



# Deschutes County Health Services

## Public Health Advisory Board

### MINUTES

**January 25, 2012**

12:00 – 1:30pm

Stan Owen, DCHS Building

Item	
Facilitator	Kim Curley-Reynolds
Scribe	Lisa Michael
Board Secretary	Cindy Barnes
Next Meeting	February 22, 2012, 12:00-1:30pm, DCHS, Stan Owen

### Agenda Items/Discussion/Motions

Topic and Lead	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes from December meeting</b> Eric Alexander motioned to approve the December minutes with a second by Dr. Blake Drew. The Board unanimously approved.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Announcements</b> Kim announced the attendance of her guest and colleague, Jeff Monson, also from Commute Options.</p> <p>Heather updated the board on immunization counts in the schools. Approximately 1500 letters were sent out to parents and 100 students from 10 schools to date have yet to be immunized.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP)/Assessment Update</b> Sarah pointed out that the top ten priorities list on the RHIP is pretty broad in scope. The RHIP is designed to assess overall health matters, which serves as an important tool in assisting staff and the PHAB in determining the specific needs of the community. A sub-committee from the COHC (Central Oregon Health Council) examined all the data Sarah collected to develop this list. She has had very little success in acquiring very much information on oral health care in our region.</p> <p>The Board brainstormed ways of providing more oral health information to include in Sarah's research. Cindy suggested we follow the same model used by OHSU (Oregon Health &amp; Science University) in Baker City, while Dr. Drew suggested talking to Mosaic Medical about their statistics. Holly mentioned getting referrals and checking with local emergency rooms. Kim will touch base with Sarah and provide her with the names of head contacts at St. Charles Medical Center and Bend Memorial Clinic. Cindy will also provide some names of those on the ODS (Oregon Dental Service) Board. Sarah will also check with local insurance companies.</p> <p>One item of great concern is access to health resources. Numerous residents lack the time, travel and/or income to maintain their health and seek medical attention when necessary. Many are already food insecure, particularly in Crook and Jefferson Counties, and unfortunately not eligible for any state assistance. Sarah mentioned that chronic diseases are the biggest killers such as heart disease, cancer, and tobacco/alcohol use. Suicide rates have been rising consistently, especially during this time of economic hardship.</p>

*“To promote and protect the health and safety of our community.”*

	<p>Sarah is working on a regional collective data report to be submitted by the end of February for a first final draft review.</p>
4	<p><b>2012 PHAB Calendar Approval</b></p> <p>Tom stated that the calendar is completely booked through March. Health Hero nominations will begin in February, with selection in March and presentation at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The joint session is tentatively scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The November and December meetings will once again be combined and scheduled for the first week in December due to holiday schedules. Some topics of discussion throughout 2012 will include membership and bylaw reviews, a vaccination update presentation from Heather Kaisner (late spring/early summer), Commute Options presentation (either late spring or early fall), and formation of a public health staff focus group to report to both advisory boards on critical health care needs.</p> <p>Jane Dey motioned to approve the calendar with a second by Cindy Barnes. The Board unanimously approved.</p>
5	<p><b>Strategic Plan Update</b></p> <p>Tom announced we are moving forward with the accreditation process, which will be submitted to the Public Health Accreditation Board in April. The actual on-site visit will take place later in the year (sometime in December). Accreditation is tied to the three plans: RHIP, Health Assessment and Strategic Plan. Both advisory boards will review the Strategic Plan at the joint session in March. Our Strategic Plan is being aligned with the Regional Health Improvement Plan. Therese Madrigal and Kate Moore are investigating wellness and childhood obesity issues.</p>
6	<p><b>Tobacco Free Worksites</b></p> <p>Dave handed out a draft letter for the board's review in support of the no tobacco rule on Deschutes County property. This letter will be signed by DCHS Health Officer, Dr. Richard Fawcett and presented to the Board of County Commissioners at their work session on February 27<sup>th</sup> for approval.</p> <p>Dave presented the results of the tobacco free county campus survey. 371 people have responded so far and 72.5% agree with the new rule. Dave is however trying to gather 500-1000 surveys to get a good feel for community opinion. A news release will be emailed out to community partners to share the survey with clients. Dave also shared that staff county-wide participated and an overwhelming 96% of those surveyed are non-tobacco users. The board held a brief discussion about the media release in the Bend Bulletin. A link to survey gizmo was provided for the community to take on-line. Dave will compile all the information and report back to the board with his findings.</p>
7	<p><b>Downtown Health Center Proposed Closure</b></p> <p>Kathy Christensen gave a short summary of services offered at the downtown clinic, which focuses strictly on serving teens to young adults up to age 24. Services include family planning, STD/HIV, Hepatitis C and immunizations. At the moment, the clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday. DCHS operates four clinics: one located at the main campus (Courtney Dr.) and one each in Redmond, La Pine and the Downtown clinic. The downtown clinic reduced its operating hours this past November down from 3 to 2 days a week due to a decrease in client volume.</p> <p>Kathy stated this clinic is federally funded by the Title X program, which is specifically designed to provide comprehensive family planning and related health services to low-income families. This program has helped in preventing approximately 1.3 million unplanned pregnancies each year. Birth control became legal in 1965, but only for married women. It wasn't until 1972 that it became legal for unmarried women and in 1977 for minors. Title X was revised in 1980 with</p>

another small revision in 2001; and is now in the process of a major revision. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) is advocating for the Title X program to become a standardized way of care nationwide.

Medicaid offers a family planning waiver program to cover some women who may not otherwise be eligible for other health programs. DCHS gets paid a one time fee for the contraceptive service only from this program.

### **Access Issues in La Pine**

Maggi Machala spoke to the Board on behalf of Kate Moore regarding limited access to services for clients from La Pine. At this time, there are no pediatric services available there, which makes it difficult for patients who have no means of transportation to come to Bend for care.

La Pine Fire Chief, Mike Supkis, held a community meeting in January to discuss the use of ambulance transportation to Bend. Approximately 50 local residents, along with County Commissioner DeBone and Charla De Hate, CEO of La Pine Federally Qualified Health Center, were in attendance. Chief Supkis reported that the cost of an EMS call (just to go out) is \$1,721. If a client requires transport to Bend, then the cost goes up to \$2,400. Call volumes have increased 23% in La Pine over the past few years and paramedics attended to over 1500 calls. 52% of these calls are non-urgent meaning the patient was in stable condition during transport.

**8** A major concern besides the cost factor is while teams are transporting these non-urgent patients, someone may need life support services and transportation will not be available. Some alternatives are to keep increasing funding to the fire departments in order to add more teams, consider supporting legislation to allow "Para medicine", which allows a paramedic to become licensed to treat minor illnesses, or to expand access to the La Pine Health Clinic and campaign to the public about the appropriate use of emergency services.

Charla is in the process of recruiting five new providers to take the place of key staff who have moved on.

La Pine citizens are soliciting for a 24/7 urgent care clinic and are offering to write letters of support. Charla and Chief Supkis agreed to establish a workgroup to address this issue and Kim and Holly volunteered to participate. Charla also previously appealed to Kate Moore regarding utilization of an on-call nurse practitioner to help out during this difficult transition.

**9 Adjourn at 1:32 p.m.**

**Board members present: Kim Curley Reynolds, Dr. Jock Pribnow, Cindy Barnes, Dr. Blake Drew, Keith Winsor, Eric Alexander, Holly Remer, Jane Dey, Charles Frazier, Susan Keys, and Dr. Anthony Rosenthal**

**Staff present: Tom Kuhn, Heather Kaisner, Kathy Christensen, Sarah Kingston, Dave Visiko, Maggi Machala, Lisa Michael**

**Guest(s): Jeff Monson, Commute Options**

**Board proxies: Kim Curley Reynolds for Aylett Wright**