



**Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board**  
**Public Health Approaches Agenda**  
**May 2025**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 27th, 2025

**Time:** 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Video call link:** <https://meet.google.com/uqz-xkrv-bbm>

**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.

**Board members present:** Isaac Gomez, Jennifer Piacentini, Karen Wells, Aileen Duldulao, Keara Rodela, Haley Mountain, Su Liu

**Multco Staff present:** Eric Richardson, Desha Reed-Holden, Amie Zawadzki

Item/Action	Process	Lead	Time
Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board members and staff introduced themselves (name, organization, pronouns) and shared a work/life hack as an icebreaker question</li><li>Eric reviewed the agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Edline Francois, Public Health Modernization(PHM) Project Manager, will be attending a future meeting to onboard the group to PHM</li></ul></li></ul>	Eric Richardson	15 min 3:30 – 3:45
Public Comment & Board Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No public comment</li><li>Board members shared information, updates, and what they are coming to the meeting with<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A board member shared they are a 2 year AmeriCorps alumni and expressed their distraught feelings with the recent termination of grant funding</li><li>Another board member shared they are navigating the termination of additional grant funding and the direct impact to their team</li><li>An additional board member shared their relief for not</li></ul></li></ul>	Eric Richardson	5 min 3:45 – 3:50

	<p>pursuing a merger with OHSU at this point</p>		
MCPHAB Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MCPHAB recruitment update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recruiting for 7-8 spots</li> <li>○ We have received one application thus far</li> <li>○ We will be working with our comms team to advertise the application, the comms team is currently occupied with budget impacts and has limited capacity to take on additional work</li> <li>○ Su volunteered to score applicants</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Share out website, flyers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If additional languages are needed for the one-pagers, please let Eric know</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The board brainstormed ideas of places to advertise the recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community Partnerships and Capacity Building (CPCB) CBO mailing list</li> <li>○ OPHA mailing list</li> <li>○ Su suggested distributing the info/flyer to hospital employees at Legacy and Providence Portland Medical Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Eric Richardson	15 min 3:50 – 4:05
Policy Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#"><u>Legislative session update</u></a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SB 702A: Tobacco Consolidation Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bill is currently advocates vs. small business owners and would be a \$18M decrease in revenue</li> <li>■ Many small business owners testified and expressed their concern for their businesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Waiting to see if our priority bills will get a work session (pending)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Proposed action to take: contact your legislators to request they fund Public Health</li> <li>● Public Health Budget Presentation to Board of County Commissioners on May 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#"><u>Link to budget presentation</u></a>, Public Health starts at 1:31:49</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Desha Reed-Holden	10 min 4:05 - 4:15

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultivating safety for immigrant and refugee communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These signs were developed by our comms team in Arabic, English, French, Russian, Chinese (Simplified &amp; Traditional), Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Ukrainian languages</li> <li>○ Posted in all of our public facing areas in the Public Health Division</li> <li>○ We have received guidance from central about what to do if an ICE agent enters a county facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ICE agents are allowed to come into public spaces, we are not required to assist them as they are federal agents</li> <li>■ Staff have been asked to report if an ICE agent enters a county building</li> <li>■ A board member asked if there is a written statement/info flyer for community awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eric will forward the email we received from our COO</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Wrap-up, Meeting Evaluation & Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review next steps and key takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If additional languages are needed for the one-pagers, please let Eric know</li> <li>○ Please let Eric know if you are interested in participating in the Ad-hoc membership committee</li> <li>○ Eric is forwarding an email county staff received from our COO regarding interacting with ICE agents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please fill out the meeting poll evaluation</li> <li>• Next meeting we will be wishing farewell to a few board members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ June 24th 3:30-5:30pm (virtual and in-person options)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amie Zawadzki	15 min 4:15 - 4:30

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## **MCPHAB Group Agreements**

- Listen to understand, not to react
- “Land the plane” (attempt to bring the point home to something actionable) and have the permission to come in raggedy
- Acknowledge the perspective you’re speaking from
- Ensure balance of everybody expressing perspectives
- Have fun and bring your whole self • Be creative, flexible, and solution-oriented • Engage fair processes and balance toward fair outcomes
- Focus on the quality of the journey and not just the destination
- Engage and be fully present
- Identify goals to guide our work
- Be mindful of how much space you take up – step up, step back
- Brave and supportive space
- Understand one’s privilege and platform
- Give time for internal and external processing
- Check in with everyone after each agenda item
- One Diva, one mic
- Make sure to take time for yourself and prioritize self care

## **MCPHAB Consensus Building Process**

Five Stages of Consensus-Building

1. Convening
  - Getting the right people to the table with the right expectations.
2. Assigning Roles & Responsibilities
  - The “signing on” phase. Everyone at the table agrees upon the ground rules that will govern decision-making and defines the kinds of responsibilities they are each willing to accept.
3. Facilitating Group Problem-Solving
  - Step 1: “Venting.” This happens when members state any concerns they have about a proposal or a process.
  - Step 2: Round of statements describing interests or priority concerns by members.
  - Step 3: “Inventing.” This happens when members take what they’ve heard about each other’s interests and try to come up with proposals that meet everyone’s needs.
  - The point of these 3 steps is to keep multiple options alive so that a full range of combinations can be “tried on for size.”
4. Reaching Agreement
  - Does not mean voting, but “agreeing to agree.”
  - Facilitator asks: “Can everybody live with this proposal?”
  - If a member says “no,” he or she is asked to explain his or her position clearly, including any changes to the proposal he or she would like to suggest.
5. Holding People to Their Commitments
  - This is the implementation phase.
  - What actions do subcommittees, the Board as a whole, or individual members need to take?
  - What actions are MCHD staff and executives responsible for?