



Island County Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB)

Minutes for May 5, 2023

Meeting Held Virtually via Zoom and in BOCC room

Present: Rene Denman, Charlotte McRill, Erin Lavery, Deborah Ferguson, Bob Uhrich, Heidi Beck, Alma Johnser, and Michelle Aguilar Kahrs, Melissa Frasch-Brown.

Island County Staff: Shawn Morris, Taylor Lawson, Kathryn Clancy, Melissa Hartmann, Sarah Lin

Guests: Laurie Johnson (SW CARES Coalition), Fe Mischo

Excused:

Absent: Beth Rahi and Kim Williams

Call to Order: Taylor called meeting to order at 11:03 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

April 3, 2023, Minutes, Bob Uhrich requested that the date listed under sections 3 and 4 of the regular agenda items be changed from “May 3” to “May 5”. Bob Uhrich motioned to approve the minutes with the proposed date corrections. Minutes with changes were approved by all members present with no opposed and no 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. Rene Denman, Executive Director of Steps, presented on Steps Services and Policy Priorities.
2. Taylor Lawson, Assessment Supervisor, presented data on Firearm-related injuries and deaths in Island County. Discussion posed to Shawn and Taylor (Public Health) to bring forward to BOH. Shawn and Taylor will discuss next steps to facilitate collaboration between BOH and CHAB. Taylor to bring ideas to the next CHAB meeting.
3. The CHAB held discussion about the ongoing commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Bob Uhrich motioned to include DEI as a standing agenda item for ongoing DEI discussion/goal in every CHAB meeting. This motion was approved by all members present with no opposed and no abstaining. Erin Lavery and Heidi Beck volunteered to lead this effort.
4. The CHAB Recruitment discussion included updates on efforts being made, with more updates to be provided at the June 2, 2023 meeting.

Comments by Membership

- No comments.

Staff Updates

- A. **Human Services** Kathryn Clancy provided information on available Rental Assistance program funds through June 2023, left over from COVID funding (more lenient supports). Reminder about referral form for Human Services located on Human Services web page.
- B. **Public Health** staff provided updates on staff changes. Taylor Lawson introduced Melissa Hartmann as the shared Epidemiologist between San Juan and Island Counties, and Sarah Lin as the YSEALI Fellow who is developing communication guidelines for climate health impacts in Public Health that will be presented at the next Board of Health meetings (May 16th). Taylor briefly updated CHAB on timeline development for CHA/CHIP work, with the announcement to request support from CHAB at the next meeting.

June Meeting – June 2, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm