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Advisory Council

April 26, 2022 meeting notes

Attendees: Elma Blum, Karen Bowerman, Sandra Brown, Shona Carter, Peggy Carlson, Paul Childers, Tyler Clary, Mark Collier, Heather Dekker, Remy Eussen, Dave Fuller, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, Marla Sanger, Andy Santos, Michelle Stickley, Maria Swinger-Inskeep, Aru Undurti

Absent: John Brooks, Adrienne Fairbanks, Cassandra Sellards-Reck

Staff: Lydia Gherman, Alan Melnick, Andrea Pruett, Brian Schlottmann, Roxanne Wolfe

(1) WELCOME/NEW MEMBERS/APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (*Aru Undurti*)

- Aru opened with introductions and welcomed PHAC members.
- The Council reviewed the meeting minutes from February 8, 2022. Sandy moved, and Remy seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted. All were in favor.

(2) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

(3) DEPARTMENT UPDATE (*Dr. Alan Melnick*)

▪ COVID-19 update

Omicron BA.2 subvariant accounts for most COVID-19 cases in the US and Washington. Due to the time it takes to complete sequencing, the most recent time period is based on a very small number of sequenced cases and likely to be adjusted over time

United States:

- For the week ending April 23, BA.2 accounted for 97% of cases.
 - The new sublineage BA.2.12.1 accounted for 29% of those cases
- For the week ending April 16, BA.2 accounted for 94% of cases, of which 19% were BA.2.12.1.

Washington:

- For the week ending April 9, BA.2 accounted for 91% of cases.
- That's up from 84% the previous week and 46% four weeks ago.

COVID-19 data

Statewide:

- Rate for COVID-19 is 101 per 100,000 over 7 days
- Hospital rate is 2.3 per 100,000 over 7 days
- Hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is 4%

County:

- Rate for COVID-19 is 60 per 100,000 over 7 days
- Hospital rate is 2.4 per 100,000 over 7 days
- Hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is 5%

COVID-19 vaccination data

- 65% of people 5+ years are fully vaccinated in Clark County (completed initial series).
- 56% of fully vaccinated people 12+ years have received a booster in Clark County.

- **HB 1152 roles**
 - Washington legislature passed House Bill 1152, which requires county boards of health to include non-elected members.
 - Local boards of health could retain their composition if the local health department had a community health board established prior to Jan. 1, 2021.
 - PHAC meets the definition of a community health board as outlined in state statute.
 - RCW 70.46.140 outlines the role of community health boards.
 - Regarding the budget, state statute says community health boards shall review and make recommendations to the local health jurisdiction and local board of health for an annual budget and fees.
- **Budget update**
 - **2023 budget process**
 - **Now:** CCPH begins building draft budget
 - Program managers, finance team and leadership team allocate existing staff positions, forecast expenditures, forecast 2023 fee activity volume, project grant and fee revenue, and review program requests for additional positions or budget capacity.
 - **Late-May:** PHAC review of draft 2023 budget and Environmental Public Health (EPH) fee adjustment scenarios
 - **Late-May through June:**
 - Leadership team reviews EPH fee adjustment scenarios with county manager, Board of Health, and industry Technical Advisory Committees (TACs).
 - Leadership team presents final draft budget at June PHAC meeting for review.
 - **Aug. 15:** Deadline to submit budget to county budget office.

(4) DEPARTMENT PLANS/PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION (*Leadership Team and Aru Undurti*)

- **Priority-based budgeting**
 - Priority-based budgeting evaluates programs and services and aligns resources with department priorities.
 - Helps to direct resources to areas where Public Health can be most effective.
 - Leadership team developed a tool that will help with prioritizing funding while developing the 2023 budget.
 - The tool assigns scores to programs based on several measures.

Priority-based budgeting measures

- Is it a mandated function?
- Are we providing services beyond the mandate?
- Is it a Foundational Public Health Service?
- Is it a Foundational Public Health Service capability?
- Is it an additional important service?
- Is it offered in partnership with another county department?
- Is it a regional service?
- Is it evidence-based?
- Does it support racial equity?
- Is it a priority for a critical partner?
- What is the primary focus?
- What is the socio-ecological model measure?
- What is the prevalence?
- What is the severity?
- Is a priority population being addressed?

Question for PHAC: Are we missing any anything?

- (Peggy) Question on accessibility – is this priority population being addressed?

- (Shona) Flush out to include seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, language, BIPOC, LGBTQ
- (Andrea) Language, access, or any other demographic-based characteristics
- (Marla) Populations that are disproportionately harmed by everyday things such as the ongoing presence of an illness, financial stress caused by that and inflation. These tend to become a pile on. Also, update the public health website with the priority years.
- (Aru) Strategic planning starts from the community and connects with partners already doing the work, data sharing, and community needs. Some things to think about are the challenges, who is doing what, and how can PHAC play this role?

▪ **Strategic planning**

- State statute (RCW 70.46.140) outlines the role of community health boards, such as PHAC, and says boards shall:
 - o Use a health equity framework to conduct, assess, and identify the community health needs of the jurisdiction
 - o Review and recommend public health policies and priorities for the local health jurisdiction and advisory board to address community health needs
- Leadership team is exploring processes for organizing and structuring the strategic plan.
- Benefit from a parallel process with the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Community organizations and stakeholders identifying their priorities and providing input.
- Internal and external priorities will be considered, and key stakeholders will have an opportunity to share input.
- Completed strategic plan will serve as the foundation for Public Health program work plans and will guide our work moving forward.

(5) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:

- **Special brief meeting in May 2022 for budget update** (*Aru Undurti*)
 - Going forward, to align with RCW 70.46.140 (1152) and PHAC requirements for budget review, will plan budget discussions for April/special May meeting/June

(6) CLOSING/ADJOURN (*Aru Undurti*)

- **NEXT MEETING:** May 24, 2022
- The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.