



Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Retreat Minutes July 2021

Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

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. Grow closer with one another
2. Hear an overview of the legislative session and learn about future areas of impact
3. Discuss ways to improve the board structure
4. Recommend priorities for this new term

Members Present: Hanna Atenafu, Maribel Reyes, Daniel Morris, Teela Foxworth, Nick Kinder, Karen Wells, Arya Mormon, Tsering Sherpa, Laurel Hansen, Mahad Hassan

Multnomah County Staff: Jessica Guernsey, Nathan Wickstrom, Nicole Buchanan, Adelle Adams, Jeston Black, Sarah Lochner, Augusta Herman

Guests: Jay Mendoza

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees introduced themselves Agenda was approved by consensus 	Hanna Atenafu
Public Comment & Board Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Public Health Association 2021 Virtual Conference opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please let Nathan know if you are interested in attending the OPHA conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Health Division is willing to cover the registration cost for interested board members Dr. Petteway will be one of the keynote speakers Gift cards or direct deposit reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach out to Nathan if you would like to receive an incentive after each meeting Public Comments from Suzanne Hansche: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments here will briefly mention some potential opportunities for MCPHAB to bring community voice to what it looks might be happening in the coming months: At the briefing July 27 Chair Kafoury said the Board of Commissioners will start work in September to reconcile the county budget to funding resources and investments coming from the state. What opportunities might there be for MCPHAB to support PHD funding and investments? Racism as a Public Health Crisis – Multnomah County passed a resolution – MCPHAB has discussed and can lend advisory voice to implementation of the action plan HB 2337 did not pass at state level – GR might advise where MCPHAB can lend testimony and lessons learned toward advancing statewide policy – Multco has led policy advancement in the state on other issues but it is not the only county to address this one Who will apply for local grants to provide clean air shelters and toxic air solutions in Multnomah County, and does that include the county itself? SB 762 makes substantial statewide investments that MCPHAB might watch There are at least two levels of work going on around workplace health and safety that directly tie into Public Health and COVID-19 Response as well as Racism as a Public Health Crisis: OSHA just passed a temporary rule on Excessive Heat/Toxic Smoke protections and is working on a permanent rule that will call for public comment this fall HB 2205 did not pass this session but is still alive and addresses some important aspects of OSHA enforcement and worker protections Could there be opportunities for MCPHAB members to testify at rulemaking, task forces, and advisory bodies for legislation that passed? Government Relations would be the source for what might make a difference. Behavioral Health received some MCPHAB votes as a priority for this Board. It has been mentioned in the past that exploring crossover representation or designees with the Multco Behavioral Health Advisory Board might serve both Boards on considering the intersections of behavioral health and public health. OHEA has a Policy Committee that identified a list of priority bills, all of which passed except for HB 2337. You might want to find out how those bills support public health and Community Powered Change - the county CHIP. OHA Public 	Hanna Atenafu

	Health has identified which legislative policies that passed support Healthier Together Oregon, the state SHIP (Rachael knows all about that work.)	
Icebreaker Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teela led an opening activity, asking board members to share their favorite local places 	Teela Foxworth
Government Relations Legislative Session Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of session report Sarah and Jeston provided a review of the legislative session, touching on bills of interest to MCPHAB HB 5024 - Public Health Modernization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$45 million in additional funding Will come back in future sessions to ask for more money SB 554 - safe gun storage bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a person is found negligent, they can be charged with a Class C felony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class A felony can be applied if a minor is found to have accessed the unlocked firearm Fees for concealed permit increase to \$100 for issuance, \$75 for renewal SB 587 - Statewide tobacco retail license bill passed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement with the State that they won't layer an additional license on top in Multnomah County Will require intergovernmental agreement with the department of revenue HB 2261 - prevents remote sales to under 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> forces folks to be in compliance with license SB 762 - Wildfire package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$220 million for wildfire risk reduction strategy \$3.3 million to DEQ \$67 million to ODF \$5.1 million to ODHS \$4.7 million that will go through OHA for clean air shelters HB 5024 - \$7.8 million in funding for universally offered home visiting program HB 3352 - Expansion of Medicaid to cover all adults who qualify, regardless of immigration status HB 2591 - Money allocated to expand and improve school based health services HB 2508 - Expansion of telehealth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNAP program was a great example of why telehealth should be expanded OHA will develop rules for CCOs to reimburse health services delivered via telemedicine at the same rate for health services delivered in person Expanded housing service centers and programs SB 5534 - \$100 million investment to maintain and retain affordable housing HB 2163 - Rent voucher program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> long-term rent assistance for 5 years to get some stability for families \$4.5 million investment HB 2842 - Healthy Homes Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million to eligible entities to repair and rehab homes Air conditioners are allowed Entities eligible are not only landlords; local govts, nonprofits, tribes, electric, natural gas, utilities, etc. - lots of avenues to get these funds out the door DEQ got several pots of funding HB 2021 - 100% clean energy by 2040 HB 2475 - Low-income utility rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides financial assistance to environmental justice community organizations and enables utilities to offer discounts HB 2518 - Grant program to clean up brownfields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million investment Maternal Child Family Health related bills? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal home visiting was about the only bill this session directly related HB 3159 - REAL-D and SOGI data collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires CCOs, health care providers, and health insurers to collect data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Value having MCPHAB voices at the table 	Jeston Black, Sarah Lochner
MCPHAB Board Structure Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles of Chair and Vice Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Nathan will create a sign-up sheet for facilitating future meetings Make the list a short list (e.g. 5 months out) 	Nathan Wickstrom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting and agenda planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have signed up to facilitate should attend the planning meeting earlier in the month to come up with an agenda Liaison with PHD staff for time-sensitive requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nathan's proposal: Keep the Chair and Vice Chair roles on the board to act exclusively in this liaison capacity. Other responsibilities could be dispersed evenly amongst the board. This would avoid the need to modify the Bylaws and Charter as well. Membership Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment, mentorship These roles do not need to be filled by leadership and are open to everyone on the board Ad hoc meetings and task force work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking action during meetings could help alleviate the need for ad hoc meetings Ad hoc meetings could occur without the executive leadership Suggestion: Add a mental health check-in at the start of every meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On a scale of 1-10, ask how everyone is doing Check-in questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are you? What's your goal for the day? Who can help you reach that goal? Making the board meetings more actionable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicate time on meeting agendas for putting together letters, etc. Create breakout rooms so that a smaller group of folks can work together on specific tasks, such as letters Send information in advance so that less time is spent on updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've been reactionary, waiting for opportunities to pop up Maybe there are some more things that we can work on in advance Make SMART goals 	
MCPHAB Priority Setting for New Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members indicated their top 3 policy priorities, based on last year's list and on new suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tobacco Use - 2 Substance Use Disorders - 4 Nutrition as a Social Determinant of Health - 4 Housing as a Social Determinant of Health - 2 Institutional Racism as a Public Health of Emergency - 4 COVID-19 Response and Controlling Communicable Disease - 3 Violence Prevention - 2 Police Violence - 2 Behavioral Health - 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently a severe workforce shortage Behavioral Health issues have been amplified by COVID Air Quality issues - 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encompasses tear gas health effects So many priorities are outside of the government system, but we have a unique place within government to address issues Top 4 Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substance Use Disorders Nutrition as a Social Determinant of Health Institutional Racism as a Public Health of Emergency COVID-19 Response and Controlling Communicable Disease 	Nathan Wickstrom
Wrap-up and Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm Teela volunteered to facilitate the next meeting August 26th from 3:30-5:30pm Maribel volunteered to facilitate the September meeting Chat notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanna's favorite new taco place: Los Francos Tacos Nathan's favorite Vietnamese soup restaurant: Ha VL Maribel: the burritos, tortas, and nachos at Brother's Express in Cartlandia are AMAZING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz bagels in Gresham is also awesome! Teela: I support sharing facilitation responsibilities/rotating Nick: I think it's totally reasonable to have a facilitating sign up Arya: I like the shared facilitation responsibilities. Good to see everyone's leadership skills! 	Hanna Atenafu

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Teela: (regarding mental health check-in) 1. How are you? 2. What's your goal for the day? 3. Who can help you reach that goal?o Arya: Let's make our goals more focused on being SMART... specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. And make purposeful action items that are assigned to a specific hard deadline and follow up at the next meeting for completion. We can avoid separate task force meetings this way<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I can create a working document for us to assign our abilities for each action if helpful!o Arya: I authored one of the 1st tear gas reports last year, Daniel, for Don't Shoot PDX<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ https://rooted.black/▪ Under 'research'	
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