

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD Strategic Data Plan Subcommittee

January 17, 2023

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Subcommittee members: Jackie Leung, Hongcheng Zhao, Rosemarie Hemmings, Veronica Irvin, Jawad Khan, Dean Sidelinger, Marie Boman-Davis

Subcommittee members excused: Kelle Little

OHA staff: Victoria Demchak, Virginia Luka, Cara Biddlecom, Rose Harding, Ali Hamade, Crystal Weston

Welcome and Introductions

Dean introduced Rose Harding, OHA's new Data Justice and Equity Coordinator, who will be supporting the subcommittee. Dean also introduced Crystal Weston and Ali Hamade who are working on a PHD data inventory.

The subcommittee voted to approve the November 2022 minutes. Dean and Marie abstained.

The subcommittee voted to approve the December 2022 minutes.

Review materials from December: Behavioral risk factor surveillance survey (BRFSS) and survey modernization projects.

- BRFSS and survey modernization work
- Lingering questions

Dean provided a recap of the discussion about the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey (BRFSS) and the goal to improve representation within the survey through alternative survey methodologies.

Hongcheng shared reflections about the accuracy of public health data.

Marie shared about her experience working with BRFSS data and she reflected on the difference between health disparities and health inequities. BRFSS identifies health disparities.

Dean reflected that BRFSS will continue to exist for awhile, but OHA has tried other ways to make the survey more representative of Oregon's diverse communities. He asked what the best way is to collect data and measure health inequities so that public health can respond.

Marie shared that how we analyze existing data, with what lens, combined where, contextualized where- all have significant impacts on racial equity. Just flipping a question can go from a deficit to a strengths-based assessment that can lessen harm. Guide, toolkit with best practices.

Hongcheng agreed with the conversation and pushed for the courage to make these changes. We need to think out of the box for new solutions and make the data valuable.

Victoria summarized that the subcommittee is pushing for both adding context and new ways of collecting public health data. Sometimes what makes an inequity is the story and the why- how people engage in the system can be the difference between neutral to justice or an injustice and may not show up in BRFSS.

Thematic Discussion

- **Based on our BRFSS and other discussions and supplemental materials:**
 - **What are some themes or patterns that have emerged?**
 - **What clarifying questions do you have?**
 - **What resources can we provide?**

Victoria shared a draft outline for what would be included in a framework for modern public health data.

Veronica wanted to add a section to the outline of how public health data are used. Veronica also asked about the state health assessment and how the subcommittee's work is linked.

Dean shared that PHD will be updating its State Health Assessment. He shared that public health data is not always deeply inclusive of structural inequities. Community members and partners will participate in the effort.

Public comment

No members of the public commented.

Victoria asked for future agenda items and closing comments.

Dean asked what the subcommittee would like to see between now and the next meeting.

Marie asked if the questions provided for the thematic discussion would be the place to start for the February meeting.

Adjourn