



# Advisory Council

## May 23, 2023 meeting notes

**Attendees:** Sandra Brown, Nissa Buchanan, Shona Carter, Peggy Carlson, Paul Childers, Tyler Clary, Heather Dekker, Sarah Garber, Ashley Mariscal, Sue Marshall, Jeff Mori, Marla Sanger, Aru Undurti, Michael Watkins

**Absent:** Elma Blum, Mark Collier, Amy Gross, Michelle Stickley

**Excused:** Remy Eussen, Maria Swinger-Inskeep, Dave Fuller

**Staff:** Mallori Berry, Jeff Harbison, Alan Melnick, Roxanne Wolfe, Hayley Pickus, Andrea Pruett, Melissa Martin, Kelly Watanabe

**Public Guest:** None

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### (1) WELCOME/NEW MEMBERS/APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES *(Alan Melnick and Sandra Brown)*

- Alan Melnick introduced and welcomed Ashley Mariscal as the Youth representative to the Public Health Advisory Council.
- PHAC has one vacancy for the Doctor of veterinary medicine practicing in Clark County, and the Board of Health is advertising for this position.
- The Council reviewed the meeting minutes from April 25, 2023. Tyler Clary moved and Paul Childers seconded motion to approve the meeting notes. All were in favor.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

### (2) PHAC COMMUNITY BUILDING *(Sandra Brown)*

- See Resources section below for attached slide deck and prompts for June PHAC meeting.
- The Public Health Advisory Council broke into small groups to complete a team building exercise so they could discuss their unique contributions and perspectives to this group by answering the following questions to help build team relationships and trust, so they are more equipped to address public health issues as a team:
  - What is one role you play in the community right now? How does this role help inform your perspective as a member of PHAC, if at all?
  - What is your biggest public health interest, concern, asset, or issue, and why?
- The group then came together to share and reflect. Some perspectives included:
  - Shared appreciation to PHAC Executive Committee for carving out time during this meeting to get to know members since many are new to PHAC and we have not had an opportunity to meet in person for a couple of years.
  - Impressed at the wealth of experience that members bring to the Public Health Advisory Council.

### (3) PHAC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION *(Alan Melnick, Peggy Carlson, Heather Dekker, Marla Sanger, and Haley Pickus)*

- Several PHAC members, including Dr. Melnick, attended the LBOH training in Blaine, Washington in early May. This training, hosted by the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, was for the newly reconstituted boards of health and community health advisory boards as defined in statute ([RCW 70.05.030: Counties—Local board of health—Jurisdiction. \(wa.gov\)](#)) and [RCW 70.46.140:](#)

[Community health advisory boards—Membership—Meetings. \(wa.gov\)](#) following passage of House Bill 1152 ([1152-S2.SL.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)) . Discussions included Public Health Law as well as issues that local boards of health are currently facing/addressing, for example, the opioid crisis. Below are some additional comments from members of PHAC that attended the conference:

- *Peggy Carlson*: The conference was very educational. The CDC Public Health law office attended and discussed where the local public health authority comes from, how state and federal law impact local public health and the history behind it. Those in attendance completed an activity where they were given a scenario of an event that took place within their community, and they needed to communicate to the public what was taking place. This exercise showed the importance of being careful of rumors and how to appropriately address them.
- *Heather Dekker*: The conference was a good use of time and very educational. Discussions surrounding emerging public health issues and the crisis response around opioid/fentanyl use within the community took place. Attendees learned about the opioid settlement funding coming to states and how those funds might be used and how they might impact their communities. The discussion reinforced the importance of prevention, including harm reduction centers/services.
- *Marla Sanger*: Compelling conversations took place at the conference! There were many interactions with other Public Health employees, Boards of Health members, and other county PHAC members which proved very beneficial. Workforce engagement, recruitment and retention was discussed, and it was shared that the number one reason why employees leave their organization is due to work overload/burn out.
- *Hayley Pickus*: Attendees engaged in a round table discussion and found it fascinating how other groups around the state use their resources and time to support community health objectives, how they structure their PHACs and Boards of Health and how those partnerships work for the betterment of the health of their communities.
- Below you will find links to materials from the Local Board of Health training. Should you have any questions or if you would like to dig deeper into the attachments, please email Mallori Berry at [Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov) so we may schedule time with you.
  - Presentations from guest speakers including the CDC, DOH, HCA, and WSALPHO's workforce presentation can be found here: <https://wsalpho.box.com/s/v9v1ks2rpgcfr28yrrzptlgy9o0pcx1>
  - WSALPHO Workforce Report: <https://wsalpho.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WSALPHO-Local-Public-Health-Workforce-Report.pdf>
  - De Beaumont Foundation's PH Wins report and resources can be found here: <https://debeaumont.org/phwins/2021-findings/>
- Hayley Pickus gave a brief update on what we have done over the past several months with our strategic framework, as well as a high-level synthesis of how things will work moving forward.

#### **(4) PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION** (*Sandra Brown, Melissa Martin, and Kelly Watanabe*)

- *See Resources section below for Raising Clark County slide deck presented by Melissa Martin at 5/24 Board of Health meeting.*
- Lifecourse staff members, Melissa Martin and Kelly Watanabe joined PHAC to give a preview of this month's Board of Health presentation, Raising Clark County, as PHAC has previously expressed interest in hearing about topics that will be presented at BOH.
- Below you will find a PDF report that was sent to the Board of Health in advance of the Raising Clark County presentation as background material. This report is from the Harvard University Center on the Developing Child and covers the foundational science on child development that was introduced by Melissa during the meeting.



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- Click to view the [5/24 Board of Health Meeting](#) Raising Clark County presentation.

**(5) PHAC COMMITTEE UPDATES** *(Sandra Brown, Peggy Carlson, Jeff Harbison)*

- Reported on how the last BOH presentation on Syringe Services and Harm Reduction Center went and how it was received by the Board of Health and the public. Councilor Marshall conveyed how the presentation was very well done, and that the BOH is more concerned about fentanyl and hazardous waste within the community and suggests a presentation to BOH regarding this discussion would be beneficial in the future.
- An email has been sent to those on the PHAC Budget Subcommittee to get a meeting scheduled the first week of June. There has been a delay as we were waiting on data from the budget office.
- The Bylaws Committee had a discussion regarding Roberts Rules of order and how it is intimidating, confusing and not the most inclusive way to make decisions. Therefore, the Bylaws committee would like to look at other opportunities or processes besides Roberts Rule to make things more inclusive and to make others feel more comfortable.
  - Bylaws Committee to meet before June meeting, then discuss further at the meeting. If you would like to join the bylaws committee for the meeting in June to review decision-making models and alternatives to Roberts Rules for group decision processes, please reach out to Mallori Berry at [Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov).
- The Membership and Nominations Committee would like to discuss opportunities to reduce barriers (i.e. child care, time of meeting, etc.) and how we go about recruiting a more diverse committee. If interested in joining the Membership and Nominations Committee, please reach out to Mallori Berry at [Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov).

**(6) CLOSING/ADJOURN** *(Sandra Brown)*

- **NEXT MEETING:** June 27, 2023 *(location TBD)*
  - PHAC requested that the in-person meeting go from 5:30pm-7:30pm.
  - Tentative agenda items include:
    - Committee work and other ad-hoc project ideas to build the capacity and presence of PHAC, including planning an in-person retreat for some time later in 2023.
    - Discussing alternatives to Roberts Rules.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

**(7) RESOURCES**



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