

Public Health Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

5:30-7:30 PM



Members Present: Ashley Mariscal, Elma Blum, Emily Estes, Jeff Mori, Kevin Fischer, Kimberly Dauphin, Kurt Truong, Laurie Schacht, Marla Sanger, Michael Watkins, Nissa Buchanan, Robert Ferrier, Sandra Brown, Scott Johnson, Tracey Fernandez, Tyler Clary, Councilor Sue Marshall (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Breein Scarlett-Fiser, Franklin Johnson, Mark Collier, Paul Childers, Peggy Carlson, Alan Melnick (ex-officio)

Staff: Jeff Harbison, Andrea Pruet, Adiba Ali, Mallori Berry

Public Guests: None

Welcome and call to order

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

PHAC Business

- June 25, 2024, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- Introduced two new PHAC members that were approved by the council. Laurie Schacht is our new representative for Clark County social/human services and Tracey Fernandez is our new representative for PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center. Informed PHAC members that we have put together an orientation for our three new members: Dr. Kurt Truong, Laurie Schacht and Tracey Fernandez.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Public Health in Action

- Opioid morbidity and mortality data
 - Reviewed attached presentation that will be presented at the Board of Health on 7/31/24.



7.23.24 Drug
Overdose Trends pre:

Budget Update

- Jeff Harbison gave a brief update about the 2025 and 2026 budgets.
 - Draft dept 2025 budget is balanced and will be submitted by August 12, as required.
 - 2 new positions in the Food Safety program
 - 1 new position in Solid Waste
 - 1 new position in Medical Examiner's Office
 - 3 positions eliminated to bring the Public Health fund budget to balance
 - 2 vacant, 1 filled



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- ~\$260K in savings related to space planning work completed in 2024
 - Forecasted 2026 budget is more dire.
 - Due to timing of the bargaining unit contract, both the 2025 COLA and 2026 COLA for bargaining unit staff will appear in the 2026 budget
 - Preliminary forecast is for a \$2M-\$2.5M beginning deficit
- Budget Committee met directly after July PHAC meeting was dismissed.

Committee/PHAC Updates

- Bylaws/Membership Committee update
 - *Members include:* Sandra Brown, Peggy Carlson, and Marla Sanger and Tyler Clary.
 - Would like to update the bylaws voting from Roberts Rules of order to a consensus method.
 - Please review the attached prior to the August PHAC meeting.



PHAC - Draft bylaws amendments hand-ou

- BOH/PHAC retreat planning (short-term committee)
 - *Members include:* Councilor Sue Marshall, Councilor Glen Yung, Roxanne Wolfe, Emily Estes, Breein Scarlett-Fiser and Nissa Buchanan.
 - Roxanne will be sending out virtual meeting invitations for two or three meetings to start in late July or early August.
 - Planning committee will decide on date and length of the BOH-PHAC retreat, high level agenda, and identify potential training activities for the retreat.
- Local BOH Training
 - Held this year in Leavenworth on Oct. 1-3
 - Had a few PHAC members that attended last year.
 - If you're interested in attending, please contact Roxanne Wolfe at Roxanne.Wolfe@clark.wa.gov or Mallori Berry at Mallori.Berry@clark.wa.gov.
- PHAC Member/Community updates
 - *Chief Jeff Mori:* Chief Mori will be retiring from the Vancouver Police Department, last day being 10/11/24. VPD will have a replacement for Chief Mori through the end of 2024 and will appoint a new representative for 2025.

Closing

The next PHAC meeting is August 27, 2024, from 5:30-7:30 and will be held *in person* at Center for Community Health, conference room 210. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm for PHAC members.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.