

Public Health Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

5:30-7:30 PM



Members Present: Elma Blum, LoraLynn Lord, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Scott Johnson, Tyler Clary, Emily Estes, Laurie Schacht, Michael Watkins, Chad Williams, Tracey Fernandez, Kevin Fischer, Marla Sanger, Breein Scarlett-Fiser, Ashley Mariscal, Councilor Glen Yung (ex-officio), Alan Melnick (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Sandra Brown, Kimberly Dauphin, Robert Ferrier, Kurt Truong, Franklin Johnson, Councilor Wil Fuentes (ex-officio)

Staff: Jeff Harbison, Dana Nguyen, Andrea Pruett, Brianna da Silva Bhatia, Mallori Berry

Public Guests: Kimberly Goheen-Elbon and one unknown member of the public

Welcome and call to order

Vice Chair Emily Estes opened the meeting and completed a roll call of the PHAC members.

PHAC Business

- January 24, 2025, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Health recruitment update

- Public Health is recruiting for the Deputy Director position and initial interviews have been conducted. Second interviews have been scheduled for our final four candidates.

Public Comment

- Kimberly Goheen-Elbon

Website Updates

- The CDC and prevention and other federal agencies are reviewing their websites in response to President Trump's executive orders.
- During the review process, some CDC web pages have been unpublished and data sets have been removed. Clark County Public Health has links to many CDC web pages and has data products that use the CDC data systems. Over the last month, Clark County Public Health has experienced broken links to the CDC web pages that have been unpublished, along with disruptions to the CDC data systems that have impacted our data presentations on our website. Some of these issues have been resolved and have been put back online by the CDC, while others continue to be disrupted.
- Clark County Public Health has added a notice to our website informing visitors that some CDC links and information on the CCPH website may be unavailable. We will continue to monitor the CDC website and when the CDC completes its review and updates to their websites, CCPH will evaluate the facts and update our websites accordingly.

PHAC Updates

- BOH/PHAC retreat planning
 - Retreat will take place on 3/25 at Luke Jensen from 10:00am-4:00pm. Invitation will be



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sent out to all PHAC members and BOH council members by end of day 3/7/25.

- PHAC Membership update
 - *Clark County educational community*: We have received one applicant. We will continue to recruit for the position through the end of March.
- PHAC Member/Community Updates
 - *Laurie Schacht*: Thinking of public health concerns, domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) have devastating impacts on individuals, families and communities. YWCA Clark County serves survivors of DV and SA in Clark County. We know victims of those crimes experience additional barriers to seeking services and/or reporting if they are undocumented or are concerned about a family member who is undocumented . We partner with CCVLP (Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program) and many other organizations to bring a free Latinx legal clinic to the community but now are reviewing the process to ensure the legal clinic offered is both safe and accessible to those who need it.

Closing

The next PHAC meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2025, 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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.