

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)
May 10, 2016
Portland, OR
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Board members present: Carrie Brogoitti, Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Katrina Hedberg, Prashanthi Kaveti, Jeff Luck, Eva Rippeteau, Akiko Saito, Lillian Shirley, Tricia Tillman, Jennifer Vines, Eli Schwarz

Board members absent: Silas Halloran-Steiner, Joe Robertson, Teri Thalhofer, Safina Koreishi, Alejandro Queral

Oregon Health Authority staff: Isabelle Barbour, Sara Beaudrault, Cara Biddlecom, Jeston Black, Holly Heiberg

Guest presenters: Jason Hennessy, Michael Hodgins and Annie Saurwein

Members of the public: Kelly McDonald, Katie McClure, Diane Hoover, Margy Robinson, Catie Thiesen, Anona Gund, Amy Umphlett, Laurel Moses, Michael Snouffer, Thomas Morton, Andrea Fletcher, Vicky Ryan, Rebekah Bally, Morgan Cowling, Renee Huizinga, Jeff Newgard, Nora Zimmerman, Mary Goodwin, Caroline Neunzert, Karli Thorstenson, Katie Beck, Pamela Ferguson, Estela Gomez, Dana Lord, Philip Schmidt, Laura McKeane, Sarah Bates

Welcome and Introductions

This meeting was designed to be an informational webinar for Public Health Advisory Board members. No motions were put forward during the meeting for a vote.

Public Health Modernization Assessment

Jason Hennessy, Michael Hodgins and Annie Saurwein, BERK Consulting

BERK Consulting staff provided an overview of the initial findings of the public health modernization assessment and reviewed how data will be presented in the forthcoming draft assessment report.

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Over 2,000 individual pieces of information were submitted by each health department. All 34 local public health authorities and the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division completed the assessment.

BERK Consulting staff have identified different ways to look at the assessment data – by jurisdiction size band and population served. Individual health department responses are less helpful to the overall understanding of how Oregon’s public health system currently functions and there is more detail for policy decision-making when jurisdiction size band and population served is considered.

Tricia requested that the language on the tables be made clear, so that when the report includes local health department findings the reader knows what agency information is being presented. Similarly, language with the Public Health Division findings should also be made clear. There may also be times when language needs to be used to describe the entire public health system.

Jeff requested that the report clearly summarize the key barriers the public health system faces now for the legislature.

Eva requested that the assessment report include a timeline with a clear vision – what the governmental public health system needs for the future and why it is important, summarized on a single page.

Tricia asked if local health departments would receive their individual results back in a similar format. Local health departments have received a copy of their validated tool per an email sent by Jason Hennessy last week. Individual assessment responses will be useful for the next steps in the public health modernization process, including convening of regional meetings and the development of local public health modernization plans.

Eva requested that the assessment report be made free of public health jargon.

Public Comment Period

Stacy Michaelson, Association of Oregon Counties

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Stacy requested that the assessment report highlight existing cross-jurisdictional sharing arrangements. Some local health departments receive support from the Public Health Division now. There are concerns that public health modernization could mean that local health departments are forced to regionalize.

Stacy requested that individual local health department assessment responses be made available to the Association of Oregon Counties and County Commissioners to inform future regional conversations about public health modernization.

Closing:

The next Public Health Advisory Board meeting will be held on:

**May 19, 2016
2:30pm – 5:30 p.m.
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon St., Room 1E
Portland, OR 97232**

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