



# Benton County

## Public Health Planning Advisory Committee

### (PHPAC) February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Minutes

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**Present:** Marisa Thierheimer, Louise Marstall, Barbara Hanley, Sandi Bean (Chair) & Judy Sundquist (Vice-chair)

**Excused:** Drew Desilet & Lesli Uebel

**Staff:** Charlie Fautin & JonnaVe Stokes (recorder)

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#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Bean.

#### II. Approval of January 2016 Minutes

The January 2016 minutes were presented for approval.

**MOTION was made to approve the January 2016 minutes as written; motion seconded; all in favor, so approved.**

#### III. Advisory Group Discussion Points - *Charlie Fautin, Deputy Director, Benton County Health Services (BCHS)*

*Handout: Questions for All Public Health*

When Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO's) were created, they were mandated to create community advisory committees; these are designed as "feeders" to the regional CCO committee. CCO's decided to create an advisory council in each county so members would come into the regional group with some background before joining.

PHPACs and Mental Health Advisory Committees in Linn, Lincoln and Benton Counties discussed what the relationship is between the CCO advisory committees and the governmental advisory committees.

PHPACs focus on:

- public health and prevention, the whole population, and advise the elected board of commissioners.

CCO committees focus on:

- medical insurance/medical care, the currently enrolled Medicaid population, and advise the appointed board of directors.

Linn and Benton County try to place people from their PHPAC or other local advisory committees on to the regional Community Advisory Council (CAC). Being on multiple committees is a huge commitment, so recruiting has been tough.

All three mental health advisory committees from Linn, Lincoln and Benton met to discuss structures of each committee.

- Linn and Lincoln have three separate committees to serve mental/behavioral health, addictions, and developmental disabilities.
- Benton County has combined those three topics (mandated by the state) into one advisory committee called MHADDAC (mental health, addictions, and developmental disabilities advisory committee).

Out of this regional county meeting, a questionnaire was developed for every advisory committee member in each of the three counties.

Questions / Answers to the Benton County PHPAC:

1. For your group to be effective, who do you think you should influence?  
The county board of commissioners (BOC) and local state representatives.
2. Where should your feedback go to be the most valuable?  
The county board of commissioners.
3. What should the focus of that feedback be?  
The public health lens, pros and cons, prevention, promotion of wellness, and advice and recommendations on community health.
4. What is this group's unique / sectoral role?  
Whole population focus, primary prevention, social determinants, all determinants, etc. This group is constantly being informed.
5. What is the relationship between the group and County Commissioners?  
Two way communication, being aware of the commissioner's priorities, the ability to relate PHPAC's work to the BOC's work.
6. Do you feel that there are places where the group should have a connection that doesn't currently exist?  
Relationships occur with: academia (OSU School of Public Health, Portland State University, and the Corvallis School District). PHPAC would like to connect with: religious affiliations that take care of underserved populations; and the business community to promote economic and public health development together.
7. Have there been missed opportunities to increase collaboration and cooperation?  
This group has been wonderful about sharing opportunities with other members in the group; with collaboration; and in community outreach.

**IV. Public Health Week Awards Event - Charlie Fautin, Deputy Director, Benton County Health Services (BCHS)**

- Need to have two themes ready for the public health week event, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Sunset Building.
  - Benton County's accreditation results from the Public Health Accreditation Board or a progress report from the three Community Health Improvement Planning groups.
- PHPAC can submit nominations for the Sheldon Wagner Award and the Health in All Policies Award.

**\*Recorder to send out nomination forms and invitations to internal staff planning meetings to PHPAC.**

**V. Recruitment**

- Member Allsopp has recently resigned from PHPAC.
- PHPAC now has six openings on the committee, three are open under "health practitioner" position, three are open under "well informed on public health matters."

Flyer feedback:

- Define public health, list examples of what the committee does, and show some of the committee's accomplishments.

**\*Recorder to send word document to member Sundquist for revisions.**

**VI. Member Activity Reports**

- Good Samaritan offers a wellness class for community members with chronic illness. Member Marstall has been attending for three weeks now. This class teaches the community how to live well with those conditions and to problem solve.
- Chair Bean attended a Corvallis City Council meeting, where the City Council may be endorsing a ballot measure by Mid-Valley Healthcare Advocates to support universal healthcare.
  - Oregon has passed HB 2828 to study universal healthcare under four different cost models at the state right now.
  - HR 676 is a federal bill that proposes a national plan to shift costs away from premiums, deductibles, and copays.
- Member Thierheimer asked the committee for names of cancer survivor volunteers, she might be able to reach out to for the "Relay for Life" event at Oregon State University on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Member Sundquist shared the [healthypeople.gov](http://healthypeople.gov) website and discussed the federal public health effort webinar to collaborate with the legal system that will be held March 10th.

**VII. Adjourn**

**MOTION was made to adjourn; motion seconded; all in favor, so approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by Chair Bean.