

MARION COUNTY HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015

5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Present: Patrick Vance, Mike Mann, Sandra Echavarria, Melinda Veliz, Renee Steward, Deborah Carlson, Judy Scott, Tracey Robichaud

Absent: Doug Short, Hanten Day, Scott Richards, Sierra Nelson, Tim Murphy

Staff: Rod Calkins, Pam Hutchinson, Cary Moller, Zugey Luna (Recorder), Yana Conner (Recorder)

Guests:

Call to Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes – Patrick Vance - Chair

Patrick Vance called the meeting to order, introductions followed.

Patrick Vance entertained a motion to approve last month's minutes, with one change in Tim Murphy's presentation – Marion County Safety Committee has been around for many years. Members voted, motion carried, and minutes were approved after clarification.

Cary invited Jo Anne Hill, but has not heard back from her today, assuming she will not be attending.

Announcements/Updates:

CCO Mental Health Contract – Rod Calkins

Rod will have a meeting with the CCO tomorrow to discuss the Mental Health Contract with services offered through the Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC). The goal is for the CCO to pay for at least 50% of the cost for the services offered at PCC.

DD Services and Support Fair – Cary Moller

Cary is inviting everyone to the Marion County Supports and Services Fair at the Keizer Civic Center on Thursday, April 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm sponsored by Marion County Health Department/Development Disabilities Program. Cary will send the flyer out to all members. Staff reported to Cary that about 150 members came to the fair last year. Cary recognized Mike Mann and thanked him for his participation in the community. Salem for All will have a booth at the fair. Salem for All gives access to cultural/arts opportunities in the community.

The intent is that individuals with families can come and learn about the services and supports and employment opportunities in the community. This event will allow people to meet with local providers, agencies and people who provide supports and services for people with intellectual and development disabilities. Access to technology will be available to help overcome barriers. Oregon Home Care Commission will give the opportunity to meet the organization that helps with personal support workers. You can also learn about the new Individual Support Plan (ISP). There will be a new requirement coming June 1st, which will be announced at the fair. Another great opportunity is accessing employment in Oregon and changes in the system from a wide variety of people involved in the transition. Employment First is both a philosophy and an Oregon State Policy.

Highland – Second “MCTTRC” Site – Cary Moller

Cary announced that Marion County Health Department is expanding to a second site, “Highland”, for the Marion County Transitional Treatment and Recovery Community (MCTTRC) program. This will be a multi-agency collaborative effort to help families who are at risk of losing their children due to substance abuse issues. With the support of Department of Human Resources, DHS Child Welfare, Catholic Community Services (CCS), Marion County Health Department, and Family Building Block, we have a great community site that CCS has purchased which can house a whole family rather than just a few family members. Some of the units have up to four beds to accommodate bigger families. These families will have access to support services such as free childcare while the parents are involved in treatment services. This will help them gain stability.

Partner Survey Data from Community Health Assessment - Pam Hutchinson

There are three components to the community health assessment; the Partner Survey, Community Survey, and Key Informant Interviews. The Community Health Assessment is one of four assessments that are done as part of Mobilizing Action for Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). The community health assessment is intended to describe the health status of people living in Marion County and then compare them with people living in other counties. The partner survey was sent out to Health, Social Service and Education Partners in Marion County in partnership with Polk County, which is performing a parallel process and using the same survey tool on “Survey Monkey”. HAB member Melinda Veliz is part of the survey committee. The Partners Survey tells us what our partners are seeing in terms of barriers to accessing health services and what they feel are the priorities for funding and use of resources. Marion County had about one-hundred twenty participants. Pam used a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the preliminary survey data. Partners were asked “What factors most adversely affect our community?”; “What environmental factors most adversely affect our community?”; “Where should we spend our money?”; “What are the most common barriers to seeking health care?” This same information was presented to the Clinical Advisory Panel of the CCO yesterday. The Panel asked Marion County to find out what kind of health insurance they have to see if that makes a difference. This is an example of a question that we will use with Key Informant Interviews to help us better understand the data. Pam would like feedback regarding particular questions that should be asked when doing key informant interviews to clarify information received. The members responded that they would like more clarification on the meth and mold data. Pam will check on the food deserts in the Canyon area.

The survey of community residents is still open and Pam asked that all members spread the word about the Community Survey to anyone who has not completed it. The link was emailed to all board members on March 20th, from Yana. The Partners Survey will be compared with the Community Survey to see how it matches up in terms of community priorities, etc.

The next steps with the community health assessment, once the resident’s survey is closed, will be to share data with the community through community forums. The final step will be to use all of the information to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan. Pam welcomes members to email her with any further suggestions. Pam will notify the members when the forums are scheduled for those who would be interested in attending. Patrick suggested that the board members go and observe a forum and bring back information to share with the rest of the HAB members.

PH Legislative Priorities – Rod Calkins

Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) works to promote legislative issues that promote and protect the public health in Oregon. It also looks out for the welfare for local public health departments. There are six legislative priorities this year. Some of the six priorities have bills and some do not (as of yet). For all the services that Marion County provides, public health is the least funded from the state and federal level.

Referring to the handout, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are one of the highest priority issues. The legislature is working on setting controls around e-cigarettes for more appropriate packaging to protect minors against them. There are ordinances that the board enacted effective July 1st of this year. All Marion County properties will be tobacco free. E-cigarettes are going to be considered as regular cigarettes. Unfortunately, they are not illegal to minors, which is an issue. The legislature is trying to change that. Mike expresses his concern of whether e-cigarettes can cause an addiction to other harmful drugs, such as meth. Rod explains that the issue is more presumptive and the research has not been proven. Some research shows that the chemicals transporting from the e-cigarettes are addictive and can cause long-term effects, but there is no long-term evidence to prove it. Research shows that there has been a decrease in under-age smoking and increase of under-age e-cigarettes possession. The chance of e-cigarettes attracting more under-age smokers rises significantly due to the sudden popularity of them. The legislature is working to make them illegal for minors.

The rates of infant and toddler accidental ingestions of marijuana products are higher in the states that have decriminalized it, according to Colorado's research. Children who are exposed to marijuana have more severe symptoms than someone who is typically associated with the drug. The rates of unintentional pediatric marijuana exposures more than tripled in the states that have decriminalized it. Please refer to CLHO handout for increases per year since 2006. To protect children from unintentional exposure, Senate Bill 1531 was signed into law requiring marijuana products that will be sold through the Oregon Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program (OMMDP) to come in "child-resistant safety packaging". A question about driving under the influence was brought up. Rod responded that the number of DUI's has decreased in some of the states that have decriminalized it. Although, it is harder to determine if one is under the influence and there needs to be evidence of impairment in order to cite the person. Patrick mentioned that the handout does not talk about marijuana edibles such as lollipops, which would be very attractive to children. This puts the children at a higher risk and draws more concern from the legislature.

As stated in the handout, recommendations by the Task Force of Public Health, created by HB 2348, envision a modern public health system that offers foundational public health programs and capabilities in communities across Oregon. A modernized public health system is needed to keep Oregonians healthy and reduce the need for costly medical care. The Task Force made a good number of recommendations; regionalization was not one of them. There is a current bill that does not embody those recommendations very well. It leaves out some important key points. There was nothing in this bill regarding funding; one of the primary recommendations. Pam referred to the pie graph in the handout and points out that WIC has the most federal and state funding.

Communicable Disease Prevention and Investigation and Response are our number one priority for Public Health. This is where we put most of our county general fund in to. This helps raise awareness for diseases such as Ebola. Rod added that the disease investigation has increased by 30% in the last seven or eight years, while funding has decreased about 10%. We are in the process of moving a Disease Investigation Specialist (DIS) from the state, to the county. The CLHO handout states that the increase in occurrence of diseases coupled with static funding has reduced capacity for local public health communicable disease nurses to work with hospitals, schools, nursing homes, assisted living centers and private business on disease prevention and community education projects to reduce the spread of diseases.

Investing in a healthier Oregon relates to funding. According to the Trust for America's Health, Oregon remains 46th in the nation for investing in public health. Marion County has had flat funding in the last several years due to inflation. Some of the proposed budgets, according to Public Health, have reductions in contraceptive care, CCare, and tobacco prevention. We will be working to get more funding in these areas.

Depending on which county you are in, the CCO can increase or decrease your budget. Rod will be meeting with the CCO to discuss funding for some of our programs. Compared to other Public Health departments, we are well behind in funding. One of the discussions tomorrow will be about reimbursing for CCO clients. The outcome is yet to be determined.

Other:

Future Topics:

The chair motioned to adjourn, members voted and approved.

HAB Meeting Adjourned.

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2015 Meeting Schedule:
May 19, 2015
June 16, 2015
September 15, 2015

October 20, 2015
November 17, 2015
December 15, 2015