Minutes

Lane County Public Health
Advisory Committee
Monday, May 14, 2018
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lane County Public Health
151 West 7th Ave., Room 258, Eugene, Oregon

Members Present: Beth Naylor, Susan Pfanner, Jim Robertson, Pat Ahlen, Mike Fleck, Emma Newman, Tim Byers, Jim Mough, William (Bill) Miller

Excused Absent: Jenae Ulrich, Gail Tinkham

Absent: Geoff L’Heureux

Staff: Karen Gaffney, Selene Jaramillo, Jocelyn Warren, Leah Edelman

Guests: JoAnna Kamppi, Melissa Cariño, Brenda Kluhsman, Ashley Jones, Shelle Borton

Public Comment: David Tvedt

Call to Order

Chair Jim Mough called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. (quorum met).

Welcome/Introductions

Jim Mough welcomed everyone, and introductions were made for the record.

Public Comment

David Tvedt said that he hoped the committee will make a recommendation to curtail aerial spraying and listen to the residents of rural Lane County who are being chemically trespassed. He stated that this issue has been around for at least forty years and it will not be going away. It is important to let the rural residents’ voices be heard.

The chair and vice-chair thanked Mr. Tvedt for his comment.

Review and Approval of PHAC Minutes (April 9, 2018)

Pat Ahlen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Susan Pfanner seconded. Motion passed: no objections.

Updates to Agenda

No updates to the agenda were presented.
Old Business

Update on Tobacco Policies
Karen stated that staff continues to work on tobacco-free campus policy implementation. They met to bargain with each of the five labor organizations about the effects of the tobacco-free campus policy. They are still in discussion with just one of the bargaining units; the rest have achieved a resolution. Karen hopes to have all five completed by the next PHAC meeting.

Recommendations regarding aerial spraying/February 12 public comment
Mike Fleck reported on the progress he has made and the work of the ad hoc workgroup that includes himself, Emma Newman and Tim Byers. Mike showed a huge binder (5 inches) of materials he has compiled and read on aerial spraying, including regulations, Oregon Revised Statutes such as the Forest Practices Act, Oregon Administrative Rules, other publications from Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). He split up the work with Tim and Emma, a necessity due to the complexity of the issue. Mike also looked at rules from several other western states. Mike created a five-page analysis document to summarize his research; he has not distributed that document but is happy to share with the full committee. Tim clarified that this summary was not adopted by the workgroup.

The workgroup reached consensus on recommendations to propose to the committee. There are two main areas in which the workgroup members are recommending changes. One is notification: currently, it is required that a notice of spraying be provided at least fifteen days beforehand, but then that spraying can take place up to a year later. This flexibility is largely due to the need for the correct weather conditions for spraying. Mike explained that usage requirements are also dictated by the label on the herbicide product and that the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defers to the label. The workgroup’s recommendations around notification include providing it in multiple languages and literacy options, inclusion of both property owners and residents, and follow-up notification after spraying.

The second area of recommended changes was around buffer zones for aerial spraying. California does not dictate buffer zones (except around schools): they follow the product’s label for requirements. Oregon’s current law, passed in 2015 (House Bill 3549), requires a 60-foot buffer around school zones. Mike stated that he doesn’t want to inhibit anyone’s ability to spray safely but does think adjacent properties should be notified. He said that Oregon is a “zero tolerance” state for overspray, meaning that regardless of buffer zones, any overspray is illegal.

Tim Byers shared his view that delving ever deeper into toxicology would not be productive, because it is difficult to understand low doses, long exposure periods and the mixtures of chemicals used. He summarized the situation as follows: there are residents in Lane County who feel that their health is being damaged by exposures that they can’t control and do not want. Tim stated that a reasonable approach would be to take a look at current protections in place for residents and ask if they are adequate. He feels that they are not adequate. He said that with a buffer zone of 60 feet from residences and schools, over spraying is inevitable. Therefore, the workgroup is recommending that Lane County urge the legislature to look at boundaries and determine ones that are adequate.
Emma Newman briefly reviewed the pre-emption issue and said that this is why the workgroup was recommending for the county to encourage the state to take action on this issue. Jocelyn distributed copies of a crosswalk of aerial spraying regulations in other states that the workgroup looked at (see Attachment A). Emma pointed out that Idaho and Washington have larger buffer zones, particularly for residents. She also mentioned the period of notification, stated that there was a lack of clarity on this practice, and that if a notification period is too long, it is not very effective and can create uncertainty. She said that the group did not have the expertise to propose specific solutions, but that after research, they identified issues that could be improved upon.

Mike clarified that he disagrees slightly with Tim's statement about the state not having enough controls in place; he felt that Oregon seems to be fairly good in that regard compared to other states. Mike stated that in speaking to forestry industry representatives, he was impressed by their practices and testing.

The workgroup also collaborated with the Equity and Access Advisory Board (EAAB), who also received public comment at a recent meeting and convened a task force. Emma attended the previous EAAB meeting. Melissa Carriño, EAAB member, attended the last ad hoc meeting and helped draft the proposed recommendations. Melissa was in agreement with the draft and didn't have anything to add, but thanked the workgroup for their collaboration with the EAAB.

A discussion period followed this report from the workgroup. Pat Ahlen asked to clarify about the EPA's regulations; Mike said the stricter rule always applies, so if EPA is stricter, it trumps the local regulation and if local regulation is more restrictive, it trumps EPA. Mike reviewed the other provisions of House Bill 3549. Jim Robertson was troubled by the 15-day notice that is given only once but then lasts for a year. He felt that to live under that continual threat seemed unreasonable and wouldn't allow someone to plan to leave the area, put on additional protective gear, etc. to avoid exposure. He asked about the workgroup's discussion around that point. Mike affirmed that this was a reason why they chose to focus on notifications as an area of recommendation. Mike spoke with aerial sprayers and was very impressed with their professionalism. They stressed the need to work with the neighbors. However, in legislation, notification requirements are not defined that clearly and there is a need to tighten up expectations on notification. Emma suggested that there could be an inexpensive form of notifying people, like a text, which could be sent more promptly and more cheaply than a mailer. The follow-up notification could also include information on what was actually sprayed.

Jim Mough asked for a motion regarding the draft letter. Pat Ahlen made a motion to adopt the letter as presented; Emma Newman seconded. Motion passed: no objections.

Karen Gaffney stated that staff will print the letter on letterhead, request signatures from the chair and vice-chair; and then it will be sent to the Board. She will copy PHAC on the message. Karen will provide updates on the Board's decision whether to take up the recommendation and any next steps.

2018 Vegetation Management – review of products
Orin Schumacher of Lane County Public Works sent Jim Mough an email asking for official re-approval of the product list that was extensively discussed and reviewed last year. There have been no changes to the list since last year, nor has Public Works received public comment on the products. Next year, after a full year of usage, there will be more data and analysis to
consider, which may indicate reasons for changes. Tim Byers moved to approve the current approved products list for one more year; Pat Ahlen seconded. Motion passed: no objections.

**Equity Event Follow-up**
Karen provided a recap of the discussion at the committee's April meeting and the work subsequently completed. Leah distributed the draft recommendation to go to Board of County Commissioners jointly from PHAC and EAAB (see Attachment B). This is the first time that different county advisory committees have worked jointly to make a recommendation. Karen reviewed both sides of the handout. First, regarding the more detailed report, Karen explained that this is work that stemmed from recommendations after joint meetings and discussion by both groups. These details will be helpful to the implementation phase. The other side of the document is the policy level: "Proposed recommendation to the Board of Health". This will be the focus of discussion today. Karen provided an overview of the three main recommendations on this page.

Leah reminded the group how the process with the Board works. The committee is looking at the recommendation out of context. Staff will draft a Board Order and the accompanying packet will include much more background about how the two groups arrived at this recommendation after the initial request by the Board of Health. The packet will offer more details on the actions taken, the reports generated, subsequent meetings and analysis. Karen advised that the Board will get only the shorter proposal, not the more detailed side of the document. Leah stated that when implementation begins, staff and committees can reference these more complete documents. She explained that the Board likes to formulate their own resolutions, which is why staff is not submitting, for example, the Resolution proposal that Emma had worked on and which was distributed with the agenda. However, the document that Emma created will be useful in responding to the Board's questions.

Pat Ahlen made a motion to send the proposed recommendation to the Board of Health with no further changes or edits. Mike Fleck seconded. Jim Mough called for further discussion; Jim Robertson had questions. He asked whether there were any changes from what was sent this morning. Leah clarified that the only changes were to formatting, such as font size. Jim R. asked why the title did not specify that this was a joint recommendation. Leah responded that each group needs to recommend it on their own. The title also does not specify that it is from PHAC. Pat stated that the EAAB approved this at their last meeting. Karen doubted whether the EAAB would object to the addition of the word "joint", however, she did specify that this recommendation would come to the Board in a larger agenda packet, which would include much more context, and the fact that the both groups approved it separately. Jim Robertson accepted that his concern was moot. Karen stated that the current motion is only for the proposed recommendation document, not the previous versions which have been submitted. Those versions and other meeting minutes will be available as resources if needed. Susan Pfanner inquired about removing "or modify the Lane County Strategic Plan" since they have already adopted it. Leah replied that this was included at the suggestion of Commissioner Farr. Karen advised that if the committee makes any substantive changes, it will go back to the EAAB for approval. This phrase serves to acknowledge that there are equity elements in the county's current strategic plan. Susan felt that her concerns had been addressed. Emma Newman clarified that the EAAB had approved the high level concepts at their last meeting, but would not approve the language until their next meeting in early June. Also, the Board memo could note that the EAAB is charged with advising the County Administrator, as opposed to the PHAC's charge to advise the Board of Health. Emma stated that she does support the recommendation on the table but wanted to make sure that staff loops back to
people that have been participating, including at the March 8 community event. Leah agreed that this was an excellent idea and it will be a nice victory to share, when the Board takes action.

Jim Mough called for further discussion and there was none. All voted in favor. The motion passed with no objections.

**New Business**

No new business was presented.

**Workgroup/Committee Reports**

**Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Subcommittee meeting report**

Bill Miller provided the update on behalf of the subcommittee. He shared data reported by service providers and Jim Robertson put it all on a spreadsheet. The weighted average is 94.9%; the ASA subcommittee was shooting for 80% on ASA response times. Exceptions amounted only to about 1%. At the meeting, Chief Kamppi shared that the maps put a lot of land in the same zone but driving times are actually a lot more than Zone 1 by definition. In the future, the subcommittee would like to look at how those calls are responded to, add maybe another special exception, and eventually look at making recommendations to update the zone maps. The areas with higher exception rates also cover small populations, so the overall impact to the county is minimized. The actual data table compilation will be shared at a future meeting. Jim Mough asked if it was getting easier to do the reports. Bill felt that ASAs have come through pretty well. JoAnna Kamppi said that the ASAs are still in a discovery phase, and the process is causing them to look at the data more than they did before. She stated that they are digging into the numbers and looking at the causes that are keeping them from that 100% compliance. Smaller agencies have had to do more tabulation by hand. The 911 call centers have other issues and are trying to weed through a lot of data. State statutes differ from what the subcommittee is asking them to report.

**Staff Reports**

Jocelyn and Selene provided a brief overview of the Pertussis outbreak, incident command structure activation and response to date.

Jocelyn provided an update on Public Health’s accreditation effort. Staff is uploading everything right now. Jocelyn described this process and current challenges and accomplishments. The deadline for submitting all initial documents is Wednesday of this week (5/16/18). The site visit will not be for several months.

Jocelyn also mentioned that updates to the current Community Health Assessment (CHA) have started. She provided an overview of the various assessments which took place during the previous cycle, such as Forces of Change. This cycle will be an update and continuation of what the Live Healthy Lane coalition did over the three prior years.

Jocelyn reported that Modernization efforts were going very well. The Community Health Centers (CHC) implementation of the AFIX project is going well, and staff is also looking at
tobacco cessation efforts. CHC and Public Health staff will receive Quality Improvement training in the coming months.

Emma asked about recruitment for the committee's at-large vacancy. Selene gave an update. Jim Mough stated that the committee needs to be thinking about others whose terms will expire soon. There was a suggestion for public service announcement on PHAC and what it does for the community. Pat asked about a mileage reimbursement as an effort to make participation more accessible to rural residents. Jocelyn will look into this. Emma asked if there were any particular demographics that we want to see represented in committee membership. This would be an opportunity to have targeted recruitment. Leah will look into strategies for the committee's consideration.

**Announcements**

No announcements were presented.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 11, 2018, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 23, 2019

Lane County Board of Commissioners
125 E. 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Re: Request Financial Assistance for the 2019 Lane County Stand Down for Military Veterans in Need.

Again, the Lane County Stand Down will be held at the Lane Events Center (LEC) on Friday, September 27th. This will be the 5th year the Lane County Stand Down has been held at the LEC. Over the past 19 years the Stand Downs have been held at the old Navy/Marine Corps Center on 13th, Oregon National Guard Armory on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Oregon National Guard Readiness Center and the Willamalane Sports Facility in Springfield. Each change was necessary due the increased participation by both Veterans and Exhibitor/Vendors/Service Organizations. This is true again this year. We are moving from the Auditorium and Wheeler Pavilion to the Performance Hall, Atrium, and the two associated meeting rooms. This is an increase of square footage from 23,000 last year to over 33,000 this year.

Your financial support of $5,163.00 last year was paramount with our huge success for adding additional support elements for the Veterans, Guardsmen, Reservist, family members, and the HOMELESS. This year we have already added suicide prevention, hearing testing, Cascade Health Medical Group, mental and trauma screening, and increase number of employers at our Job Fair.

As of this date, the projected budget for the 2019 Lane County Stand Down will exceed $23,000. Our cost for the facilities at the LEC, to include chairs, tables, power, barriers, curtains, stage, PA system, etc. will exceed $12,000. Security, transportation, food, signage, advertising, Dental Vans, supplies, and administration costs will round out the projected 2019 budget.

The Lane County Stand Down Executive Committee is asking the Lane County Board of Commissioners to assist the 2019 Lane County Stand Down by approving financial assistance to a worthwhile event, which serves more than just the Eugene/Springfield area. Veterans also attend from Oakridge, Cottage Grove, Florence, Junction City and many rural areas of Lane County. My letter dated July 15, 2019 suggested $6,000.00. We have received grants and donations to date in the amount of $7,250.00. With the Stand Down being only 2 months away, additional donations and funding will be limited. Your decision to grant support at whatever level will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your involvement with the 2018 Stand Down and are looking forward to your support for our Veterans for the 2019 Lane County Stand Down on Friday, September 27, 2019 and for years to come.

Sincerely,

Floyd Bard, CW5(R), USA, General Chairman
2019 Lane County Stand Down
1430 Willamette Street, Suite 198
Eugene, Oregon 97401
541-688-4172
Dear Commissioners, esp. Pete in Ward 3

my address is 1835 W. 15th Av. in Eugene.

my name is Maria

I am a member of the Raging Grannies in Eugene.

There are many local & national issues we support. Among them social justice, well-funded schools, respect & homes for those unable to afford them, and a living wage for women & men alike.

As compelling as these all are, we often have prioritized in conclusion that without a living planet these other things—even great wealth—are not possible.

My great-grandchildren are 13-5+6 respectively. Unless we all do something drastic quickly, they will not be able to grow up. While I'm nearly 80, they will soon all know the most years they can count on if the weather doesn't do them in. And—yes—20.

Some scientists think maybe (some hope) if humans are the next species to become extinct, the planet might survive. Imagine! No more fossil fuels or clear cuts!
I sure would like to live to see that.

I will leave the final opinion to "360" who have the details and limit my sharing to something you may not have thought of. Having enough trees to keep our atmosphere healthy is very essential to life on the planet. Violations around taking them down is killing them or eroding them. There should be criminal not just civil penalties. I'd love to see killing a tree a capital crime, but I'm a reasonable adult and would settle for a significant time of confinement to deter such dangerous behavior.

Our climate crisis is not a hoax or a witch hunt. And, since you asked: Let's make killing trees a felony.
Suggestions for carbon reduction  Lane County
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Electric Vehicles
Use of Bio diesel
Decrease in all areas of plastic use
Divestment in fossil fuel financial instruments
Look into internal use of fossil fuels or ways
to increase sustainability in buildings

Sue Craig
27233 Huey Lane  Eugene
I'm speaking tonight on Climate Refuges. I'm speaking of Americans that are moving to our area because of massive flooding where they used to live, because of earthquakes and water pollution from Fracking where they used to live, I'm talking about people moving here because of droughts where they used to live, also people coming here because of sea level rise inundating their lives right now in America, I'm also addressing the people moving because of the overwhelming heat events like last week, in 90% of the continental US.

1) I think the County Climate Action Plan needs to take into account how all this growth in population will make it harder for low income people to find good places to live, so I'm suggesting more Tiny Home Villages with a central building for community support, laundry and bathroom facilities along with room to grow some food.

2) County CAP could take into account warming buildings for the winter and cooling buildings for the summer. We are in need of saving the unhoused from both extremes and all the health consequences that below 32 and above 90 degrees can cause.

3) I also hope the County CAP can consider solar electricity generation at these warming/cooling buildings as central hubs during emergencies, weather they are earthquakes, flooding, massive power outages, etc., to help have stations of power to keep people's medical supplies safe (refrigeration) along with heating/cooling potential to keep people safe.

Thank you for asking people of Faith to speak.
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