

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
Incentives and Funding Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**June 15, 2016  
3:00-4:00 pm**

Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., Room 918, Portland, OR 97232  
Conference line: (877) 873-8017  
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**Meeting chair:** Silas Halloran-Steiner

**PHAB subcommittee members present:** Silas Halloran-Steiner, Jeff Luck, Alejandro Queral, Akiko Saito, Tricia Tillman

**PHAB subcommittee members absent:** none

**OHA staff:** Sara Beaudrault, Cara Biddlecom, Chris Curtis, Angela Rowland

**Members of the public:** Gabby Costello, Multnomah County; Adelle Adams, Multnomah County; Morgan Cowling, Coalition of Local Health Officials; and Stacy Michaelson, Association of Oregon Counties

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**Welcome and introductions –** Silas Halloran-Steiner

**Approval of minutes –** Silas Halloran-Steiner

Sara reviewed action items from the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

1. Add work plan activity for seeking additional funding sources. (This was added as a potential subcommittee activity - pending guidance from PHAB - for a future meeting.)
2. Provide definition of health equity included in Public Health Modernization Manual. (Included in the meeting packet.)
3. Tricia and Jeff to explore equity definitions or frameworks that might be applicable to this subcommittee's work.
4. Explore feasibility of including BERK drivers in funding formula. (Racial/ethnic diversity driver and poverty driver included as equity measures in example funding formula framework.)
5. Provide additional detail on county general fund contributions. (Included in meeting packet.)
6. Provide additional information about total amount currently distributed through Program Elements, and about state/local split of funding. (This conversation will be tabled for a future meeting, after the initial funding formula framework is complete.)

Tricia asked why the amount of current state public health funding to counties through Program Elements is not being provided. The funding formula required in House Bill

3100 is for new monies for LPHAs to implement public health modernization and does not affect current funding streams.

Subcommittee members voted to approve the May 17th, 2016 subcommittee meeting minutes. All in favor.

### **Review draft funding formula– Subcommittee members**

HB 3100 states that the formula must include baseline funding (county population, burden of disease, and health status). Race/ethnicity and poverty are not required but were added to the framework in response to subcommittee recommendations for additional health equity indicators.

PHD provided an overview of the methodology for the funding formula example.

Silas questioned whether the model is too ambitious, with too many indicators. He suggested including a funding floor and weighting county population higher than other indicators.

PHD clarified that with the current rankings, a “1” indicates the lowest level of need and a “34” indicates the highest level of need. The subcommittee recommended that this be noted on the funding formula example.

Alejandro stated that race/ethnicity may be correlated with burden of disease and poverty. He asked if there is a way to address potential overlap between these indicators. Jeff stated that based on other data in public health there is a strong correlation between race/ethnicity and health disparities. Tricia says it is more complex than this and depends on the disease or health behavior. YPLL may be a simpler measure.

It was recommended by Jeff and Tricia to include a cultural competency indicator.

Silas asked if the funding formula framework needs to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> or whether PHD can submit a straw proposal. PHD will submit a straw proposal, and the subcommittee can continue to work on the funding formula over the coming months.

Akiko and Jeff indicated their support for including the added indicators (race/ethnicity and poverty). Tricia suggested adding limited English proficiency and community complexity. Language access is a civil right and LPHAs must comply with the law. Community complexity could look at lead and air toxics, or jurisdictions with multiple cities, school districts and health care systems. Silas stated that frontier counties encounter geographic complexities. Additional options for indicators include education and unemployment.

Jeff asked for confirmation that the subcommittee can continue to discuss options for adding metrics and to allocate percentages across indicators. This was confirmed.

There was consensus to support the general funding formula framework without the percentages for allocating funds across indicators and to add limited English proficiency as an indicator.

**Discuss subcommittee update for June 16<sup>th</sup> PHAB – Subcommittee members**

Silas will provide a subcommittee update at the June 16 PHAB meeting.

**Set agenda for July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting – Subcommittee members**

Akiko will chair next month's meeting.

Possible agenda topics:

- Process for collecting information on county contributions
- Continue to develop the funding formula
  - o Data sources. Subcommittee members to identify potential data sources for discussion.
  - o Additional indicators
  - o Percent allocations across indicators
- Develop strategy for identifying potential funding and revenue streams

Subcommittee members request that the July meeting be held via webinar so subcommittee members can look at how changes to the funding formula impact funding to counties.

**Public comment – No public testimony.**

**Adjournment – Silas Halloran-Steiner**

The meeting was adjourned.