



## Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board Minutes October 2021

**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021

**Time:** 3:30-5:30pm

**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. Hear background of Multnomah County's CHIP
2. Discuss and vote on MCPHAB's role with incorporating the CHIP
3. Hear public health updates
4. Discuss MCPHAB's leadership structure
5. Review MCPHAB alternate member selections and board membership gaps

**Members Present:** Becca Brownlee, Hanna Atenafu, Joannie Tang, Karen Wells, Tsering Sherpa, Daniel Morris, Arya Morman, Ryan Petteway, Alyshia Macaysa, Maribel Reyes, Nick Kinder, Teela Foxworth

**Multnomah County Staff:** Jessica Guernsey, Nathan Wickstrom, Nicole Buchanan, Adelle Adams, Natasha Davy

**Public:** Suzanne Hansche

Item/Action	Process	Lead
Welcome, Introductions, Agenda & Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees introduced themselves and checked in with one another</li> <li>There was not a quorum for approving July retreat minutes</li> </ul>	Alyshia Macaysa
Public Comment & Board Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suzanne Hansche shared an opportunity for board members to submit public comments regarding OSHA's proposed rules to protect the public from adverse health effects of excessive heat and wildfire smoke by 10/29.</li> <li>OHA vaccine verification app update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The app will not indicate whether someone is exempt, which was a core part of MCPHAB's vote in favor of the app</li> <li>Would likely be released at the beginning of next year, but we haven't received any firm timeline</li> <li>Other jurisdictions with apps have been having issues with the technology</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fill out the Doodle poll for November / December dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://doodle.com/poll/q9h2ai9e7t9imhzy?utm_source=poll&amp;utm_medium=link">https://doodle.com/poll/q9h2ai9e7t9imhzy?utm_source=poll&amp;utm_medium=link</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Alyshia Macaysa
Incorporating CHIP into MCPHAB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) describes the priorities, goals, solutions, and resources for health improvement</li> <li>CHIPs are usually created in house, but we contracted ours out with Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA), which is unique. Also focused on social determinants of health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHEA created a leadership team with diverse community members - APANO, NAYA, IRCO, etc</li> <li>Engaged over 220 community members at 24 community engagement events</li> </ul> </li> <li>5 Priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transformative Change Toward Equity and Empowerment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressing systemic discrimination and disparities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Access to Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Healthcare</li> <li>A Neighborhood for All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing needs for both low-income and no-income people</li> </ul> </li> <li>Essential Community Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focused on social determinants of health, such as food, education, transportation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Supporting Family and Community Ways</li> </ul> </li> <li>Over 150 strategies came from the community discussions</li> <li>Participated in process evaluations - what are ways we could do this better (quality interviews)</li> <li>Branded as Community Powered Change</li> <li>Implementation Plan (2 Approaches): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crosswalked with community members and internally on how to use the CHIP</li> <li>REACH was able to embed some of the CHIP strategies directly into the grant</li> </ul> </li> <li>Projects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Natasha Davy, All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focusing on 3 opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCO and hospital education</li> <li>Health in All policies</li> <li>Map of health system opportunities for CHW collaboration</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Our team switched to directly supporting communities</li> <li>One of our main funding streams is through Health Share</li> <li>We're looking at funding three coalitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latinx Coalition - Oregon Latino Health Coalition</li> <li>PI Coalition - Samoan Pacific Development Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth engagement program</li> </ul> </li> <li>African I&amp;R Coalition - African Refugee Immigrant Organization</li> </ul> </li> <li>Accountability/oversight is important <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clackamas community advisory board has oversight over their CHIP</li> <li>Create process/criteria for CHIP funding</li> <li>Decide how to align with current work</li> <li>Make recommendations for internal implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>What timing, cadence, or criteria are there for CHIP funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCPHAB steering committee would help determine this</li> <li>Multnomah County fiscal year begins in July and ends in June, but Health Share uses a different calendar beginning in January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would follow the County's fiscal timeline</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Excited about the idea of aligning MCPHAB with CHIP</li> <li>The board put forward the motion that MCPHAB act as oversight for the CHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>There was consensus for MCPHAB to act as the oversight body for CHIP</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let board members who are absent know about the decision</li> <li>Determine what the decision means, and what it will look like (e.g. steering committee)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Public Health Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still heavily involved in regional COVID response</li> <li>Winding down Fabric Depot site and pivoting to focus on providing pediatric vaccines at WIC clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will have information out next week that we can share</li> <li>Feeling positive about pivot in the work; the landscape is much better than the situation earlier this year</li> <li>Going to have a steady supply of vaccine and the pediatric community is going to be involved with the administration</li> <li>Falls under emergency use authorization</li> <li>First dose received will be Pfizer, and we have every reason to believe it will be safe and protective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tested the vaccine on around 4,000 children, which is a smaller sample size than the vaccines used for adults</li> <li>Messaging will be different and finished next week</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>IRCO and Latino Network sites will continue to be operational for offering vaccinations</li> <li>Focusing on high risk areas and schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools have been doing an amazing job</li> <li>We went above and beyond with our guidance in the area and have really seen it pay off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been a few outbreaks, but they've been much fewer than we anticipated</li> </ul> </li> <li>Our work is now around quarantine in schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confident that we'll be able to review data and make recommendations so that there's less disruption to continuity for students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>We've had a huge uptake in services in partnership with CBOs since Delta, but it's been really helpful</li> <li>See a light at the end of the tunnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the holidays, want to look at how living with COVID looks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Concentric circles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leading causes of death and overlap</li> <li>Traffic fatalities - seeing an increase in black communities, so we're having a media release</li> <li>Work with MCPHAB on these strategies going forward (e.g. CHIP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Doing a lot of planning around workforce recovery and wellness</li> <li>Wraparound support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does it just cover rent, or does it include temporary relocation fees? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It does include motel vouchers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jessica Guernsey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We've always done hotel vouchers for quarantine, but we've had a few issues when hotels have said no and are trying to work with legal on this</li> <li>o Has there been issues with timing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Easier to go through an agency with flexible funding than through the County? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wraparound support has been specifically for COVID quarantine - we've had multiple pathways for support, so haven't heard of people going elsewhere</li> <li>• We've been able to define this broadly and expand to children who have to stay home</li> <li>• DCHS is the normal pathway - can't speak to that</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• So happy that IRCO and Latino Network are working with Multnomah County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Community voice has been heard</li> <li>o We will continue to work closely together</li> <li>o MultCo's efforts have been imperfect, but the work has been successful in many cases</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Need to have a celebration to acknowledge all the work done</li> </ul>	
MCPHAB Leadership Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We haven't made any final decisions on what the board leadership structure will look like</li> <li>• Chair/Vice Chair roles were too time-consuming, and the board wanted to have less of a hierarchical structure</li> <li>• It would still be really helpful to have some people in those roles for very specific tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Meet once a month for agenda planning and to talk through some of the structural pieces of MCPHAB (e.g. CHIP, bylaws updates, etc.)</li> <li>o Act as liaison for any quick questions the PHD may have</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Board recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Have rotating Planning Committee members, along with the rotating facilitators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make sure somebody from Membership or CHIP subcommittees is part of the planning conversation</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Create a template for agenda creation so that is easier to provide input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A voting structure for adding agenda items could also be created</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Send out a poll to gauge board member interest in committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Membership Committee</li> <li>▪ Planning Committee</li> <li>▪ CHIP Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o It would be helpful to give an overview of what committees exist at a future meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alyshia offered support in restructuring work</li> </ul>	Nathan Wickstrom
Membership Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board reviewed the alternate selections in order to fill the vacancy left by Timur's departure</li> <li>• The board emphasized several demographic categories, focusing primarily on Age, Race and Income</li> <li>• Income is really important - you have a lot of barriers if lower income</li> <li>• Becca recommended candidate 323 - Maribel seconded</li> <li>• Where board members are at now may be different than where they came from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Closing the wealth gap is important, but perspective and intersections are also vital</li> <li>o Income is not a clear indicator for lived experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Important to incorporate income, but want to be mindful that this is a pandemic, cost of living goes up, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Don't want to misuse or overuse community members</li> <li>o How can we support new members?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Money can lead to tokenization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Don't want to be the exception to the rule</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create space at a future meeting for this discussion</li> <li>• Add the following questions to the MCPHAB application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Question related to life trajectory</li> <li>o Duration of residence in Multnomah County</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Update current board members' demographic information on the tracking spreadsheet</li> <li>• Nathan will send out the documents again for continued review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Joannie Tang
Wrap-up and Meeting Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm</li> <li>• Chat comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Karen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ I feel a bit too new to formulate a definite opinion one way or another. If "the herding cats syndrome" could be avoided, all the better to be</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Alyshia Macaysa

	<p>productive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ryan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is there a duration of residence in MC column?</li> <li>▪ def need some under 21 representation</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Karen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ I'm considering the applicants' profile text as guides for potential candidate selection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Joannie: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nathan, do you think we should update all demographics for our entire board?</li> <li>▪ I wonder if we should capture that with a question and also simple demographics, like "how long have you lived in Oregon?"</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Karen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We have only one self-described transperson - just saying? and the composition is female heavy?</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Ryan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ speaking of which--upward social mobility/class mobility--perhaps of interest: <a href="https://www.opportunityatlas.org/">https://www.opportunityatlas.org/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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