



Benton County

Public Health Planning Advisory Committee

(PHPAC) February 15, 2017 Minutes

Present: Louise Marstall (Chair), Barbara Hanley (Vice-Chair), Lesli Uebel, Sandi Bean, Tony Lapiz, Caitlyn Reilly & Aimee Snyder

Excused: Marisa Thierheimer, Paul Hochfeld, Karen Elliott, Roxanne Shaw & Judy Sundquist

Guests: Molly Curry (via phone) & Aurora Morley

Staff: Charlie Fautin, Sean McGuire & JonnaVe Stokes (recorder)

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Marstall. Chair Marstall welcomed new members Lapiz, Reilly and Snyder to PHPAC.

II. Approval of December 2016 and January 2017 Minutes

There was one noted change to the December 2016 minutes; Molly Curry was added as present. There was one noted change to the January 2017 minutes; Amy Snyder's name was corrected as Aimee Snyder.

MOTION was made to approve the December 2016 and January 2017 minutes as amended; motion seconded, all in favor, so approved.

III. Benton County 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative Presentation - Sean McGuire, Sustainability Coordinator, Benton County Community Development Department

McGuire was recently hired by Benton County to launch the long term vision 2040 Thriving Community Initiative. This project is currently in the final stages of Phase I.

Background:

- **Spring 2015:** the Benton County Board of Commissioners began planning sessions to prepare for shocks that may emerge from population growth, economic growth, and emergencies. Benton County has estimated there will be an influx of 20,000 more residents by 2040.
- **Fall 2015:** internal county leadership team was formed.
- **Spring 2016:** 2040 council with leaders and members from housing, rural, farming, etc. created.
- **Summer 2016:** began community engagement, ie: county fair and public events, online survey, listening sessions, county community planning, and City of Corvallis' long term planning.

McGuire has engaged and collected data from over 3,000 people and received over 8,200 comments.

Community members can still take the survey online until March 6, 2017 at Benton2040.org and sign up for the monthly sustainability newsletter. McGuire will use collected information from the survey to find linkages between data, then share them as a tool to be used within the community.

The survey asks each respondent three questions, *comments below are from PHPAC members.

1. What do you like and value about living here (location you identify with in Benton County)?

- Corvallis is a college town
- McDonald-Dunn Forest and trail systems
- sense of community among small businesses
- nature areas
- bike friendly trails
- Saturday markets
- bikeability to campus and the safety to do so
- safety to walk to and from campus
- friendliness of downtown
- river access for canoeing
- free bus system
- health department services
- green spaces and parks around town that contribute to active living, bikeability and walkability of town
- general friendliness around town
- green spaces and bike friendly
- family oriented town
- the college
- McDonald-Dunn Forest
- bikeability
- being a college town
- proximity to the ocean, airport, Eastern and Southern Oregon
- access to outdoor recreation
- close to Southern Oregon, the mountains, and the ocean
- everything is fifteen minutes away
- college town
- small town
- historic old buildings still in place
- misty weather
- everywhere you look is green
- history of family and special places
- no sales tax

2. What do you want Benton County to be like between now and 2040?

3. What needs to change in order for us to reach that vision?

- A light rail system between Eugene and Corvallis.
- A light rail system around campus to reduce carbon footprint.
- Access to food in Southtown and Philomath with healthy and affordable options.

- Create community town centers that are walkable in neighborhoods in Corvallis, Philomath, Adair, North Albany, etc.
- Resources for other parts of the county besides Corvallis, build these other areas up all over the county so there isn't a fight to just live in Corvallis.
- Affordable options for aging populations and all age populations (assisted living, independent living, retirement living, families, college students, etc.).
- Bring generations together and prevent age segregation.
- More services for homeless and disparate populations that include housing options, ie: Human Solutions in Rockwood (Portland) created a building in a high need area with services in the bottom of the building, then added temporary housing and affordable housing for low income families on floors above; all near groceries and banking services in the community.
- Options for senior housing
- More services for young adults and adults with developmental disabilities.

McGuire asked PHPAC members who grew up here and live here what their impressions of the college town's issues were and what they would recommend?

- Improved relationships, communication, and outreach to the community from Oregon State University (OSU) regarding university events and outreach from towns about local events shared back with the university population.
- 18,000 people commute in to work in Corvallis every day and 10,000 people commute out for work.
- Increase the density around campus, ie: keep the historical buildings on campus and not tear them down to add triplexes, address parking issues and people wanting to park close to campus, add ground floor retail establishments with mixed use residential spaces around campus, and add better public transportation to help alleviate tensions.
- Residents don't go to campus now because it is confusing, they don't know how to navigate, or know where to park.
- Provide services and access for members of society with disabilities in the community (memory disabilities, physical disabilities, etc.).
- With population growth and transportation issues we should be looking at turning the valley into a carless community and become mobile in different ways through mass transit. This could eliminate parking problems, increase pathways and connect outside communities.
- Incentivize what we want and tax what we don't.
- Build more service opportunities into the community, students want to make an impact. Create programs where students can train in the community not just in school.

Phase II:

- Review the 8,200 comments received from this project to draft a set of core values or create a vision statement by June.
- Complete set of core values by September, determine strategies and add metrics by December.

Will there be follow up in June with repeated community listening sessions? This is still to be determined; there will be a follow up survey for sure and the press will be used for announcements. If you would like more information about 2040 Thriving Communities in Benton County meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Sunset Building.

IV. Retreat Review: 2017 priorities

In the past, committee members share what they have worked on over the last year with commissioners. Committee members bring public health priorities to the commissioner's attention and listen to what the commissioner's priorities are.

Commissioner priorities this year include:

- Hiring a new County Operations Officer
- Prioritizing budgets
- Developing long term strategic objectives
- Youth and adolescent mental health priorities
- Intercept model with law enforcement prevention and after programs "assertive community therapy approaches."

Committee members asked:

- If they could find out what the other two commissioners' priorities are so they can hear from all three.
- If both the Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Diversity Advisory Committee (MHADDAC) and the PHPAC could meet to discuss the top three priorities to work on and help advise the commissioners.

V. Member Activity Reports

- Member Lapid attended the Public Health Modernization Forum held between Linn, Lane, Lincoln and Benton Counties. Lapid learned about how each county is modernizing their departments and about best practices under development. Lapid enjoyed the discussion and collaboration between all of the counties.
 - Lapid also sits on the City of Corvallis' Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Advisory Board who are currently discussing senior center expansion options that are moving forward and will be recommended to the city.
 - Member Uebel asked if public health modernization and the current lack of funding was discussed at the Public Health Modernization Forum. The Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services' budgets are unknown federally, statewide, as well as local levy funding. Unless a huge comprehensive revenue package with taxes comes through services will be reduced. There is currently a \$1.8 billion dollar deficit in the Oregon budget; \$180-200 million dollars may be cut from from social services.
- Member Reilly attended the Food as Medicine Symposium in Portland, with Sandor Katz. This conference discussed fermentation and food preservation with live cultures, microbiomes, etc.

- Member Bean passed out a flyer as a Mid Valley Health Care Associate for universal healthcare in Oregon, for a movie showing at the Darkside. Attendance is free on Monday, February 20, 2017, and will be played at 6:00pm and 8:30pm. Two Canadian film makers produced a show on myths about healthcare in Canada.
 - Bean also discussed a recent study that was completed on Universal Healthcare that has proposed four different options for healthcare in Oregon.
 - Mid Valley Health Care Associates are hoping the legislature adopts one of these four options as a measure to be placed on the ballot in 2020.
 - The study can be found in the RAND Report and there is also a link from Lund report to RAND Report.

VI. Public Health Week Event

The public health week recognition and awards event is an annual Board of Health meeting. All advisory committee members and community partner organizations are invited; it is also open to the public.

The event will be held this year on April 11th, 2017 from 5:45-7:30pm and will be hosted by PHPAC.

Annual awards to be distributed include:

- The Sheldon Wagner Award, which is given to a county resident who has contributed to the public's health. This award was established by PHPAC.
- The Roger Irvin Award, is given to a county employee working for Health in All Policy.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Public Health Nursing Manager will attend PHPAC in March to share about a new partnership with the Inter-Community Health Network Coordinated Care Organization to speak about universal nurse home visiting.
- There will be an opportunity for input to the Corvallis City Council about bringing tobacco ordinances up to date.
 - The Benton County Commissioners updated the county tobacco ordinances last fall.
 - The Corvallis City Council has not updated city ordinances. There will be public hearing at 7:30pm next Tuesday, February 21, 2017.
 - Medical Directors from Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis Family Medicine and Benton County Health Services submitted testimony in January and pushed for action, but the Corvallis City Council decided not to take action until there was a dedicated public hearing.

Please remember when attending meetings there are restrictions for advisory committee members. Under Oregon law PHPAC members are considered public employees. PHPAC members cannot speak on behalf of PHPAC unless empowered to do so by commissioners, but members can attend events as private residents, speak on behalf of other residents, and can educate others.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. by Chair Marstall.