



Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Minutes May 2020

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

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. Determine whether to submit the op-ed article
2. Hear an update on the legislative and policy recommendation process
3. Identify and recommend legislative concept priorities for Public Health Division support

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

Multnomah County Staff: Rachael Banks, Nathan Wickstrom, Adelle Adams, Bernadette Nunley, Patricia Charles-Heathers

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members shared recent learnings 	Suzanne Hansche
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments 	Suzanne Hansche
Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no agenda changes recommended 	Suzanne Hansche
Op-ed Article Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted op-ed letter after raising equity concerns with Dr. Vines regarding Crisis Care Guidance • There has been a series of conversations with stakeholders (e.g. OHA) related to health equity concerns • Joannie, Alyshia and Dr. Vines have been a part of a small committee to edit guidelines • Process for determining guidelines has been unclear; frustration that this has not been a transparent process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Unclear on who the decision-makers are o No word from the governor or state on this matter • Submitting the op-ed is not the end of the conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We can take the opportunity to lead the conversation o It will hopefully have a ripple effect in the state • The hope is that the letter will bring the opaque, inequitable nature of decision-making to the attention of the public • Next step after op-ed submission is to draft a formal letter and provide public testimony to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Multnomah County Board of Health o Oregon Health Policy Board • MCPHAB voted on two items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Op-ed draft and submission approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was consensus approval from the Board o Approval to move forward with a letter and public testimony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was consensus approval from the Board <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit the last sentence of the op-ed • Determine a strategy for disseminating the op-ed to culturally specific platforms (e.g. Street Roots, Latinx community) 	Suzanne Hansche, Hanna Atenafu
Legislative Concepts: Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Relations came to MCPHAB in February, and MCPHAB expressed interest in helping with policy recommendations • Tight timeline for policy recommendations: Legislative Concept Request documents need to be submitted to Health Department leadership by 5/26 • Statewide measures that have been implemented due to COVID-19 were the starting place for the list of potential policy recommendations brought to the Board 	Bernadette Nunley, Adelle Adams
Legislative Concepts: Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of legislative concepts recommended by the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ensure race and ethnic data are collected during testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alyshia shared the link to the REAL D data collection toolkit ▪ This will help determine who is being hit the hardest by the pandemic and prioritize resources ▪ Relatively easy effort to sign onto, as others are also making efforts in this area 	Suzanne Hansche, Hanna Atenafu

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Long term care facilities and residential facilities visitor screening, limitations, and restrictions o Hospital policy recognizing essential healthcare workers - culturally specific o Recognizing and supporting essential workers (PPE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our additional criteria makes sure we're thinking beyond the first responders as essential workers ▪ Making sure BIPOC folks all have necessary resources o Measures to require development of COVID-related policing actions; monitoring and reporting guidelines that require tracking use of police powers under public health code enforcement; data by race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, location etc. o Telehealth/telemedicine access o Moratorium on residential evictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting this issue from a PH standpoint ● Public Health staff took the list of recommendations for drafting legislative concepts to share and prioritize with Health Department leadership 	
<p>Wrap-up and Meeting Evaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete online meeting evaluation ● Meeting adjourned at 4:07pm 	<p>Suzanne Hansche</p>