

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

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AGENDA ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOMES	LEAD	TIME
Welcome	Welcome, introductions, review agenda, approve minutes from April meeting	Jennifer McElravey	5:30
Washington County Community Health Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the 2020-2023 CHIPPHAC members receive an update on the CHIP Community Grants	Alicia Lee	5:45
COVID Vaccine Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on vaccine planning and rollout	Tricia Mortell	6:45
County Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PHAC members receive an update on the current COVID situation in Washington CountyPHAC members receive an update on budget planning and legislative session	Tricia Mortell	7:10
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members can ask questions or provide comment during this time	Tricia Mortell and Alex Coleman	7:20
Closing		Jennifer McElravey	7:25

Next Meeting: June 8, 2021

Future PHAC Meetings:

- No Meeting in July
- August 10, 2021

Future Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Subcommittee Meetings

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, please email

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Access to Care This group meets bi-monthly, their next meeting is scheduled for June	Substance Use Prevention Collaborative This group meets quarterly, their next meeting will be held in June	Suicide Prevention Council This group meets quarterly, with their next meeting scheduled for July
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Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021



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ATTENDING: Hemi Pariyani, Tom Engle, Jennifer McElravey, Larysa Thomas, Robin Bousquet, David Eppelsheimer, Sonja Ackman, Nicole Bowles, Leticia Vitela, Dick Stenson, Nafisa Fai, Julie Scotland, Eileen Derr

ABSENT: Andrea Lara Silva

STAFF: Tricia Mortell, Alex Coleman, Vivianna Lindley

GUEST PRESENTERS: Alicia Lee

Community Members: Rachel Arnold, Madhavi Bharadwaj

Welcome

Jennifer started the meeting with introductions and an ice breaker.

Approve April's Meeting Minutes

April's minutes were reviewed. Jennifer McElravey motioned to approve the minutes. Larysa Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed.

Washington County Community Health Improvement Plan

PHAC members received an update on the 2020-2023 CHIP and the CHIP Community Grants. See PowerPoint for more details.

- A community health needs assessment found the key drivers of all core issues in community health were discrimination, racism, and trauma.
- The CHIP Leadership team guides the vision of the CHIP and is made of community members. For more details on the CHIP Leadership team and the work done in the CHIP see the 2020-2023 CHIP (<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/upload/Washington-County-CHIP-2020-2023.pdf>)
- In addition to CHIP community grants there is funding within the CHIP program for each group to use for implementation of their work and goals
 - This funding was used by the Aging and Connections group during the pandemic for the following projects:
 - Centro Cultural Walking Group in Cornelius
 - Oregon Senior Peer Outreach
 - Five Oaks Museum Virtual Tours for Older Adults
- Each year the CHIP budget has funding allocated for small grants to fund work/projects that align with CHIP work. Information about the release of the CHIP community grants gets posted to our website (<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/chip.cfm>)

Q&A

Q: Do the CHIP grantees have any goals that they need to align with to receive funding, or is it open ended?

A: Yes and no. When we solicit applications the grant review process ensures the projects we accept align with the goals of the CHIP which can be very broad. This year because of the pandemic we included long term community resilience and recovery projects related to COVID.

Q: Is there an overlap of goals with the CHIPS of other Counties?

A: We do not have coordination throughout the whole system, but we are trying to connect them better. There are a lot of overlapping areas of focus though.

Q: How often do you plan to collect metrics?

A: It will vary by committee, but they will span the length of the current CHIP through 2023.

COVID Vaccine Update

PHAC members received an update on vaccine planning and rollout.

- **As of 5/11:** Previously metrics for risk levels were based off case levels and positivity rates. The governor announced that when a county reaches 65% of their eligible population vaccinated (at least one shot), and have an equity plan to close the gap between vaccinations for different races and ethnicities, they will be allowed to move into low risk and stay there.
- We have a regional workgroup going with OHA and CBOs to figure out how to increase vaccination rates in American Indian/Alaska Native, Black and Hispanic/Latinx communities.
- We will be focusing our communication and education on social distancing in crowds as we move into low risk and summer activities.
- For information on what “low risk” means see this chart:
<https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3461.pdf>
- We are having discussions with OHA on how important contact tracing still is with vaccination rates rising.
- The communities we are most focused on collaborating with for vaccine education are Russian speaking communities, Somali immigrant communities, and the Black community. We are also focusing a lot of effort in the houseless community.

Q&A

Q: Do you agree the percentage of vaccinated (for the governor’s low risk plan) should be based off at least one shot?

A: We did recommend the governor consider full series vaccination for the 65%, not just the first dose (of two dose vaccines).

Q: Are we doing any work to counteract the lower levels of people willing to get the vaccine?

A: We are talking about gathering data from new cases to find out why they were not vaccinated (if they were not since breakthrough cases are possible) and what it would take for them to get the vaccine. Also looking at how we can help folks physically get to the vaccine who are having difficulties with access in this regard.

Q: Will moving to low-risk effect schools for this year?

A: No, they are beholden to their ready safe school committees. The only new development is that the quarantine period for a positive case in a school is 14 days, no exceptions.

Q: Are there any updates on using Johnson and Johnson?

A: It has been approved for use, although there is now a 7-page document to read if you receive it that goes over the potential side effects, so we are trying to make that more user friendly. We will still be focusing the use of this vaccine on homebound and houseless individuals.

Q: What happens to the contact tracers if we move away from contact tracing as vaccination rates rise?

A: We contract with the Public Health Institute for these tracers and we are transitioning some of them to vaccine support where we need more people.

County Updates

PHAC members received an update on the current COVID situation in Washington County and an update on budget planning and legislative session.

- We are in process for the adoption of the budget for next fiscal year 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022
- Public Health has three budgets
 - Special Funds (like Emergency Medical Services or Children Youth and Families)
 - General Funds (this is tax revenue that comes into the county that we can use for a variety of work) This year it is projected to be about \$19 million. Our expenses are closer to \$25 million.
 - COVID Special Fund (we expect to have more coming from the American Rescue Plan. The recovery has been projected to need \$30-\$40 million.)
- The priorities for the budget are access to food and behavioral health services, childcare supports, and equity and inclusion work
- We are hearing the first priority for federal funding is to support public health recovery from COVID.

Closing

Jennifer McElravey motioned for PHAC to submit a letter of support to the BOC on the PH budget, Tom Engle seconded. All in favor and none opposed. The motion was passed. Next meeting on June 8, 2021