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### **Public Health Advisory Board meets Friday**

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**What:** Public meeting of the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)

**When:** Friday, March 6, 2009, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Human Services Building, Room 137A/B, 500 Summer St., NE, Salem, Or.

**Agenda:** Members of the public are invited to comment from 9:10 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. At 9:15 a.m. Dr. Mel Kohn, acting Oregon public health director, will discuss potential budget cut projections for the Public Health Division. At 9:45 a.m. Bill Coulombe, deputy public health director, will deliver an update on the state and federal budget, including the federal stimulus plan. At 10:30 a.m. Katy King, Health Division legislative relations manager, will discuss the role of PHAB during the legislative session and will identify PHAB representatives to testify before Ways and Means during public comment hearings. At 11:10 a.m. Barbara A. Progulske, policy coordinator for Public Health Emergency Preparedness will present an overview of Oregon's preparedness status, gaps and challenges. At 11:30 a.m. Dr. Kohn will brief PHAB on the Governor's tobacco tax proposals and their impact on public health.

The Lunch with a Leader guests at 12:15 p.m. will be Sen. Frank Morse and Rep. Mitch Greenlick, discussing health reform and HB 2009, the Health Authority legislation.

At 1 p.m. Tom Engle, manager of the Office of Community Liaison for the Public Health Division, will discuss a PHAB vote on a letter of support to the Oregon congressional delegation.

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