



WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

JANUARY 9, 2020

Present: Steve Bennett, Barry Buchanan, Sterling Chick, Lindsey Karas, Rachel Lucy - Chair, Chi-Na Stoane - Vice Chair

Absent: Galen Herz, Barbara Juarez, Les Seelye,

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
Approve Notes From Last Meeting	Moved to adopt the November 7, 2019, meeting summary as submitted. Approved (6 to 0)
Director's Report (DR)	Regina highlighted a few items including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County approved the purchase of a mobile van for SSP and we received a \$20,000 grant from Chuckanut Health Foundation to customize it. • Severe weather shelters were open around Thanksgiving and will likely need to be open most of next week. Lindsay asked if the food waste savings from the Food Recovery Initiative is related at all to the Miracle Food Network. Environmental Health Manager, John Wolpers, said we will find out and advise.
HPIF Task Force work plan review	The Budget item for funding for the Sheriff to support outreach and relationship-building with immigrant and non-English speaking communities was approved in November. With regards to mandatory training for county staff, PHAB representatives met with Snohomish County to discuss what they are doing around trauma informed training. They started with school districts and have a week long training coming up. We are invited to send someone for free. The Accountable Community of Health also provided some recommendations. Healthcare Authority is offering a webinar from 1 to 2:30 tomorrow. Sterling will send information about the webinar to Tammy to send out to PHAB. Trauma informed learning is happening organically in many pockets of our community.
2020 Policy Agenda	We are mid-stream in the 2019 policy agenda and are bringing the Child and Family Action Plan to the Health Board in February. Is there anything trending that we want to keep on our radar? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What impact we can have on climate change? Snohomish County has an annual conference in April on the topic of the effects of climate change on diverse populations. • What place does public health have in the gun violence issue? • We need to further the awareness of domestic violence and domestic assault. • Look for opportunities to dig further into race equity and training. It is an important place to lead from.



	<p>We will circle back to this after February. We need to consider the capacity of the PHAB and of health department (HD) staff. It important for us to keep the HB informed of how these things are impacting the community.</p>
<p>Election of Officers</p>	<p>The board moved to elect Chi-Na Stoane as Chair and Sterling Chick as Vice-Chair. Approved (6,0)</p>
<p>Child and Family Action Plan (CFAP)</p>	<p>Rachel issued thanks to Meredith, Emily, Kyle, and HD staff for the work and commitment to this topic, and to Marty and Astrid for pulling the action plan together. She asked to be advised if anyone was missed in the acknowledgment section of the CFAP.</p> <p>PHAB plays an important role in checking the information and advancing these recommendations to the Health Board. Carol Frazey was the Council/Health Board liaison to this group, which also met with Satpal Sidhu to get feedback on information we are putting forth. We now need to refine and lay out actions for the Health Board.</p> <p>Rachel asked for initial reactions or clarifying questions from PHAB members. Barry commented on the ballot initiative, noting that there’s a long line of those wanting to use this method to fund their requests, so we really need to talk about timing and ensure we don’t end up with competing initiatives. There are many needs in the community and the Council needs to look at all of the issues from all of the perspectives, then figure out how to blend it together and balance the needs of all. If we do something for one area, what do we give up? We will need key messaging to frame this.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Think broadly about what other funding options there are in Whatcom County and create language for the February Health Board (HB) meeting.</p> <p>PHAB is in the role of advocacy and committed to the whole package. We may need to break it down into what should be implemented now and build out sequential steps from there. We will likely reconvene the larger group that built the recommendations, and then we will redistribute to PHAB for comments and feedback.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> To approve and submit to 2/4 Health Board meeting the recommendations for the Child and Family Action Plan and any revisions to upon final reviewed and approved of the Chair and Vice-Chair unless there are huge deviations. Approved (6,0)</p> <p>PHAB members made the following recommendation for revision to the draft CFAP:</p> <p>On page 20, where it says “Dedicate High level...” change from “explore” High level to “create” taskforce.</p> <p>PHAB members and staff broke into small groups to discuss the draft Recommendations for County Action and choose which to focus on in the presentation to the HB. The following preferences came out of these small group discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go for a high level ask for a new Office of Child and Family Well-being. This is a big ask, so build on existing structure first, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training on equity and trauma informed care (also in HPIF) ○ Information and navigation system (also in HPIF) - Funding is a big question, so there needs to be a planning stage first, which is the fiscal analysis.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the population, specifically representation from families, is integrated into the committees • Bring the HPIF subcommittee together since they are already familiar with this type of process. We must be careful not to put it in competition with other initiatives. • Ask the County Executive’s Office to assess the structure needed to implement this plan and the budget implications • We need a fiscal analysis to assess scope and build a roadmap for ballot initiative <p><u>Moving forward:</u> Now is our opportunity to pull this into the biennium budget for funding, perhaps via expansion of the SEAS system.</p> <p>We could do a road tour asking for support, using a high level slide deck of key messages for support of the larger commitment, asking people to attend the February 4th Health Board meeting, and to sign on to endorsement letters. So far, from a value perspective, those who have been approached are on board with the work and the specific recommendations as a whole.</p> <p>There may be items we can do in partnership with the City, but this plan is about actions the County, specifically, can take.</p> <p>Rachel and members of the CFAP committee will present at Health Board</p>
Other/Public Comment	None.
What went well? What can we improve?	<p>Very actionable. Really enjoyed it.</p> <p>Good meeting</p>