



**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christina Wagar, Nancy Churchill, Cheri Petersen, Kamori Cattadoris, Dr. Leslie Waters, Mary Selecky, Wes McCart, Katie Swain, Dr. Artzis, Dr. Caleb Holtzer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sally Baughman (RESIGNED)

**NETCHD STAFF PRESENT:** Jeanie Beegle, Sonja Moore, Jon Ness, Matt Schanz, Molly Corvino

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Christina Wagar called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2022:** Mary Selecky moved, and Katie Swain seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2022. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**SELECTION OF PHAB VICE CHAIR:** Matt Schanz discussed questions that were received regarding the voting process prior to the meeting. After discussion with legal counsel, it was found that members are not precluded from voting for themselves, but that votes cannot be submitted through proxy or other means. Votes must be given in-person and not anonymously.

Christina asked Nancy and Mary to share why they are interested in the PHAB position, and each gave a brief speech sharing their interest.

**Votes for Nancy Churchill**

Kamori Cattadoris, Nancy Churchill

**Votes for Mary Selecky**

Mary Selecky, Katie Swain, Dr. Leslie Waters, Cheri Petersen, Christina Wagar

Dr. Holtzer and Sally Baughman were not present for voting.

Mary Selecky was elected as Vice Chair of the PHAB.

**REVIEW OF INTENT & PURPOSE OF THE PHAB:** Christina stated the advisory board is established to provide key input to the Board of Health on issues that affect the health and wellbeing of the citizens and/or the environmental factors within the jurisdictions of Northeast Tri County Health (NETCHD). The role of the PHAB is not to conduct independent research, but to provide recommendations following the review of items such as the NETCHD Strategic Plan, new rules and regulations regarding environmental

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health, and public health and safety.

Mary Selecky stated there are substantial topics currently up for discussion by the PHAB, such as the NETCHD 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, the budget for the new year, and the upcoming conclusion of the community health needs assessments.

Matt Schanz spoke to Mary's comments, stating the NETCHD Strategic Plan is a good framework for determining what areas and programs in our communities need focus. The PHAB's role is to provide input to the BOH on local matters, not to debate or act as a research panel on national and global issues.

Wes McCart requested input from PHAB members on which programs and services covered by Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funding that NETCHD needs to bring more attention to.

Cheri Petersen commented there is value in knowing the local community that lends itself well to implementing local-based solutions. She said each county will have different solutions for their county's specific areas of concern.

Christina Wagar asked PHAB members to email her their ideas for public health focus areas prior to the next PHAB meeting on November 9, 2022.

**NETCHD 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN:** Matt stated in previous years, a strategic plan was not typically created with input from staff, the Board of Health, or community members. However, several staff were involved in the creation of the current strategic plan including Jessica Roth, Sonja Moore, Diana Pearson, Matt Schanz, and DOH-contracted service provider, VillageReach. Unfortunately, since the community health needs assessment (CHNA) is still in progress, it was not possible to include community findings/feedback into the planning process for the current plan.

Matt noted the strategic plan helps to ensure NETCHD's purpose is focused, and time is not misspent chasing ideas. In addition, the increased FPHS funding that NETCHD will receive is meant to ensure that the same public health services are provided equitably across the state, regardless of location.

Mary stated that although the strategic plan is very ambitious, it would be important to be a bit more realistic and focus on our upcoming year of 2023.

Matt requested the PHAB provide feedback prior to the next meeting on November 9, 2022. The PHAB will meet at 8:00AM on November 9, 2022, and the BOH will meet the same day at 10:00AM.

**CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION COORDINATOR POSITION:** Matt stated the position will focus solely on childhood immunizations and will provide guidance to community members on travel vaccines as well. The BOH approved NETCHD to hire the position at the Board of Health meeting on September 21, 2022.

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**COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA) UPDATE:** Sonja Moore provided an overview of the CHNA. So far, eight focus groups have been completed and twelve more are planned. There will be four focus groups in Ferry County, one in Pend Oreille County, and seven in Stevens County. Sonja stated the PHAB will be invited to attend an informational session on the focus group findings once they have concluded.

Matt stated the value from these focus groups is substantial. It has been an engaging conversation that has provided valuable insight into identifying the top concerns within each community.

Molly Corvino asked if it would be beneficial for the PHAB to provide input for the CHNA.


Matt stated a summary report from the CHNA focus groups will be provided to the PHAB for review and feedback.

**PHAB FERRY COUNTY VACANCY:** Wes McCart said according to the PHAB bylaws, candidate names shall be submitted to the Board of Health for consideration and appointment.

Matt stated the application will be available on the NETCHD website for interested individuals to apply.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Christina Wagar adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am. The next meeting of the Public Health Advisory Board of Northeast Tri County Health District will be on November 9, 2022 by remote participation.

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