

Public Health Advisory Board

Help shape the health of Multnomah County

Multnomah County's Public Health Advisory Board

is a community volunteer board that links the Health Department's Public Health Division with the many communities it serves. The Advisory Board focuses on ethics in public health practice and on developing long-term approaches to address the leading causes of death and disability in Multnomah County.



Join the Public Health Advisory Board

- **Advise** public health leaders on community health issues.
- **Recommend** public health strategies and policies to help create healthy, thriving communities for all.
- **Represent** community and bring community wisdom and lived experience to the public health table.
- **Advocate** for people most affected by health disparities.
- **Promote** effective, ethical and equity-focused public health practice.

Public Health Division

The conditions in which people are born and live their lives, the choices available or not available to them, and the environmental burdens they experience, all affect their health. The Multnomah County Public Health Division works to achieve wellness by preventing the spread of disease, protecting people from environmental threats, promoting healthy behaviors and breaking down barriers to better health.

The Public Health Advisory Board works to change the community conditions for health by looking at, discussing and recommending improvements to the policies, systems, and environments that surround us in Multnomah County.

"I believe that a healthy community is a better community to live in."



MC-PHAB members meet with Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury.



MC-PHAB members discuss their priorities at the 2019 retreat.

The Public Health Advisory Board is made up of 15 to 17 community members who represent the many dimensions of those in our county, including:

- Racial and ethnic communities
- Seniors/aging populations
- Youth
- Faith leaders
- Business leaders
- Physical and mental health providers
- People living with disabilities
- Immigrant communities
- And others

Members serve terms of three years. There are monthly advisory board meetings and other occasional ad-hoc meetings to attend. Member terms begin on July 1 each year.

- **Improve public health**
- **Work toward health equity**
- **Be a voice for the community**

“Being involved in the Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board gives me an avenue to represent my patients and their struggles, but also to help shape and change the delivery of health care throughout the community.”

No specific public health experience is necessary. We are looking for people with a passion for public health and a desire to improve the health of everyone who lives, works and plays in Multnomah County.

Questions? Contact Nathan Wickstrom at 503-307-9725 or nathan.wickstrom@multco.us.

Apply online at multco.us/health

“I have lived in poverty, have lived with disability, am a first-generation immigrant that was the first in my family to pursue higher education, and I have special ties to communities that are not adequately represented in Multnomah County.”



MC-PHAB members and Public Health Division staff participate in a visioning activity.



MC-PHAB member facilitates a group activity.