

DRAFT Meeting Notes
Public Health Advisory Council of Snohomish County

October 26, 2022 | 7:30-9:00 a.m. | Snohomish Health District | Rucker Building Auditorium and Zoom Meeting

Members present:

Jean Doerge, Community Member (Chair-Elect)
Korey MacKenzie, Diamond Knot Alehouse
Karri Matau, Community Foundation of Snohomish County
Patricia Love, City of Stanwood
Robert Goetz, Everett Police Department
Huynh Chhor, Swedish Medical Center
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Board of Health, Ex Officio Member

Staff Present:

Shawn Frederick
James Lewis
Pamela Aguilar
Nicole Thomsen
Miyuki Blatt
Sarah de Jong

Members not present:

Lisa George, PRMCE (Chair)
Jason Biermann, Snohomish County
Kurt Hilt, International Association of Fire Fighters 1828
Shaughn Maxwell, South County Fire and Rescue

Comings and Goings:

Robert Goetz arrived at 7:35
Patricia Love left at 8:26
Huynh Chhor arrived at 8:35

Guests:

Josh Dugan, Snohomish County; Heather Sellers; Jessica Enick

Recording Secretary: Sarah de Jong, Executive Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. in the auditorium via Zoom video conference by Ms. Jean Doerge.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong, who reported there was not a quorum present. Without a quorum present, action items were not addressed.

Briefings & Discussions

Health Officer's Report

Fentanyl is easier to get ahold of and much more potent than other opioids. This leads to more overdoses. The potency of fentanyl can vary. There is a decrease in EMS responses across the state since July but still remains elevated compared to 2021. There is a refocus in the county on the multi-agency coordination group and an increase in education and outreach. There is also a rural communities opioid response program grant funded by HRSA that focuses on the Darrington and Sky Valley communities. By accessing

SnohomishOverdosePrevention.com, community members are able to access trainings on administering Narcan. The Everett Police Department saw an uptick in Narcan administrations in September and is not experiencing a downward trend.

For COVID, the county is in the low community level. Case rates are still on a downward trend but expecting an increase as we move further into respiratory-illness season. Long-term care also shows a stable rate with last week seeing one outbreak and two cases in long-term care facilities. Historically, the U.S. has lagged behind the trend in Europe and U.K. As of 10/16, their cases continued to increase but now appear to be slowing. Current mitigation efforts include encouraging an increase in vaccine uptake, encouraging Evusheld, a PrEP monoclonal antibody for individuals that are immunocompromised, and advocating to improve access to treatment and implementation of treatment in long-term care facilities.

Monkeypox has had a slow increase in cases overall. There have been no hospitalizations in Snohomish County in the past month or so. Case reports have been decreasing the past couple of weeks. Mitigation efforts include increasing vaccine uptake, looking into mobile vaccination support, and maintaining treatment supply.

There is an increase in pediatric hospitalizations due to respiratory viruses. Heading into this season, all are encouraged to get their COVID booster and flu shot.

Snohomish County Health Department (J. Dugan)

Mr. Josh Dugan shared an update on the integration process. The project is on a good trajectory for meeting requirements and standing up the new department at the beginning of the year. The compressed schedule for getting all required tasks done remains the one identified risk to the project but the County is on track for completing the tasks in time. The ILA between the Health District and Snohomish County is on the docket for public hearing and approval at the County today. Contract negotiations are anticipated to be complete by mid-November. Trainings have also begun for some staff on County functions for related work. The County is proceeding to hire a health department director to help with the last bit of integration as a County employee and then when the Health Department is stood up in January, would transition as the director of the new department.

Community Health Assessment (M. Blatt)

Representation for the data committee includes many different sectors and ethnic groups. The meetings are held every other Thursday and the committee has met twice so far. Ms. Miyuki Blatt shared the public health topics that were reviewed at the previous meeting and the topics that will be addressed at future meetings.

2023 Budget (S. Frederick & J. Doerge)

The preliminary budget is being presented to all Board of Health Committees and will be presented to the full Board of Health at its November meeting as a public hearing and briefing and then will go as a public hearing and action item for approval at the December Board meeting. The balanced budget currently has a net revenue of \$675,000 and the District is in a financially stable condition. Mr. Frederick walked through the changes in all divisions, which can be found in the agenda packet.

Administrative Officer's Report

Mr. Frederick reminded the PHAC that he will be ending his employment with the Health District at the end of the year. The current focus is on the 2023 budget and integration into Snohomish County.

2023 Legislative Priorities

A tentative draft of the 2023 legislative priorities was shared with the PHAC at its last meeting. Ms. Nicole Thomsen reviewed the updates made since based on feedback from the PHAC and the Board of Health Committees.

Information Items

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Doerge noted upcoming meetings. Committee members discussed moving the PHAC meeting to November 30.

Ms. Nicole Thomsen introduced prospective PHAC member Heather Sellers and Jessica Enick.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.