



Deschutes County Health Services

Public Health Advisory Board

MINUTES

January 26, 2011

12:00 – 1:30pm Health Services (Courtney Drive)

Item	
Facilitator	Aylett Wright
Scribe	Lisa Michael
Board Secretary	Cindy Barnes
Next Meeting	February 16, 2011 (Joint Session) Health Services

Agenda Items/Discussion/Motions

	Topic and Lead
1	<p><u>Motion to approve previous minutes:</u> Tabled for next meeting due to no quorum at the time of approval.</p>
2	<p><u>Announcements:</u> <i>Aylett -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kuhar was asked to serve on the Board as an “ex-officio” member since her term has expired. Unfortunately, she is unable to commit to PHAB due to the fact that she accepted a position as Dean of Lane Community College in Florence, Oregon and will be leaving Central Oregon Community College at the end of February. • Scott will be out of the office on medical leave and will not be attending any meetings until March. • Mike Bonetto has accepted a position as Senior Health Policy Advisor to Governor Kitzhaber, but will continue to dedicate time to PHAB via conference calls from Salem. Congratulations to Mike on this prestigious appointment. • Discussion regarding lunches and whether or not they should be provided for the meetings. A unanimous vote took place to eliminate full lunches and only provide refreshments and possibly desserts for special occasions. <p><i>Kim –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commute Options has received their \$30,000 grant for the proposed traffic study. Commissioner Unger was present for the award. Kim will forward information regarding the Commute Options Advisory Council to Tom for any members who may be interested in participating. <p><i>Kate –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Based Health Centers (SBHC) Sisters district has experienced “no repeat” visits from 89 children so far since inception in September 2010. Behavioral Health has informed Kate of some success stories from children utilizing their program in conjunction with the SBHC program. The State is looking to cut spending possibly up to 39%, which in turn will cause a direct negative impact on these services and may even force closure of some facilities. Kate asked the Board to advocate for these critical services.

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3	<p><u>Quality Improvement Plan (1st reading) – Jeff Emrick</u> Jeff informed the Board that two meetings have already taken place in order to develop one Quality Management Structural Plan for the entire department. A first (draft) reading is required by State statute then the plan may be officially adopted at the second reading. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd. Jeff conducted an internal inspection of St. Charles’ billing system and Quality Management Plan. He was given a copy of their plan to use as an example in modeling ours. It was suggested that we create a quality satisfaction survey for client use. Both St. Charles and BMC (Bend Memorial Clinic) currently use one and incorporate this data when refining their Quality Management Plans.</p>
4	<p><u>2010-2011 priorities (1st reading) – Tom Kuhn</u> Discussion regarding Public and Behavioral Health fiscal year priorities. The Board briefly reviewed the draft (1st reading). Dr. Pribnow suggested that “90% of all Environmental Health inspections” be spelled out more clearly, Cindy suggested that the first three words in Section 6, #1 be deleted, and Kate clarified that she is in charge of the women and children programs, while Tom oversees the adult and teen programs.</p> <p>Approval and adoption of these priorities will take place at the Joint Session in February.</p>
5	<p><u>Calendar (Approval) – Aylett Wright</u> Dr. Ritzenthaler mentioned that the week of March 23rd (when the next PHAB meeting is scheduled) is Spring Break and several members may not be able to attend. It was discussed to change the meeting to the following Wednesday and approved; therefore the March 2011 meeting will be held on March 30th. The Board is welcome to add any items for discussion by emailing Tom.</p>
6	<p><u>Membership Discussion – Aylett Wright</u> Current PHAB membership status is 12. The Bylaws require between 9 and 15 members. The following members have resigned either due to term expiration or other commitments: Keri Podell, Dr. William Dahling, Nancy Ruel, Dr. Mary Jeanne Kuhar. The following members have agreed to extend their terms: Cindy Barnes, Kim Curley, and Mike Bonetto. It was discussed to try and keep membership at the maximum of 15 just in case members have other commitments or drop out. Kim and Dr. Pribnow volunteered to assist Aylett in the recruitment process over the next several weeks. Tom will review the Bylaws in order to ensure compliance of recruitment and term expiration dates. It was suggested that Aylett continue serving as Chair until a replacement can be elected. Dr. Pribnow offered to serve as Vice Chair, while Cindy offered to continue serving as Board Secretary. Official officer elections are slated for the March meeting.</p>
7	<p><u>Public Health Hero Nominations – Tom Kuhn</u> April 4th – 8th is Public Health Week with the theme being “Safety is no accident”. Potential candidates will be decided on in March with awards ceremony during the April meeting. It was suggested that we add last year’s winners to the PHAB website. This year the Board decided that when recommending a candidate, the nomination forms should also list who nominated that person and their affiliation to them. Nominations are to be emailed to Tom at thomas_kuhn@co.deschutes.or.us.</p> <p>The Community Health Team is brainstorming ways to celebrate Public Health Week.</p>

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8	<p><u>Drinking Water Fluoridation – Jock Pribnow, M.D.</u> Dr. Pribnow researched the history of fluoridation in the City of Bend back to 1956. The City prohibited fluoridation in its drinking water then and it is still illegal to this day. The City is currently working on updating its water system, which would be a good time to legalize and incorporate fluoride. Studies show that fluoride is a beneficial public health measure and is safe for preventing cavities. Several dental plans that support the Oregon Health Plan may also support this program. Dr. Pribnow announced studies were conducted by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and CDC (Center for Disease Control) and found that low levels would be harmless.</p>
9	<p><u>Results of PHAB Survey – Tom Kuhn</u> A quick review of the survey was conducted by Tom before wrapping up the meeting. Ten members responded and gave positive feedback about meeting materials, content and format of the agendas and minutes. The Board would like to receive agenda materials at least a week prior to the scheduled meetings in order to be more prepared. This survey was modeled after a Behavioral Health staff survey.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Members Present: Aylett Wright, Tom Kuhn, Kate Moore, Cindy Barnes, Charles Frazier, Jeff Emrick, Dr. Jock Pribnow, Kim Curley, Dr. James Ritzenthaler

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