetings to discuss the work of board members 	
MCPHAB Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New board year starts in July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open up Chair and Vice Chair nominations in January and vote in April ● Chair and Vice-chair share a lot of similar responsibilities ● Great opportunity to practice leadership skills ● Christina will send out the nomination survey for board members to nominate themselves or someone else ● Prior to April meeting, Christina will send communication on who was nominated, and at that meeting there will be a vote ● Stayed connected with past Chair ● Becca has been nominated as Chair 	Christina Brown
Wrap-up and Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next steps for legislation process (2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Getting an invite from Government Relations ○ Important to address the gaps in the state legislature ● April 6-10 is Public Health Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica is meeting with the project management team to discuss planning for the week ○ PH Week is a great recruitment time ● Meeting adjourned at 5:24 <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adelle will work with Christina and send out a communication with regards to next year's legislative process ● Schedule an ad-hoc meeting related to PH Week 	Becca Brownlee