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# Advisory Council

## September 15, 2015 meeting notes

**Council:** Betsy Brownfield, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Adriana Linares, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Rouse-Yamashita, Tracy Rude, and David Scott

**Staff:** Adiba Ali, Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Melanie Payne, Don Strick, and Roxanne Wolfe

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### (1) WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES *(Mark)*

Mark opened the meeting in Trevor's absence. The council reviewed the meeting notes from July 2015. Paul moved and Bob seconded motion to accept meeting notes as submitted. The motion passed.

### (2) DEPARTMENT UPDATE *(Alan)*

#### ▪ Staffing

Our Administrative Assistant Julie Grimm retired; she asked that we not have any kind of special acknowledgement. Julie has done great work for Clark County Public Health (CCPH) and the PHAC over the years. The position will be posted internally to the county. Lydia Gherman is temporarily filling that position.

The other position that we will be recruiting for is a Program Coordinator I. This position will be focused on community partnerships and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This position will be an external recruitment.

#### ▪ Funding *(Alan / Jeff)*

(Alan) CCPH will be receiving a HAI (Hospital Acquired Infections) grant in the amount of \$400,000 over three years. We will hire an Infection Control Preventionist to work with long term care facilities and hospital partners for a community wide approach. We had a very high score and a strong application. Staff that will be hired will work between long term care facilities and hospital facilities to develop community wide protocols and policies around infection prevention. The recruitment will be for an expert in infection control and prevention

(Alan) The State is raising taxes for marijuana retail. The funds will amount to approximately 14 million per biennium and DOH will be distributing the funds. There is dialogue around the state between the local health departments and the state on how those funds will be distributed and we may have an update at the next meeting.

(Jeff) We will be getting a grant from the Department of Ecology that funds site hazard work and we will have more information on that grant at the next meeting. We will start working on the biennium budget for 2017/2018 starting in January.

▪ **Partnerships** *(Alan)*

We do a lot of work around partnerships and have a variety of partners that we work with. With that in mind we have put together “Guiding Principles” that CCPH will use as a guide for when and how we work with partners. Please review and provide your feedback. .

**(3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** *(Mark)*

▪ **Committee Appointments – updates:**

- Positions with terms ending September 30 include:
- Consumer of public health services (currently held by Joanne Huffman)
  - o Received one applicant.
- Doctor of veterinary medicine practicing in Clark County (currently held by Betsy Brownfield)
  - o Roxanne is following up on this with some contacts that she has.
- Representative from the Clark County Youth Commission, Clark County Youth House, or a representative of local area high schools or a local area college ( recently held by Bryce Hackett who has left for college.)
  - o Beth Hill is seeking interest from the Youth Commission and will review Agenda at Thursday meeting to assess interest.
- A representative of Clark County septic designers, contractors, pumpers and operations and maintenance specialists. (currently held by Mark Collier)
  - o We have two applicants and are waiting for recommendation from the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee).
- Non-elected representative of city of Vancouver (advertised and selected by the city of Vancouver) (currently held by Joan Caley)
  - o Joan has been re-appointed by the City of Vancouver.
- A representative of Legacy Hospital (nominated by Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital) (recently held by Rhonda Turner who retired)
  - o Alan and Roxanne are following up with Legacy who is in the process of determining representative.

(Alan) Betsy is moving to the Midwest to be closer to family. She will be a great loss to this committee and community. She wrote the “Disaster Plan for Large Animals” that she will share in more detail later this meeting. Betsy has great perspective on the council and will be greatly missed. (Betsy) She is appreciative of opportunity to be involved with the council.

▪ **Nominating Committee:** *(Mark)*

Sandy Mathewson, Bob Richardson, and Remy Eussen, and Joan Caley have volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

▪ **Bob Richardson-WSPHA Award:** *(Alan & Janis)*

Bob Richardson has been awarded the Washington State Public Health Association’s Leadership Award. This is a state wide association which includes people from all walks of life, both public and private partners. Bob will be receiving this award on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee.

**(4) CHA (Community Health Assessment) (Melanie)**

▪ **Community Health Assessment report**

The report describes county findings identified through the regional community health needs assessment activities of the Healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative (HCWC). In fact, the report builds county findings around the regional work for additional context. The report describes how a broad community health assessment identified the top health issues through local data and community input. Sections examine county demographics, social determinants of health, health status, and priority health issues.

A few additional things you might want to know about the report include:

- It is the latest version of a community health assessment for Clark County (previous versions include the Community Assessment, Planning and Evaluation report, etc.)
- It will fulfill one of the three prerequisites for PH accreditation.
- It is a starting point for the community health improvement planning process (another prerequisite for PH accreditation).
- It is available on the CCPH/HAE Fact Sheets and Reports webpage at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/reports/documents/ClarkCHA2015.pdf>.

**(5) ANIMAL RELATED PUBLIC HEALTH (Betsy)**

▪ **Large Animal Emergency Preparedness in Clark County, WA**

Animal-Related Emergencies:

- E. coli in raw milk
- Leptospirosis in lakes
- Psittacosis with pet birds
- BSE in Yakima
- Landslide in Snohomish County
- Flooding in Lewis County
- Wildfire across state
- Avian Influenza

*Vast majority of farms are small, owners have jobs off the farm*

Concerns:

- Lack of resources
- Limited trained personnel
- Diminished experience with agricultural emergencies

*Current Emergency Plans*

- CRESA (County Regional Emergency Services Agency)
- Activates EOC (Emergency Operations Center)
- Emergency Response based off CEMP
- (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan)

ESF-11

*Emergency Support Function for Agricultural and Natural Resources*

Lead agencies:

- Clark County Animal Protection and Control
- Humane Society of SW Washington

Support agencies:

- WSDA
- Clark County Executive Horse Council
- Clark County Public Health
- WSU Extension
- SW WA Veterinary Medical Association

#### ESF-8

##### *Public Health and Medical Services*

Lead agency:

- Clark County Public Health
- Animal emergency involvement via zoonotic disease outbreak investigation and control and carcass disposal recommendations and monitoring

##### *Region IV Public Health Emergency Response Plan*

Joint agreement between health departments of:

- Clark County
- Skamania County
- Cowlitz County
- Wahkiakum County
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Parts of plan related to animals:

- West Nile Virus monitoring and control
- Communicable (possibly zoonotic) disease detection, prevention, and control
- Emergency mass sheltering disease control and vector surveillance

##### *Federal Emergency Response*

- Emergency Preparedness Systems: NIMS, NRF, National Preparedness System, NAHEMS, FADPreP
- Responding organizations:
  - NVRT
  - NAHERC

##### *WA CEMP ESF-11*

Lead Agencies: WSDA, WSDFW, +/- USDA

- Support Agencies – State Departments of:
  - Ecology
  - Health
  - Enterprise Services
  - Social and Health Services

##### *WA CEMP ESF-25*

State Animal Response Plan

WARM- Washington Animal Response Management

Chaired by state veterinarian and coordinates various state agencies, industry groups, and NGOs involved in emergency planning, response, and recovery

- Tasks:
  - Coordinated emergency response
  - Communicate animal shelter information to public
  - Provide list of available responding resources
  - Assist in donation coordination
  - Interact with regulatory agencies
  - Provide preparedness information

***Discussion:***

- Group found both presentations fascinating and intriguing.
- Betsy's materials will be used in the disaster plan. (Alan)

**(6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**(7) ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.