

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Public Health Advisory Council of Snohomish County

September 28, 2022 | 7:30-9:00 a.m. | Snohomish Health District | Rucker Building Auditorium and Zoom Meeting

Members present:

Lisa George, PRMCE (Chair)
Korey MacKenzie, Diamond Knot Alehouse
Jean Doerge, Community Member (Chair-Elect)
Patricia Love, City of Stanwood
Jason Biermann, Snohomish County
Kurt Hilt, International Association of Fire Fighters 1828
Karri Matau, Community Foundation of Snohomish County
Huynh Chhor, Swedish Medical Center
Robert Goetz, Everett Police Department
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Board of Health, Ex Officio Member

Staff Present:

Pamela Aguilar
James Lewis
Nicole Thomsen
Sarah de Jong
Miyuki Blatt

Members not present:

Shaughn Maxwell, South County Fire and Rescue

Comings and Goings:

Robert Goetz arrived at 7:40 a.m.

Guests:

Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County

Recording Secretary: Sarah de Jong, Executive Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the auditorium via Zoom video conference by Ms. Lisa George.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong, who reported there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Kurt Hilt and seconded by Ms. Patricia Love to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. George opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment received and Ms. George closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Briefings & Discussions

Snohomish County Health Department

Ms. Stephanie Wright shared an update on the progress of the public health integration. The County and the District are working on an ILA that should be finalized in the next few weeks. Shawn Frederick will be presenting the 2023 budget to the County within the coming weeks as well.

Mr. Jason Biermann also shared that there is a Strengthening Public Health workgroup that will be starting soon. This group will be multidisciplinary and include members from the Health District, three PHAC members, the Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee, and representatives from different County departments. The goal of the group is to look at strengthening public health through a multidisciplinary lens. The group is tentatively scheduled to begin meeting the second Wednesday in October and will meet every second and fourth Wednesday. The three PHAC members who volunteered to participate in this workgroup are Lisa George, Jean Doerge, and Robert Goetz.

Community Health Assessment (P. Sampaga-Khim)

Ms. Miyuki Blatt, an epidemiologist within the Prevention Services division, provided a briefing on the Community Health Assessment (CHA) the Health District is currently undertaking. This assessment identifies key health needs and issues through a systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis. The last CHA was performed in 2018 and released in 2019. Ms. Blatt reviewed the findings from the 2018 CHA and went over the process for the assessment. The CHA is currently in the data collection phase and staff have reached out to a wide variety of representations from different subpopulations in the county including community leaders, youth, and community members. Staff are also forming a data committee and PHAC members interested in joining may apply on the District's website at www.SnoHD.org/CHA2022.

District 2023 WA Legislative Priorities (N. Thomsen)

Ms. Nicole Thomsen reviewed a draft of the proposed 2023 legislative priorities. The draft is largely based off last year's approved legislative agenda. PHAC members discussed focusing on the following priorities:

- Training, support, and incentive for medical professionals and students
- Access to healthcare
- Relieving the strain on emergency departments and the hospital system

Health Officer's Report

Dr. James Lewis provided an update on COVID and monkeypox.

Information Items

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. George noted upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.