



## Island County Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB)

Friday, January 5, 2024, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Commissioners Hearing Room Annex Building, Building B102

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### **Opening Ceremonies**

11:00 Call to Order  
Roll Call & Determining of Quorum  
*Agenda Review*

### **Review of Meeting Minutes:**

11:05

- Bob requested the correct spelling of his last name in the agenda.
- Update to Comp plan section – change some of the wording about population housing and impact on other resources, such as water availability.

### *November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Action Requested: Review and Approve*

- Bob motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Charlotte seconded, someone online (?) also approved, Rene Denman abstained as she was not present during the November meeting.

11:10 **Public Comment:**  
Public comment was given from John about his funds for telehealth and housing, and his experience as an applied practitioner. He also expressed his interest in the CHAB.

### 11:15 **Regular Agenda:**

1. Human Services Housing Support Center Services

*Attachments: Presentation*

*Action Items: Discussion*

- Rene asked about what is happening with Camano housing and what some of the challenges are?
- Emily responded to Renes question about Camano citing zoning, perking (for water availability) as problems. The new Affordable Housing Specialist has met with Commissioner St. Claire and is focusing more on Camano.
- Rene also asked about trauma stewardship for staff and how staff is being supported?
- Emily responded by saying that this is an opportunity for Human Services – to think about the use of funds for training and support for staff.
- Nicole asked about collaboration between healthcare facilities and housing services?
- Emily responded by stating this is a relationship that should grow. Cited the lack of housing where people need medical support available as an issue for this.

2. Public Health Maternal & Child Health Home Visiting Support Services

11:45

*Attachments: Presentation*

*Action Items: Discussion*

- Erin made a comment about LGBTQI+ community and how sometimes WIC and NBNF can feel exclusionary. Wanted to call out DEI principles being applied to this work.
- Loretta agreed that this is a challenge and is a process they are trying to move forward.

- Nicole had a question about moms in African American communities and how the county is addressing those health disparities and cultural sensitivities?
- Loretta stated that she is aware that they are looking at that data and information through the assessment staff. Loretta stated she has worked with African American families before and tries to work with everyone that is referred to the program.
- Rene made a comment about the block grant strengthening health equity and how this is an opportunity for community members to partner and strengthen health equity in the community.
- Marian encouraged Nicole to reach out to CHAB or to bring this back to another meeting so that we could further discuss and address her question.

12:15 **Break**

12:20 3. CHA Updates & Survey Discussion

- Taylor reviewed GANTT chart and call to action for CHAB is to review community survey and provide feedback (ideally by 22<sup>nd</sup> of January).
- No feedback from CHAB at this time.
- Kathryn Clancy brought up that Human Services staff could bring surveys with them on outreach visits. Visits like SPIN and Good Cheer
- Survey distribution to begin following Community Partner meeting scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Attachments: GANTT Chart & Community Survey*

*Action Items: Review timeline and survey and discuss next steps*

12:40 **Comments by Membership:**

- Rene gave an update about Governor Inslee will not be running for governor again.
- Three priorities are climate, homelessness, and Fentanyl
- Six initiatives going in front of the legislature that could impact income and Public Health.
- Big 3 focus for Public Health this year are 1) maintain core Public Health services funding, behavior health equity, health and safety prioritized over commercial profit – specific to regulating substances such as cannabis and alcohol.
- Also mentioned the starting of a public health podcast.
- Marian brought up the possibility of Island County doing a Food System Study?
- Taylor commented the best next step would be to bring forward some educational presentations/material to inform CHAB of what a Food System study is, what is it used for, and what the role of CHAB would be in it.
- Shawn made a comment that the element review for the comp plan will begin in February. Shared that CHABs input is very valuable to the comp plan. The first three are Rural Characteristics, Land Use, and Housing.
- Recommended prioritizing the Comprehensive Plan update and element review for the February CHAB meeting so we can ensure CHAB has time to share recommendations for each of the elements of the comp plan.
- Marian suggested plugging the Food System Study recommendation into the Rural Character element.
- Erin made a quick announcement for CHAB to complete their Open Government training

12:50 **Staff Updates:**

Human Services

- Kathryn mentioned the implantation of Julota: it is running smoothly, and we are looking forward to reporting.

- Emphasized the importance of the point and time count.
- Also reported that Human Services is finally fully staffed.

#### Public Health

- Shawn updated that Public Health is building a 'One Health' team and they are currently hiring a one health supervisor.
- Advised CHAB to look at the comp plan website and emphasized importance of CHAB voices.
- Board of Health did pass the Health in all Policies (HiAP) resolution. Taylor to share out HiAP with CHAB

1:00 **Adjourn**

