

# Public Health Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024

5:30-7:30 PM



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Members Present: Ashley Mariscal, Breein Scarlet-Fiser, Elma Blum, Emily Estes, Kristine Buist, Kevin Fischer, Kimberly Dauphin, Kurt Truong, Laurie Schacht, Marla Sanger, Michael Watkins, Robert Ferrier, Sandra Brown, Scott Johnson, Tyler Clary, Councilor Sue Marshall (ex-officio), Alan Melnick (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Franklin Johnson, Mark Collier, Nissa Buchanan, Paul Childers, Tracey Fernandez

Staff: Andrea Pruet, Dana Nguyen, Gerry Preston, Jeff Harbison, Roxanne Wolfe, Bryan DeDoncker, Mallori Berry

Public Guests: Valerie Striplin

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## Welcome and call to order

Chair Sandra Brown opened the meeting and completed a roll call of the PHAC members.

## PHAC Business

- Aging Readiness Plan award: Franklin Johnson received the Governor's Merit Award for the Aging Readiness Plan.
- August 27, 2024, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

## Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## Health Officer Update

- Whooping cough update
  - Significantly increased in 2024. No deaths currently.
  - School is back in session; most cases are of unvaccinated. It is a vaccine preventable illness.
  - First couple of weeks are mild cold systems, where the illness can be spread without knowing.
  - The RSV vaccine is only covered by Medicare part D, and not basic Medicare like the flu and covid vaccines are. That's important for our elderly population that are at high risk for severe illness and death from RSV.
  - Department of Health Immunization dashboard: <https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/school-immunization/dashboard>
- COVID-19 update
  - Recommend obtaining new vaccine if you have not received a covid vaccine within the last two months.

## Public Health in Action

- Health effects of lead
  - Naturally occurs in the environment and can cause several health problems if ingested or inhaled (lead paint and lead dust are most common in 2024).



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- Can affect every organ and system within the body and is a neurotoxin, causing brain damage. Children six years or younger are more susceptible to cognitive loss and permanent damage. Lead exposure can cause behavior and learning problems, as well as slow growth and anemia.
  - Blood testing is the best way to test for lead exposure/elevated lead levels.
  - Lead exposure/elevated blood level is a notifiable condition and Clark County receives around 20 notifications each year.
- Lead Exposure Identification and Prevention in Clark County
    - Reviewed attached presentation that will be presented at the Board of Health on 9/25/24.



9.24.24 Meeting  
slides.pdf

- Link to bill that takes effect on January 1, 2026:
  - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.565.020>
- FDA Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts link:
  - <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts>
- Washington State Federal Medicaid testing requirements links:
  - <https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/contaminants/lead>
  - <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-provider-resources/healthcare-professions-and-facilities/professional-resources/blood-lead-testing>

### Budget Update

- Fee Ordinance
  - Reviewed attached Environmental Public Health Fee Ordinance presentation that will be presented at the Board of Health on 9/25/24. This is for the adoption of the 2025 fee schedule ordinance.



2025 EPH Fee  
Schedule - 20240925

### Committee/PHAC Updates

- BOH/PHAC retreat planning
  - *Members include:* Councilor Sue Marshall, Councilor Glen Yung, Alan Melnick, Roxanne Wolfe, Emily Estes, Breein Scarlett-Fiser, Laurie Schacht Nissa Buchanan, and Marla Sanger
  - First planning meeting took place on 9/20. Went over background information and timing of the retreat. Meeting will be around six hours offsite, taking place late February/early March.
  - Since all councilors will be in attendance, a notice of the meeting to the public will be required.
  - Roxanne and Mallori will be scheduling 2-3 more meetings before the end of 2024.
- PHAC Member/Community updates

- PHAC Vacancies
  - *Clark County law enforcement community*: Kristine Buist has been appointed through 9/30/25. Waiting for acceptance letter from County Manager's office.
  - *Non-Elected representative city of Vancouver*: Elma Blum would like to continue with PHAC. Application has been completed, waiting for interview and approval.
  - *Clark County septic contractors*: Mark Collier has been reappointed; Signed acceptance letter on Council Consent agenda for October 1, 2024.
  - *Clark County educational community*: Position has been posted through 9/30. Have not received any applications. Will extend posting if needed.
  - *A nurse practicing in Clark County*: Nissa will stay on with PHAC until the end of 2024 due to schedule changes. Will be recruiting for this position December 2024.
- Community Updates
  - *Robert Ferrier*: Battle Ground University. It's a community engagement and education program we started last year to teach our residents how city government works. Link: <https://cityofbg.org/BGU>
  - *Breein Scarlett-Fiser*: Merger between Legacy and OHSU is moving forward. The next phase is integration and compliance. Merger should be complete by late 2025.

### **Closing**

The next PHAC meeting is October 22, 2024, from 5:30-7:30 and will be held *virtually*.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.



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