

Public Health Advisory Board
Minutes for July 13, 2022 Draft

Item 1: Call to Order:

Chair Donovan, called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. The following Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) members were present during at least part of the meeting: Toni Donovan, Mike Mangas, Ann Morningstar, Richard Yoder, Kay Kobe, Judy Menoher, Deanna Gallagher, Kristen Lyons, and John Coe.

Members not in attendance: Laura Dougan, Sharon Hanson, Paul Dhanuka, and Richard Yoder.

Others present: Acting Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director Laura Burch, Public Health (PH) Branch Director Robin Schurig, Deputy Health Officer Michael Vovakes, PH Program Manager Amy Pendergast, PH Program Manager April Jurisich, PH Program Manager Beth Woodworth, PH Program Manager Linda Singler, PH Program Manager Shellisa Moore, Community Development Coordinator Jonathon Freeman, Senior Staff Services Analyst Sara Westmoreland, Office Assistant II Kyra Farrar, and Jennifer Snider.

Item 2: Public Comments

No public comments.

Item 3: Member Sharing/Announcements

Member Gallagher shared a handout about vaccinations. Member Kobe shared that PH staff had contacted her business in City of Shasta Lake offering over the counter COVID tests. She thanked PH and stated that she had heard a positive response in the community regarding their outreach.

Item 4: Action - Approval of Minutes

May 11, 2022

Motion: Member Menoher, seconded by Member Morningstar, made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Item 5: Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee:

Chair Donovan reported that the PHAB Executive Committee met on June 8, 2022 and discussed the agenda for this meeting. The group also discussed future meeting topics including presentations regarding the Nurse Family Partnership, California Children's Services, PH Emergency Preparedness and Response and a PHAB membership orientation refresher.

The Executive Committee also discussed the recent new member recruitment and resulting interviews. Candidates were selected for recommendation and will be voted on at this meeting.

b. Nurse-Family Partnership®(NFP) Community Advisory Board (CAB):

Member Dougan was not in attendance to give an update.

Item 6: Director's Report

a. Health & Human Services:

Acting HHS Director Laura Burch introduced herself to the group and shared an overview of her history before becoming Acting HHS Director. See written report.

b. Public Health Branch:

PH Branch Director Robin Schurig referred to her written report and added a brief update regarding the Monkeypox virus. See written report.

Item 7: Membership

Action: Consider recommending the following individuals to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the PHAB: Ruth Atkins, Benjamin Hanna, and Jennifer Snider.

Motion: Member Menoher, seconded by Member Mangas, made a motion to approve membership appointments of Ruth Atkins, Benjamin Hanna, and Jennifer Snider. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Item 8: Presentation

Jonathon Freeman, Community Development Coordinator for the HHSA-PH Capacity Building for Equity Unit, gave a presentation entitled “Community Capacity Building with Community Organizers.” Community Organizers use a framework of seven vital conditions for community well-being: thriving natural world, basic needs for health and safety, humane housing, meaningful work and wealth, lifelong learning, reliable transportation, and belonging and civic muscle. Ways to implement the framework for each of the seven vital conditions do not simply provide a needed service to a person. Community Organizers work with the community to serve the needs of the individual. The socio-ecological model demonstrates how if problems can be solved for an individual, then it can have a domino effect on many scenarios such as interpersonal, institutional, community, and public policy. See presentation.

Member Gallagher shared that she worked with PH Community Organizer Christine Haggard for a decade. She praised her work and said they were able to help solve a community issue in a local neighborhood with California’s second lowest life expectancy per capita.

Dialogue following the presentation facilitated by Jonathon included thoughts, personal experiences, questions, and suggestions.

Item 9: Adjourned at 1:27 pm.