



PURPOSE: Makes recommendations to the Health Administrator and advises the Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners on matters of public health, planning, policy development, control measures, funding, public education and advocacy; and, acts in a community liaison capacity to provide a link between the community and the Public Health Division.

The Lane County Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) met 11 times in 2017. Current membership, as of December 2017, is as follows:

- William Miller, District 1 designee
- James Mough, District 2 designee (current Chair)
- Susan Pfanner, District 3 designee (current Vice-Chair)
- James Robertson, District 4 designee
- Mike Fleck, District 5 designee
- Beth Naylor, licensed health care practitioner (current Secretary)
- Tim Byers, at-large
- Patricia Ahlen, licensed health care practitioner
- Emma Newman, at-large
- Gail Tinkham, at-large
- Janae Ulrich, licensed health care practitioner
- Geoff L'Heureux, at-large

PHAC Focus Areas for 2017

- Identify evidence-based strategies to increase vaccination rates for children and adults
- Reduce tobacco use
- Support Public Health Accreditation
- Identify strategies related to elderly care and services/long term care facilities
- Review Public Works' "last resort" permitted products list
- Continue Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Committee responsibilities

Guest/Staff Presentations

March: Orin Schumacher (Road Maintenance Manager) and Pam Reber (Natural Resource Specialist) of the Public Works Road Maintenance Division, presented on the Vegetation Management Plan and the proposed "permitted products" list. The PHAC has membership on the Permitted Products Review Subcommittee.

April:

- Pam Reber, Public Works Park Division staff, presented on the prioritized list of permitted products. These products are tied to the plant species to be controlled.
- Brian Johnson, epidemiologist in the Prevention section, reported on the Board of County Commissioners/Board of Health designation of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priorities and the ongoing work related to CHIP implementation.

June: Lilliana Villanueva, Public Health Community Service Worker, presented on the State grant-funded *Soy sano/I'm Healthy* care connection work undertaken to ensure that eligible, uninsured children in Lane County are provided healthcare via the County's safety net community healthcare clinics.

July: Cindy Morgan, NP, Communicable Disease Nursing Supervisor, shared the County's 2016-2017 immunization rates. Public Health sent out 800 fewer "school exclusion" letters this year and 200 fewer students were excluded than in the 2015-2016 school year.

August: Registered Environmental Health Specialists Amy Bleekman and Zach Roberts co-presented on gastro-intestinal (GI) disease outbreaks at adult long-term care and retirement communities.

September: Amber Roche, Public Health Accreditation Coordinator, updated the Committee on the Public Health Division's efforts to achieve national accreditation through the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB).

November: Becky Taylor, Public Works Senior Transportation Planner, presented on the County's work regarding transportation safety, funded in part by an ODOT grant, and their collaboration with Public Health on the various campaigns and types of outreach being undertaken to improve transportation safety in Lane County.

December: Leah Edelman of the Prevention section presented on Health Equity in Lane County. She shared a selection of the data presented in Public Health's first Health Equity report, published in 2017. This presentation also allowed for discussion of the Committee's role in convening a community forum to discuss this report and next steps to improve health equity in the community.

Accomplishments

The Committee endorsed outreach by H&HS to the Sheriff's Office regarding immunizations offered to inmates. This outreach resulted in a substantial change in the immunization policy at the Lane County facility. Rather than only offering immunizations to high-risk inmates, the healthcare provider at the facility, the California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG), now offers immunizations to both at-risk inmates and any inmate with a stay of 10 days or longer. The Sheriff's Office has authorized the staffing to provide required escorts for inmates desiring immunizations.

This Committee supported the passage of the County's Tobacco-Free Parks Ordinance in January 2017.

Committee By-Laws were revised to reflect the work with respect to the ASA and the Public Works "permitted products" review/list (via Board Order 17-06-13-02).

Members of the immunizations workgroup and H&HS Public Information Officer Jason Davis engaged in outreach to Cascade Health regarding immunizations and presented at the Downtown Lion's Club on April 19, 2017 on immunizations. Dr. Luedtke, Senior Health Officer, presented on vaccinations at the City Club of Eugene in January 2017.

At the March 14, 2017 Board of Health session, Susan Pfanner read the Committee's letter supporting the Tobacco 21 ordinance.

The PHAC, acting as the ASA Advisory Committee, assisted with the enactment of Ordinance 17-02, the revised Ambulance Service Area Plan, on April 11, 2017 (with an effective date of May 11, 2017).

To provide comprehensive background and appropriate recommendations regarding permitted products for roadside vegetation management, the Permitted Products Review Subcommittee collaborated with Public Works Road Division staff. A list of four products was subsequently approved by the Committee and presented to the Board of Health (with the approval of the Public Health Administrator). These were approved via Board Order 17-07-18-01.

Advocacy for safe eclipse-viewing resulted in provision of eclipse viewing glasses to all Public Health staff.

Information and recommendations from the PHAC continued to be reflected in Board of Health Reports.

Jim Robertson assisted with the interview process to select the new (now current) H&HS Director, after Alicia Hays' retirement.

Pat Ahlen attended the annual Oregon Public Health Association conference in October.

As of July 2017, the ASA subcommittee now has membership from rural and urban Ambulance Service providers and Public Safety Answering Point providers. The ASA subcommittee developed the revised reporting forms, which were reviewed by the Public Health Administrator and are now posted on the County's website, for download and use by ASA providers, starting in January 2018.

Major Themes/Focus Areas for 2018

1. Health equity report (collaborative work with the Equity and Access Advisory Board, as requested by the Board of Commissioners)
2. Health literacy/communications
3. Support Public Health accreditation
4. Improving vaccination rates
5. Tobacco/cessation and tobacco policies
6. Mandated – Permitted products review
7. Mandated – Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee

A draft workplan for 2018 is included as an appendix.

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	<u>Month</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Projected Actions</u>
1 - Vegetation Management (members: Jim Mough)	February or March		Review of proposed products; provide recommendations to the H&HS Director
	Likely March		H&HS Director and Public Works makes recommendations regarding proposed permitted products to the Board
2 - Ambulance Service Area (ASA) subcommittee (members: voting - Bill Miller, Jim Robertson, Pat Ahlen; Mike Fleck)	January		1) Review submitted "Pilot Period Data Reporting" Q4 2017 due 1/10/2018 and PSAP proposed reporting forms 2) Craft complaint reporting summary form
	February		1) Review 2017 Quality Improvement Policy" reports 2) Publish PSAP reporting forms
	May		Review Q1 Performance documentation
	August		1) Review Q2 Performance documentation 2) Begin to discussion of adequacy or shortfall of process
	September		1) Draft initial 6 month audit statement in preparation of submitting to full PHAC and Director 2) Prepare recommendations for improvement
	October		Submit formal audit
3 - Equity Report (members: Beth Naylor, Jim Mough, Pat Ahlen)	January		1) Brian and/or Jocelyn - 2nd presentation regarding Health Equity Report 2) Form PHAC subcommittee
	January & February		Form subcommittee and meet to discuss outreach and event. To help clarify the community's equity goals, develop clear, direct, engaging questions to pose during the March 8 conversation with a framework for useful recommendations.
	February		Training for table facilitation at full committee meeting.
	8-Mar-18		Community forum meeting All committee members encouraged to recruit attendees, attend meeting, and facilitate table discussions if they are comfortable.

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	March		Discuss March 8 Community Forum meeting at the March PHAC meeting as needed.
	March or April		Joint meeting with EAAB to finalize recommendations for the Board
	April or May		Recommendations to be presented to the Board.
4 - Health literacy/communications (members: Pat Ahlen, Beth Naylor, Susan Pfanner)	March 22-23, 2018		Health Literacy Conference "Embracing Equity, Improving Health" at the Oregon Convention Center
	May or June		TBD - suggestions include ameliorating the hospital discharge process, pharmacy instructions, and cultural competency training for providers
5 - Public Health accreditation	Possibly February		Update from Public Health staff on progress towards achieving the goal of national accreditation through the Public Health
	16-May-18	Staff	All documentation is due to PHAB.
	Possibly Fall		PHAB Site visit - PHAC members will be invited to participate in community meetings; update to be provided to committee ahead of site visit.
6 - Improving vaccination rates (members: Susan Pfanner, Pat Ahlen, possibly Geoff L'Heureux)	2-Feb-18	Staff	Initial regional meeting to discussion Modernization work to improve vaccination rates using AFIX
	21-Feb-18		School Exclusion Day, as determined by the state
	March		Update from Public Health staff on outcomes of the regional meeting, modernization work moving forward, the number of school exclusion letters sent, and possibly how PHAC can assist.
	May or June		Presentation from staff (Cindy Morgan) on vaccination rates for the 2017-2018 school year
	TBD		Possible report-back to regional advisory committees on Modernization initiative around vaccine rates.

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7 - Tobacco / cessation and tobacco policies (members: Mike Fleck, Susan Pfanner)	TBD		Tobacco 21 statewide policy may require advocacy for enforcement funding at the local level
	May or June		Presentation from staff (Christy Inskip) to share an overview on the Prevention's work.
	November		Focus on e-cigarettes and vaping.