

Deschutes County Health Services

Public Health Advisory Board

MINUTES

January 22, 2014

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Stan Owen, Deschutes County Health Services Building

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Item	
Facilitator	Jock Pribnow, Chair
Meeting Coordinator	Tom Kuhn
Scribe	Lisa Michael
Next Meeting	February 26, 2014, DCHS, Stan Owen

Agenda Items/Discussion/Motions

Topic and Lead

Approval of Minutes from December meeting

Kim motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Katrina. Motion carried and the vote to approve as submitted was unanimous.

Brief Announcements

Fluoridation Grand Rounds:

Jock watched the recent Grand Rounds video presentation on fluoridation and told the Board that the program was quite informative. He mentioned that the CDC is in tune with the controversy surrounding this issue and have recommended lowering the fluoridation levels in our drinking water. In turn, their recommendation further maintains the negative public perception of fluoridation use.

BOCC & Legislators Letter:

Jock and Susan drafted a letter to state legislative officials introducing PHAB and their availability for consultation in regard to Deschutes County health issues. Kim suggested that the letter include a summary of the Triple Aim. Tom will fine tune the letter and email to the Board for final approval. Kim also mentioned that legislative session starts in a week so the letter needs to be signed and mailed immediately. The Board approved the letter with Kim's suggested revision.

Oral Health Coalition:

Jock announced the Coalition is quite active and seeking new members. This group meets on a quarterly basis and he, Tom, Kate Moore and a few other DCHS staff members are involved. Holly volunteered to attend meetings.

Kim passed out a bike reflector to each Board member as a symbol of the "Light Up the Night" campaign. ODOT and the City of Bend are teaming up with Commute Options to hand out bike reflectors to those who stop by the Deschutes County Public Library tonight between 4-6 p.m. Kim will keep the Board posted on more events planned in the near future. The Board discussed the rules of the road for bicyclists, particularly riding on sidewalks. Kim spoke about holding a bicycle education class for anyone interested.

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Charla announced that a new Advantage Dental clinic just opened in La Pine. A referral system between Advantage and the La Pine Community Health Clinic is already in place. Operating hours for now are Monday through Thursday until another dentist can be hired.

Charla recently applied for a grant through the COIPA for a .25 FTE medical assistant to help in conducting client health screenings including behavioral health evaluations. Clients who need behavioral health services are then referred to the counselor.

Katrina informed the Board that the School to Farm program is now teaching kids to raise and butcher hogs so as to incorporate more pork products into school lunches.

Mentors for at-risk children in South County

Maggi stated that Deschutes County is partnering with Advantage Dental for mentoring school aged kids, specifically those located in South County. A public service announcement will air in February seeking volunteers to mentor children of incarcerated parents. Maggi mentioned that the biggest problem in recruiting these volunteers is driving distance and winter weather conditions. Charla offered to speak with the La Pine Chamber to organize a local recruitment, while Keith said he will touch base with the BBBS Director. Maggi said she knows of three families in south county that are losing their homes due to economic hardship.

Marijuana Survey Results

Tom gave a PowerPoint presentation on the marijuana survey conducted of all three boards (PHAB, BHAB and Addictions Committee) and explained the results. A discussion ensued of the health ramifications associated with use and the scientific based evidence of its effects. Five marijuana bills are set for legislative review this month. Kate stated that 1/3 of all the home health visits conducted have someone living in the home who is a user, while Jenny mentioned that 50% of kids in juvenile detention are users or are subjected to it due to use by relatives. Jessica Jacks will be conducting a meeting at the Mike Meier Building at noon on January 29th to discuss marijuana use with a main focus on youth access. Tom will ask Jessica for an agenda and forward to the Board via email.

Health Services Director Recruitment update

Scott reported the timeline for hiring a new Health Services Director. NAACHO and national recruitments were publicized resulting in an applicant pool of 44. A small team of staff are in the process of reviewing resumes in order to start scheduling interviews on February 28th. Candidates will attend a reception in the afternoon of the 27th for introductions. Comment cards will be available for staff feedback. The new Director is expected to start in April with a few months of training before Scott officially retires. In the meantime, Kate Moore is also retiring so a notice for her position will soon be posted.

PHAB Health Topics Survey Results

Tom reviewed the top public health topics up for discussion in 2014:

- 1. Access to care (Cover Oregon/health reform).
- 2. Immunizations and related policies.
- 3. Oral Health.
- 4. Adolescent Health (screenings and abuse).
- 5. Obesity Prevention.
- 6. Non-emergency transport.

Other suggestions made are to review the public health policy, discuss issues in the Redmond School District, new member recruitment from outlying areas and various meeting locations, and early drug and alcohol use intervention. Tom will work with Jenny to secure a future meeting location in Redmond and guest speakers. He asked the Board to email him with any topic ideas. Two previous topics of discussion the Board will continue reviewing are suicide prevention and senior health.

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Health Services Priorities and Goals for 2014-15

Scott announced he must finalize the department goals and priorities as the fiscal year budget is due on February 21st. He spoke of the need to expand services in order to support the increase in OHP and Medicaid clients. DCHS is also looking to integrate services with rural clinics and strengthen our partnership with primary care providers, make a smooth transition with new staff hires and assess the overall health reform here in Central Oregon. All these items will be submitted as part of the budget proposal for DCHS. Budget presentations to the BOCC will take place on May 28th. DCHS typically receives approximately \$3.6 million from the general fund. Kim asked what DCHS does that is unique and different from a primary care provider. Scott said DCHS engages in high risk, special needs and disparate populations that primary care providers don't.

Tom recommended reading the hand out of a recently run Bulletin article about Deschutes County health issues.

Adjourn

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Adjourn at 1:33 p.m.

Board Members present: Jock Pribnow, Susan Keys, Kim Curley Reynolds, Katrina Wiest, Keith Winsor, Holly Remer, Charles Frazier, Jenny O'Keefe, Lorie Weber, and Charla DeHate

Staff Members present: Scott Johnson, Tom Kuhn, Kate Moore, and Lisa Michael

Guest speakers: Maggi Machala (staff)

CDC = Center for Disease Control BOCC = Board of County Commissioners
PHAB = Public Health Advisory Board DCHS = Deschutes County Health Services

ODOT = Oregon Dept. of Transportation BBBS = Big Brothers, Big Sisters

COIPA = Central Oregon Independent Provider Assoc. BHAB = Behavioral Health Advisory Board

NACCHO = National Association of County and City Health Officials

FTE = full time employee