



Island County Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB)

Minutes for April 7, 2023

Meeting Held Virtually via Zoom and in BOCC room

Present: Rene Denman, Erin Lavery, Deborah Ferguson, Bob Uhrich, Heidi Beck, Alma Johnser, and Michelle Aguilar Kahrs.

Island County Staff: Shawn Morris, Taylor Lawson, Kenesha Lewin, Bill Larsen, Betsy Griffith, Michala Milewski, and Teresa Till.

Guests: Laurie Johnson (SW Cares)

Excused: Melissa Frasch-Brown and Charlotte McRill.

Absent: Beth Rahi and Kim Williams

Call to Order: Shawn Morris called meeting to order at 11:03 am

Interim Chair Selection: Bob Uhrich nominated Rene Denman as the Chair, Erin Lavery Seconded, approved by all members in attendance.

Review of Meeting Minutes:

March 3, 2023, Minutes, Bob Uhrich motioned to approve the minutes as presented, approved by all members present with one abstaining.

Public Comment:

Member shared her concern over the recent school incident in another state and asked about the data for Island County regarding gun violence. Members and staff discussed what data they would like and the safety of all citizens in Island County.

Regular agenda items:

1. Outreach Behavior Health Counselor Betsy Griffith and Epidemiologist Taylor Lawson presented on Social Outreach, Adventure and Resilience (SOAR) program.
2. Kenesha Lewin presented the Equity Committee update on Inclusive Language - Diversity Equity and Inclusion and members discussed.
3. The overview of Steps services and policy priorities was deferred to the May 5, 2023, meeting.
4. The CHAB Recruitment options discussion was deferred to the May 5, 2023, meeting.

Staff Updates

- A. **Human Services** staff provided updates on the Cognito Referral form on their website ([Link](#)).

B. **Public Health** staff provided updates on staff changes. Shawn Morris introduced Taylor Lawson as the new Assessment Supervisor and staff for the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB).

Comments by Membership

- Member asked if we are still recruiting for CHAB. Members discussed this.

May Meeting – May 5, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm