

Public Health Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025

5:30-7:30 PM



Members Present: Ashley Mariscal, Emily Estes, Kimberly Dauphin, Kurt Truong, LoraLynn Lord, Mark Collier, Robert Ferrier, Sandra Brown, Scott Johnson, Tracey Fernandez, Tyler Clary, Alan Melnick (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Breein Scarlett-Fiser, Paul Childers, Elma Blum, Chad Williams, Franklin Johnson, Jeannine Mills-Goodling, Kevin Fischer, Laurie Schacht, Marla Sanger, Michael Watkins, Wil Fuentes (ex-officio)

Staff: Danette York, Gerry Preston, Jeff Harbison, Brianna da Silva Bhatia, Brianna Dannen, 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 24, 2025, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

- None

Public Health in Action

- School Immunization Rates
 - Brianna Dannen shared the presentation that will be provided to the Board of Health on 7/23/25.



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Environmental Public Health Fee Ordinances

- The draft 2026 budget shows the elimination of eight vacant positions; however, we are still not quite balanced.
- Employer contribution to PERS decreased, effective July 1, 2025, which provided some relief for the 2026 budget.
- Solid Waste has been transitioned to Public Works, which costs around \$400,000 a year to Public Health in indirect costs and space lease cost share.
- Met with the Technical Advisory Committees and presented all three scenarios described at the 6/24/25 PHAC meeting. None of the feedback for scenario #3 has been negative. There is a work session on 7/23/25 with the Board of Health to further discuss EPH fees.
 - Scenario 1: Maintain current policy and fees will go up 15.5%.
 - Scenario 2: Move to full cost recovery and fees will go up around 17.7%.



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- Scenario 3: Use fund balance to mitigate any individual fee from going up more than 5% and has collected 3.8% adjusted fee revenue.
- Will be bringing a new ordinance forward, which adjusts county code, and this will be presented at the Board of Health public hearing at the end of August.
- Getting close to a balanced 2026 budget and will then begin working on the 2027 budget.
- Will continue to monitor federal budgets and federal spending.
- Will be working on an educational program for PHAC members for end of 2025 or early 2026 to walk through the budget process.

Prepare for BOH/PHAC Retreat

- Informed PHAC members that the meetings take place both in person and virtually and encouraged members to attend in person if possible.
- Discussed what we would like to share with BOH regarding past Public Health in Action presentations.
- Discussed updating the 7/31/25 BOH/PHAC retreat meeting from three hours in length to 90 minutes.
- Our next two BOH/PHAC Retreats will take place on 7/31/25 and 9/18/25 at the Public Service Center (PSC) located at 1300 Franklin St. Vancouver, WA. 6th floor, suite 680.

PHAC Updates

- PHAC Member/Community Updates
 - Local Board of Health training will take place in Ellensburg 10/7-10/9. Registration is now open and WSALPHO will cover most costs associated with travel and training, CCPH will cover the remainder.
 - You can register at <https://members.wsac.org/events/view/2025-local-board-of-health-training>
 - Registration closes 9/5/25
 - If you have any registration or accommodation questions, please reach out to Nia Watkins at nwatkins@wsac.org
- *Scott Johnson*: Currently eight active wildfires within SW Washington and weather is getting warmer over the next several days. Please sign up for public alerts at <https://cresa.wa.gov/> to keep up to date.

Closing

The next PHAC meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 and will be held *virtually*.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.