



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (PHAB) MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2021, 2:00-3:30 pm

Attendance

Board members present: Kelle Little, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Dr. Veronica Irvin, Dr. David Bangsberg, Sarah Poe, Dr. Sarah Present, Rachael Banks, Carrie Brogoitti, Jocelyn Warren, Dr. Dean Sidelinger

Board members absent: Dr. Jeanne Savage, Rebecca Tiel, Alejandro Queral, Erica Sandoval, Eva Rippleteau, Dr. Eli Schwarz

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) staff: Cara Biddlecom, Lisa Rau, Victoria Demchak

Guests: Mo Barbosa and Brittany Chen from *Health Resources in Action*

Meeting Objectives

- Approve June meeting minutes
- Update on Curry County Public Health services
- Legislative Recap
- Discuss Public Health Advisory Board subcommittees
- PHAB Training and Retreat

Welcome and Agenda Review

Dr. Veronica Irvin, *PHAB Chair*

Cara Biddlecom took roll. A quorum was present.

June meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded.

Veronica shared that today the PHAB was going to spend some time thinking about health equity capacity building, leading to a retreat that would include all subcommittee members and survey modernization partners. There will be an hour or so set aside later to discuss priorities and plans for this retreat.

The June meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Update on Curry County Public Health Services

Cara Biddlecom, *OHA*

As of July 1, 2021, OHA is the local public health authority for Curry County. A few services continue to be provided by Josephine County, including WIC and environmental health inspections. OHA held a Town Hall meeting for Curry County residents on June 22—about 40 county residents attended. We've been doing outreach and working with local partners to set up satellite WIC offices so that residents have options for services in all parts the county.

A question was asked about community reaction to the transition. Cara said it was a mixed reaction, with some people nervous and some people excited about the new possibilities. OHA will continue to share information with residents. Curry County will also transition Mental Health services which will happen sometime before September.

Kelle Little asked if any of the new Public Health Modernization funding might be able to improve any services in Curry County. She also mentioned there are three tribes that share services with Curry County and wants to make sure they are included in any conversations moving forward. Cara mentioned that she will follow up with the tribes.

2021 Legislative Session Recap

Cara Biddlecom, *OHA*

Cara shared that one positive outcome of the session was the approval of an additional \$45 million to be used towards Public Health Modernization. She also talked about other funding that was allocated to home, school, and environmental health services. There is detailed information in the meeting packet that was sent to members about all the bills and funding that was approved.

Discussion of PHAB Subcommittees

- **PHAB Incentive and Funding subcommittee.** An update was provided by Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer on the July 13 meeting which outlined the committee's recommendations for Public Health Modernization funding. The recommendations were:
 1. Do not award matching payments in 2021-23 biennium.
 2. Do not award incentive payments in the 2021-23 biennium.
 3. It was recommended that a group be put together to understand the impact on LPHA funding as COVID funding ends.
 4. Keep regional funding at the current level.
 5. It was recommended to keep flexibility and additional options open for using the regional funding.

A vote was called for to approve all five of the subcommittee's recommendations. The recommendations were passed. No opposing votes were cast. Sarah Present abstained.

- **PHAB Metrics subcommittee.** No updates were given.
- **PHAB Strategic Data Plan subcommittee.** No updates were given.

Health Equity Training and Planning for a PHAB Retreat

Dr. Veronica Irvin, *PHAB Chair*

PHAB typically has had opportunities for capacity building at an annual retreat. PHAB members adopted the new health equity review policy and procedure in October 2020 and has since had many important conversations with community partners, researchers, and Tribes. We are proposing that we hold a joint retreat with the PHAB and subcommittee members, the survey modernization partners, and the board this fall, with health equity capacity building specifically designed for PHAB leading up to that meeting.

Health Resources in Action

Victoria Demchak, *OHA*

Mo Barbosa & Brittany Chen, *Health Resources in Action*

OHA has a contract with *Health Resources in Action* and has just kicked off a training cohort for OHA staff. After the presentation, we would like PHAB members to come to an agreement on:

- When to hold the trainings (ideally in August/September/October)
- Participation in the assessment that HRiA will conduct to tailor the trainings.

Victoria introduced *Health Resources in Oregon* and explained that the goal was to offer the PHAB the tools to successfully implement Public Health Modernization. There will be ten cohorts of 18 hours, each to address health equity, systemic racism, and trauma-informed engagement.

Brittany began by giving an overview of *Health Resources in Oregon* and the benefits they can offer the PHAB. They are a Boston-based firm with offices all over the country and whose focus is to promote health equity in Oregon and other states. Both Brittany and Mo described the goals and offerings of their organization and presented a slide show (attached) which give further details. At the end of the presentation, they asked for feedback on what capacity-building topics would be of greatest interest to the PHAB, and what hopes the PHAB has for capacity-building support. Members responded by entering suggestions directly onto the slides.

Discussion of PHAB Training and Retreat

Victoria invited anyone who might be interested in participating with the HRIA by having conversations about what kind of training would be helpful.

Cara seconded Victoria's suggestion and added that a smaller group might be helpful to gather and work on content. They would need to work on logistics, dates, location, and content of a retreat over the next few months.

Bob Dannenhoffer, Kelle Little, Veronica Irvin and Jocelyn Warren all volunteered to start the discussion and work with HRIA. Bob suggested spreading the 18-hour training over several days, with some on-line work, short meetings, and then one final day of in-person work at the retreat. Veronica agreed and suggested a mid-to-late fall timeframe in order to give enough time to coordinate details. She also suggested to summarize the trainings that PHAB has already received to see where the committee stands. Mo said his company's training will be tailored to the committee's needs.

PHAB Member discussion

Dr. Veronica Irvin, *PHAB Chair*

Veronica asked the committee what topics they would like to see discussed at future meetings. There were no suggestions.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments. This period was closed.

Next Meeting Agenda Items and Adjourn

Dr. Veronica Irvin, *PHAB Chair*

Veronica asked if there would be an August meeting, and Cara said she would like to hold that time to continue the discussion with Health Resources in Action.

The meeting was dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19 at 2:00 pm.