

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

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AGENDA ITEM	CONTENT	REQUESTED ACTION	RESOURCES	LEAD	TIME
Welcome	Welcome, introductions, review agenda, approve minutes from January and February meetings			Alex Coleman	5:30
Climate Planning Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The group will receive an update on the current County climate planning work		October 2022 PHAC March 7, 2023, Board Work Session	Kathleen Johnson	5:45
Legislative Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The group will review the testimony being submitted for 3/15 and discuss submitting additional testimonyThe group will receive an update on other public health legislative priorities identified by community partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The group will decide on submitting additional testimony during the legislative sessions	February 14, 2023, PHAC OHA Public Health Modernization Governor's Budget CLHO Legislative Toolkit	Marie Boman-Davis	6:15
Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget process		County Budget Page February 23, 2023, Town Hall	Marie Boman-Davis	6:35
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group will vote for chair and vice-chair for the next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group votes and appoints new chair and vice-chair		Alex Coleman	6:45
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 13thNational Public Health Week ProclamationHybrid meeting structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC will vote on supporting the Public Health Week Proclamation	Volunteer RSVP 2022 NPHW Proclamation	Alex Coleman	6:55
Member Updates/Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members have an opportunity to ask questions, or provide any comments on topics outside the agenda items			Alex Coleman and Marie Boman-Davis	7:10
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time			Alex Coleman and Marie Boman-Davis	7:20
Closing	PHAC Feedback Survey			Alex Coleman	7:25



Next Meeting: April 11, 2023

Future PHAC Meetings:

- May 9, 2023
- June 13, 2023

For assistance on the evening of the meeting contact: Alex Coleman (971) 724-0089 or alex_coleman@co.washington.or.us

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Climate Planning Update:

In October 2022, the group received an initial update on the latest regional [climate and health monitoring report](#) and work the Public Health Division was beginning to engage on in partnership with the Sustainability Department related to a Climate and Health Adaptation Plan, one of our required deliverables for Public Health Modernization.

This month the group will get an update on the timeline and planning process, including work being done to hire a consultant to conduct a greenhouse gas inventory, and how the external engagement will align with the community engagement RFP that this group was informed of during last month's meeting.

Legislative Update:

In January, the group voted to provide support as needed to legislative priorities aligned with the County's legislative framework, including Public Health Modernization. This month the group will review the testimony being submitted to legislature in support of Public Health Modernization Funding and discuss submitting additional testimony later this month.

The group will also have an opportunity to learn about other legislative priorities that our community partners are focusing on.

Budget Update:

The Board of Commissioners held a town hall on Thursday, February 23 focused on this year's budget cycle. This month the group will receive updates on the budget planning timeline and opportunities for this group to provide input on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024

Elections:

Larysa Thomas has volunteered to serve as the chair for this next year and Hemi Pariyani has volunteered to serve as the vice-chair. They have each written a statement for the group about why they are interested in serving in these positions.

From Larysa:

Hello PHAC members,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the PHAC Board. I joined this Board four years ago to be involved, learn, share, and serve to my community.

We live in very challenging times, first with the pandemic, then the war in Ukraine that involved the whole world. The war woke up a lot of countries and united them together against the complete evil. It is showing us that we only can thrive if we are united and connected together, then we are strong and powerful. Being born and raised in Ukraine, it broke my heart seeing my homeland during the war but seeing that the world is uniting together makes me feel that humanity has a chance to survive and thrive.

Last week I was proud to be invited to the “Agents of Change 2023 Summit”

<https://agentsofchangesummit.com/>

I learned a lot about Public and Behavioral Health innovations that many agencies around the states and even a few countries shared with us. The word “Prevention” was the most spoken and I was very happy to hear that we are looking to build a healthier population in the future. I would love to share what I learned.

Happy to be an immigrant and able to live and find purpose here in Washington County, being involved in the community I live in. Making a difference, being helpful, growing, learning, evolving and being able to seek help when needed. It’s very important to know that we all matter, we are all connected and that we can help and enrich our community when we are together.

I am currently serving on multiple boards (PHAC, BHC, HOA), helping Ukrainian refugees, I am a medical interpreter, small business owner, and a full-time mom.

My goal is to make our community healthier, stronger, happier, and peaceful.

Sincerely,

Larysa Thomas

From Hemi:

I have been a member of Public Health Advisory Council since fall 2019. I joined the Council to learn more about public health and to use the knowledge gained through the Council to better serve those I help as a medical interpreter. I have been an active member of the community volunteering with Portland Community College as an ESL tutor and conversation partner for international students at Pacific International Academy— Warner Pacific University.

My background and skills have allowed me to work with a range of communities and I am looking to use those skills to help support the PHAC over the next year as the vice-chair. I look forward to continuing to use my experience to help ensure that everyone in Washington County can benefit from the public health system.