

# Deschutes County Health Services

## Public Health Advisory Board



### MINUTES

December 7, 2011

12:00 – 1:30pm

Stan Owen, DCHS Building

Item	
Facilitator	Kim Curley Reynolds, Chair
Scribe	Lisa Michael
Board Secretary	Cindy Barnes
Next Meeting	January 25, 2012, 12:00-1:30pm, DCHS, Stan Owen

### Agenda Items/Discussion/Motions

Item	Topic and Lead	Conclusions, Motions <small>*If motion, document who moves, seconds, and whether unanimous</small>
1	<p><b>Approval of Minutes from September meeting</b> – Kim Curley Reynolds</p> <p>Tom announced one small change to the minutes. Section 6, stated that Heather’s presentation was tabled, when in fact, time ran out; therefore, Heather will address the Board at a future meeting after the first of the year.</p> <p>Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Jane. Unanimously approved by all.</p>	
2	<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>Katrina met with Senator Ron Wyden to discuss the introduction of a nationwide bill to allow schools to utilize commodity dollars for the school nutrition program. These dollars will support local food producers who supply healthy foods to the school districts.</p>	
3	<p><b>2012 PHAB Calendar topics</b> – Tom Kuhn</p> <p>Topics of discussion for the 2012 meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Immunization rates/religious exemptions.</li> <li>2. Drinking water fluoridation and poor oral health.</li> <li>3. Suicide rates.</li> <li>4. South county ground water nitrates.</li> <li>5. Motor vehicle deaths related to alcohol.</li> <li>6. Hospital care in Central Oregon and its ever increasing costs.</li> <li>7. Electronic health records.</li> </ol>	

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	<p>8. Services for mothers and infants.  9. Senior care.  10. Mental health access to resources (referral of patient to appropriate service).  11. Monitoring of Celiac and Diabetic kids by school nurses during school lunch.</p> <p>The Board discussed suicide rates in Central Oregon and what specific issues they can focus on. Could this be a topic of discussion at the next joint session since both mental and public health are affected by suicide? The Central Oregon Health Council has integrated a program designed around suicide prevention.</p> <p>The Board also talked about immunization rates. Dr. Rosenthal asked about the issues related to immunizations and what the role of the PHAB is for addressing them. Heather Kaisner will be working with the school district to develop an improved program. Kate stated that Oregon does not require clergy to sign a religious exemption to forego immunizations. She also indicated that many families acquiring alternative care are declining immunizations and the number one reason is philosophical. Some parents have been influenced by their medical practitioner. The Board agreed that a consistent message to the community must be spread about the importance of immunizing and agreed to work on changes to policies and procedures for such with the State.</p>	
4	<p><b>Strategic Plan Update</b> -Revised Timeline – Tom Kuhn  Tom explained the timeline for finalizing the Strategic Plan. The first draft reading is scheduled for January and the adoption by PHAB/BHAB will be during the joint session, now scheduled for March. The Regional Health Report and Strategic Plan are meant to coincide in order to stay on target with the County’s overall health objectives.</p> <p>Accreditation is anticipated to take place sometime in April for Deschutes County. The other counties (Crook and Jefferson) will be applying for individual accreditation on their own timeframe.</p> <p>The PHAB Annual Work Plan will also be tied to the Strategic Plan and roll out sometime in January/February.</p>	
5	<p><b>Regional Health Report update</b> – Sarah Kingston  Sarah was unable to give her update on the Regional Health Report during this time due to other commitments. She will be re-scheduled for a future meeting in early 2012.</p>	

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6	<p><b>PHAB Secretary position</b> – Tom Kuhn Cindy’s term as Secretary is expiring. The Board had a short discussion about whether to nominate a new secretary or extend Cindy’s terms another year. Katrina motioned to re-elect Cindy with a second by Holly. Cindy graciously accepted the offer. Unanimously approved by all.</p>	
7	<p><b>Tobacco Free Worksites survey draft</b> – David Visiko David spoke about the Deschutes County tobacco free worksite policy. He asked the Board to fill out a survey and endorse a revision to the County’s policy to be changed to require smoking completely off County property, not just 30 feet from any building. David will also seek public opinion regarding this new policy change. He also shared some alarming facts about tobacco use. Approximately 440,000 people nationwide die every year from tobacco use, while roughly 331 people die yearly in the tri-county area. It is the #1 preventable cause of death in Oregon. Of the three counties, Crook has the highest percentage rate of adult smokers at 23%, while Jefferson is rated 2<sup>nd</sup> at 16% and Deschutes at 14%. One \$5 pack of cigarettes cost anywhere from \$17 to \$34 per County economically speaking. Up to 70% of smokers want to quit but don’t have the willpower; however, 28% have reduced their intake. Dave stated that there is no safe level of any kind of exposure to smoking. Tom pitched an idea of issuing a news release about the new policy and David is looking to utilize Survey Monkey for a public survey.</p> <p>Dr. Pribnow moved to approve a letter written by the Board supporting no tobacco use on County property, with a second by Dr. Rosenthal. Unanimous approval by all.</p>	
8	<p><b>Downtown Health Center update</b> – Kathy Christensen Kathy briefly updated the Board about the condition of the downtown health center, located in the old Juvenile Justice building. This clinic is open two days a week and was created to serve teens and adults age 25 and younger. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. As a matter of fact, most clients are uninsured or underinsured. Services include family planning, STD/HIV testing, immunizations and the needle exchange program. Most of the client base has dropped this year from 750 clients in 2010 to approximately 500 in 2011 for the same period of January through September. Kathy also noted that the client base has changed mainly shifting to needle exchange patients aged 18 to 24. A considerable amount of these clients are heroin users.</p>	

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	Kathy has discussed with Scott the possibility of closing this clinic due to the large decrease in client base and services. A survey will be conducted in order to determine operational sustainability.	
9	<b>Electronic Health Record update</b> – Cherstin Callon Cherstin announced the addition of EPIC, the new electronic health record system that should be fully utilized by Fall 2012. Epic is part of a software bundle we currently use (OCHIN); therefore, one software company will provide technical support for the entire system. Cherstin has been promoted to Site Specialist. Jefferson County is also looking into purchasing this program, while Crook County has already been using it for almost a year.	
10	<b>Adjourn at 1:32 p.m.</b>	

Board members present: Kim Curley Reynolds, Dr. Jock Pribnow, Cindy Barnes, Katrina Wiest, Jane Dey, Charles Frazier, Dr. Anthony Rosenthal, Dr. Blake Drew, Holly Remer, and Keith Winsor

Staff present: Tom Kuhn, Kate Moore, Lisa Michael

Guest speakers: Kathy Christensen, Cherstin Callon, Dave Visiko

Board proxies: Kim Curley Reynolds for Susan Keys

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