



Board of Health
Meets hybrid each quarter

June 4, 2025
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes: Claudia Rubio

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7:30 – 7:35

Introductions & Welcome
Bill M, Lindsey M, Gary, Suey, Talina, Amy, Mary S, Tonya,
Dr. Koenig, Brandi S, Ryan M

7:35 – 7:40

Public Comment
none

7:40 – 7:55

Bill & Lindsey M

Updates:

- Messaging campaign- there is misinformation about accessing services. We are trying to get the correct information out regarding treatment capacity. There have been paid news ads on TV after partnering with the CCO, related to access drug and alcohol treatment in Yamhill County.
- Launched CHES health, there will be community messaging going out and a social media boost. We have also paid to help have more visibility online, hopefully that will increase people accessing treatment. We are still able to do assessments on a walk-in basis for drug and alcohol treatment.
- HHS Resource Fair: June 28th from 10 am to 2 pm, this will be in the old OMI building parking lot. This is an extension of our awareness campaign. We will be highlighting which resources the county offers, mobile library card, passport fun and local prizes. Hopefully this will help us promote HHS services, a save the date will be sent out to the group to share.
- Narcan distribution: January review was impactful, there was a young community member that passed. We have sent doses sent to the jail to ensure people released from jail have Narcan, this is a new avenue to get Narcan out there. When

they are released, their tolerance is very different from before and this is a high-risk population.

Suey- Another opportunity to get Narcan out, would be with parole officers?

Talina- Is there any information given to them before they are being released? With information on where they can get Narcan or services?

Lindsey M- There are 2 therapists working at the jail, they do speak with the person before they are released but it is inconsistent. Information should be given to everyone, not just those being release for drug and alcohol use.

- Staffing: HHS recently has gone through layoffs and reassignments, this impacted 9 of our staff members. Two have been reassigned within HHS, three were staff that were not in the correct classification. One position was a PH position, it has been a rough couple of weeks.

Mary S- I think it is important to define bumping because this could be affecting other departments, per the CBA if someone has seniority they could bump someone who is in another department, it is unfortunate because what is happening in HHS is not staying in HHS. This is having some rippling effect in terms of morale, so I think it is important to define that.

Lindsey M- That is correct, it is all based on our CBA, based on years of seniority. Staff who have less than 5 years are able to bump within our department, staff who have 5 or more years with us are able to extend their bumping privileges county wide. HR is who compiles and gathers all that information.

7:55 – 8:15

Lindsey M

Public Health Rates

- Proposed rates are similar to last years, the BOC are the ones that approve the rates, and these are done every fiscal year. Every June meeting, the BOH reviews the rates and votes on a recommendation to the Commissioners.
 - Reviewed the proposed rates with the group.
 - General 5% growth on the public health rates and 8.55% growth on environmental health rates.
 - Suey- I noticed that on the first page there are some rates that say that they are not being offered.
- Lindsey M- Great question. As we previously discussed our nurse practitioner left and we no longer offer reproductive health services, the volume has been shrinking so much over time, that it didn't seem wise to hire someone else to provide
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those services. That is what you are seeing there, we still have other services available, still doing vaccinations, titers, STI testing and treatment. Suey- That is great and good to hear since we know there will be a reduction to Medicaid coming and Public Health was normally the go to place. Lindsey M- We are continuing to monitor and seeing if there is a need in the community to rehire someone for those services.

- Group votes unanimously yes to approve the 2025-2026 Public Health Rates.

8:15 -8:30

Bill

CHES Health Demo

- This is a way to build screeners or tools online to get resources to get help for drug and alcohol use.
- Bill demonstrated how CHES Health works.
- There are QR codes for the surveys, an idea was that we could put them on county buses inside, outside or at bus shelters. Printing coffee sleeves that have the codes and distributing those during prevention months. Although right now we have a small budget to help boost social media and get ads out. They have communications people that will help us decide the best way to really promote the surveys.
- These surveys are live, and we will start promoting them soon.
- Lindsey M- The goal is to get more people in the drug and alcohol treatment programs, numbers have been trending up but hoping this will help boost treatment.

8:30- 8:45

Lindsey M

2024 Communicable Diseases Review

- Reviewed data with group.
 - Increased measles outbreak & pertussis rates.
 - Decrease in gonorrhea and chlamydia.
 - Syphilis keeps going up, which is incredibly concerning, multiple cases in pregnant women.
 - There have been 13 cases of pertussis, which is most dangerous in babies under 1 and pregnant women in their 3rd trimester. The concern is that they can pass it to their newborn when they are born.
 - Mary S- Are we using an out of state lab for gonorrhea testing?
Lindsey M- We are using Oregon Public Health lab; they do most of our labs.
Mary S- How is access for STI testing and what does it look like on our end?
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Lindsey M-. We are currently hiring for a communicable diseases nurse, which will give us more access for testing and treatment. They will also be doing the investigative work as well as walk ins for clinic services.

8:45-9:00

Bill & Lindsey M

School Vaccinations/Exemption Data

- Reviewed data with group.
 - Reviewed the last 5 years of data.
 - Discussed trends of non-medical exemptions and exclusions.

Next Meeting: September 3, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.