

# Public Health Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

5:30-7:30 PM



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Members Present:** Sandra Brown (Chair), Michael Watkins, Kimberly Dauphin, Elma Blum, Tyler Clary, Alan Melnick (ex-officio), Emily Estes, Franklin Johnson, Robert Ferrier, Scott Johnson, Paul Childers, Kevin Fischer, Nissa Buchanan, Kurt Truong, Ashley Mariscal, Mark Collier, Marla Sanger, Councilor Glen Yung

**Members Absent:** Breein Scarlett-Fiser, Jeff Mori, Peggy Carlson, Councilor Sue Marshall (ex-officio)

**Staff:** Roxanne Wolfe, Jeff Harbison, Dana Nguyen, Mallori Berry

**Public Guests:** None

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## Welcome and call to order

Chair Sandra Brown opened the meeting and completed a roll call of the PHAC members.

## PHAC Business

- March 26, 2024, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- Introduced Dr. Kurt Truong, who will represent the position of Dentist practicing in Clark County once approved by County Council.

## Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## Public Health in Action

- Clark County Public Health Department Strategic Plan Update, Q&A
  - Roxanne Wolfe shared the brief update about the department strategic plan, including processes used for stakeholder feedback.
  - Four priority areas have been identified for the 2024-2029 strategic plan: Community Connection, Workforce Capacity Development, Racial/Health Equity, and Leadership and Administrative Competencies.
  - Currently finalizing and will be implementing the plan, which will include a robust performance management system to develop, track, evaluate and report out on our progress.
- Sexually Transmitted Infections Program Update, Q&A
  - Dana Nguyen reviewed the purpose and importance of STI and HIV surveillance activities, current data and trends, reviewed the STI and HIV prevention services provided by Clark County Public Health, and highlighted the community partnerships that are critical to managing STI and HIV in our community.
  - A full presentation is to be shared with Board of Health on Wednesday, April 24, at the public meeting.

## Community Updates

- Sandra Brown is a member of the Clark County Food System Council that looks at food access



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withing the community. They have an upcoming event on May 8 at Heathen Brewing Feral Public House. This month's focus is on herbs and local farmers will explain how they grow and how the public can grow and use their own. (See attachment)

- Alan Melnick and Franklin Johnson shared that the Clark County Commission on Aging is focusing on emergency preparedness this year. They have viewed presentations from CRESA on creating emergency kits. A further exploratory discussion regarding Commission on Aging will take place on May 14, and will include Clark County Public Health staff as well as Franklin Johnson and Sandra Brown.
- Kimberly Dauphin highlighted that hookworms are being found in dogs. Hookworms are passed through dog and human feces. Humans may contract hookworms by walking barefoot through high traffic areas (dog parks, front yards, etc.).
- Sandra Brown discussed the Clark County Climate Change Planning series titled and survey on severe weather. Responses to the survey are requested by May 12, 2024, no later than 5:00pm. Survey is available online at <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/climate-change-planning>.

#### **PHAC Group Working Sessions**

- PHAC members engaged in committee work sessions that included discussions related to Budget, Membership, Bylaws, BOH relations and PHAC goal setting criteria.

#### **Closing**

The next PHAC meeting is May 28, 2024, from 5:30-7:30 and will be held virtually.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

#### **Attachments**

1. STI/HIV presentation (BOH teaser)
2. Clark County Food System flyer