

**Future of Public Health Services Task Force  
1/21/14 Meeting Summary (Draft)**

Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon St.  
Portland, OR 97232  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Tammy Baney (Chair)	Gary Oxman	Liz Baxter (Vice Chair)
Charlie Fautin	Alejandro Queral	Nichole Maher (phone)
Carrie Brogoitti	Jennifer Mead	Carlos Crespo
John Sattenspiel	Rep. Mitch Greenlick	
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson	Sen. Bill Hansell (phone)	

OHA Executive Sponsor: Lillian Shirley

*Meeting Summary:*

- **Roll was taken; a quorum was present (Liz Baxter).**
  - Vice Chair Baxter called the meeting to order.
  - Reminders for the group process; decisions are made by a majority vote by the task members and a quorum must be present.
- **Overview of Charter (Liz Baxter)**
  - Michael Tynan, Public Health Staff, was asked to present the Charter. The Charter was presented and adopted. Following the adoption, a paragraph was introduced by Carrie Brogoitti to replace the second paragraph in the Charter. The proposed language came to a vote and was not passed.
  - Subsequent to the adoption of the Charter, task force members voted and approved changes to the Charter, including: add “vital records, child health and parental health”, add “among county health departments and health districts to the Oregon Health Authority”; and include a sentence about standards at the end of the paragraph. These changes will be made and redistributed to task force members.
  - Staff were asked to clarify what actions require a majority of all voting members. Staff will add clarifying language to appropriate section of the charter.
- **Task Force Meeting Timing (Tammy Baney)**
  - The Task Force will convene the third Wednesday of every month.
  - Staff will work with members to identify if mornings or afternoons are a better time to meet.
- **Task Force Work Plan Discussion (Tammy Baney)**
  - Michael Tynan, Public Health staff, was asked to present an overview of the work plan that was provided at the November meeting. Mr. Tynan distributed an updated mock work plan that staff developed for task force members to comment on.

- After a robust discussion of the work plan and expectations of the task force members, Chair Baney identified seven topic areas that need to be explored by the task force and included in the work plan. Those areas are:
    - Public Health Law
    - Public Health Safety Net
    - Alignment with Coordinated Care Organizations
    - Determinants of Health
    - Economic Case for Public Health/Return on Investment
    - How the Public Health System is Financed
    - Model Frameworks to Use Moving Forward (i.e., determining the guiding principles that will be used for recommendations).
  - Task Force members asked staff to modify the work plan and develop a list of speakers who could address the specific topics.
- **Role of Governmental Public Health (Public Health Director Lillian Shirley)**

Director Shirley presented slides on terminology and stressed the importance of having common definitions across settings in health care and public health. She also presented the 10 essential services of public health and suggested the inclusion of equity as part of those essential services. Director Shirley believes close relationships with other health agencies allow for collaboration and shared resources.

Director Shirley also presented the CDC factors that determine health and stated it is the role of governmental public health to intervene and protect the community as a whole through statutes and regulations. Oregon is creating a person-centered public health care system and looking at appropriate services and who should deliver them in different settings. We've had the structures for yester care and now we are looking at structures for future care. All the essential services need to be available to people, but we have to make sure the people in the jurisdiction you are responsible for have all of these elements that inform their decision making. But governmental public health does not need to deliver but rather assure these elements are covered.

Director Shirley stated that Oregon is looking at regulatory functions and ensuring the standards are the same throughout Oregon while serving the good of the whole across agencies.

If you have any questions about the materials she presented, Director Shirley invites you to contact her directly.
  - **Panel Testimony: How and Why Public Health Departments Work** - Presented by Marilyn Sutherland, Klamath County Public Health; Teri Thalhofer, North Central Public Health District; Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Crook County Public Health; Dana Lord, Clackamas County Public Health

Each county representative was asked the following questions:

1. What activities in your local health department take up most of your time?
2. What if any impact has the deployment of CCOs in your community had on the work you are doing and what anticipated impact is that going to have?
3. How do you integrate regionalization?
4. Can you talk about partnering and collaborating?
5. Regarding the 10 essential services: how do you set the priorities of where you're going to invest and strategize and what you are going to focus on?
6. What keeps you up at night?
7. To what extent do community needs assessments guide your funding decisions?

Each representative gave their perspective as it applied to their county public health jurisdiction. They believe that Oregon is in a period of transition and expect new partnerships and collaborations, as well as new ways of doing business to develop over time. Task force members mentioned there is a great deal of work to be done and the importance of creating a workforce development plan that will benefit all of health service and we need to be mindful that we make educated and informed decisions as we work together. It was also expressed that it is important to share technology around meaningful use.

The panelists were applauded for their presentation today and congratulated for being the unsung heroes of public health.

- **Public Comment**

One citizen appeared for public comment: Gloria Krahn, PhD, MPH from Oregon State University. Dr. Krahn thanked the task force for grappling with the large issues and funding streams in public health while addressing economic resources and the framework needing to be created. She asked them to consider adding metrics and data in order to track the work and suggested if gaps aren't done by public health they will not get done.

- **Meeting adjourned at 3:30**