

**Agenda: Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Friday, June 21, 2024 - 10:00 – 12:00 pm via Zoom**

| <b>Board of Directors</b>             | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tamara Falls (TF)                     | x              |               |
| Phyusin Myint (PM)                    | x              |               |
| Briana Arnold                         |                | x             |
| Jessica Barker                        | x              |               |
| Karen Chase                           | x              |               |
| Kimberly Valdez                       |                | x             |
| Kala Mayer                            | x              |               |
| JoAnn R. Miller                       | x              |               |
| Armando Jimenez                       | x              |               |
| Laura Daily                           | x              |               |
| Annette Marcus                        | x              |               |
| Stacy Brubaker                        | x              |               |
| Fatima Paola Herrera-Zarate           | x              |               |
| Amber Henderson                       | x              |               |
| Angel Harris                          | x              |               |
| Christian Moller-Andersen             | x              |               |
| Robb Hutson                           | x              |               |
| Tosha Bock                            |                | x             |
| Kasia Kujawski                        | x              |               |
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| <b>Section Reps on Board</b>          |                |               |
| Taryn Eudaly                          |                | x             |
| Gregory Sebastian                     | x              |               |
| Julie Plagenhoef                      | x              |               |
| Sharon Coryell                        |                | x             |
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| <b>20 Board Members – Quorum = 11</b> |                |               |
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| <b>Staff</b>                          |                |               |
| Elisabeth Hartner (EH)                | x              |               |
| Dana Merrill (DM)                     |                | x             |
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| <b>Guests</b>                         |                |               |
| Marie Harvey                          |                |               |

Meeting called to order by Tamara Falls at 10:06 AM.

**Jess Barker** opened with “When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?”

**May 17 Meeting Minutes – Tamara Falls** – Moved to approve by Karen Chase and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn Miller. Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report – Robb Hutson** – no big expenses or surprises. We did make a change that the temporary restricted funds allocated in sections will go back to the general funds, except oral health section funds. These were primarily funds that came from membership fees to the sections.

**President’s Report – Tamara Falls** – Reminder that board member bios and photos should be sent to Dana Merrill by no later than today. Also, all leadership should sign the confidentiality agreement. This will arrive in your inbox by Monday 6/24/24. Lastly, DEIJ training has sporadically happened over the last few years. Tamara Falls has found asynchronous training modules that we can attend in our own time and come together to discuss. Commitment would be around 2.5 hours, after which we would come together to discuss. Healthy conversation around the validity of the modules and efficacy of modules vs. in-person investment. JoAnn Miller expressed concern about the lack of depth of the modules. Angel Harris also expressed concern about modules vs in-person training mostly because they lack options for feedback and usually present racism in a generic way without considering each person’s lived experience. Additional support for in-person training expressed by Amber Henderson, mostly because shared experiences can only be shared in a safe space where trust is developed. Stacy Brubaker mentioned that in-person training is about the commitment to developing the OPHA team, The price tag of in-person training is exactly what will make this valuable – not online modules. Annette Marcus echoed the sentiment that in-person training is preferred. Tamara Falls rounded off the conversation about the price tag, the logistics of coming together and the need for us to start DEI commitment back up as committed by OPHA to APHA. Elisabeth Hartner expressed urgency that DEI training happens sooner than later and that we need to look at what we can do right now knowing that our budget is in deficit as in-person training comes with a price tag of \$3,000-\$5,000. Angel Harris mentioned the history of Oregon and how it has perpetuated racism, in addition to the fact that 70-80% of DEI trainers are white, without lived experience around racism, bringing up the term “gentrifying DEI”. Angel continued to note that having actual conversations, using the lived experiences of the people on the board. JoAnn Miller added that racism includes people from multiple cultures, as well as especially the tribes in Oregon. JoAnn agreed that shared experiences from the members of the board would be more helpful than accessing modules. PhyuSin Myint pointed out that past conversations on the board generated unsafe environments which resulted in losing BIPOC board members, so for us to go that route, we must be very deliberate about how to do that, and it will require full commitment from the BOD to prevent any harm. More detailed conversation ensued.

**Executive Director Report – Elisabeth Hartner** – We have established a partnership with the “Safe States Alliance” who is hosting annual conference in Portland. Executive Director Rich Hammel will be a keynote at our conference. OPHA has an in-kind trade arrangement with them. Look for other opportunities to trade. EH mentioned that there is an expectation for Board members to engage in a committee or a section. EH also called out sponsor super stars – Laura Daly has reached out to 29 organizations. Fatima Herrera-Zarate and Julie Plagenhoef also reached out to an extra high number of potential sponsors.

**Sponsorship conversation w/ Fatima Herrera-Zarate** – Each of us needs to support the sponsorship effort. Fatima went through potential sponsors that are still open and asked for volunteers to contact them. Stacy Brubaker added Vector Control on a statewide level as a potential new sponsor. Link to sponsorships material (letter and list) will be reshared. Fatima offered support for new members and anyone who still has their share to complete. Elisabeth Hartner reminded us that all materials are located in the shared Google folder located [here](#).

**OPHA 80's Night Proposal – Elisabeth Hartner** – 80's night at annual conference because OPHA is 80 years old. Start at 7pm in Corvallis on Monday (first night of the conference). The Angry Beaver has agreed to donate their space for OPHA. DJ costs \$150, creating an opportunity to connect with board members for all members. Free non-alcoholic drink. EH will find out more about access for under 21 and access for people living with a disability. Vote postponed until we have more information.

**2024 Awards Criteria – Elisabeth Hartner** – Awards committee update regarding categories as shared in email to BOD on 06/14/24. Motion made to approve awards criteria by JoAnn Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Chase. **Motion approved.**

**Policy Committee – Elisabeth Hartner for Julie Reeder** asked for Board members to join the application review team to determine who should be on the policy committee as we have received 10 applications.

**Conference Planning Committee - Marie Harvey** – 139 Abstracts submitted for the OPHA conference. Will review on July 9. The new keynote for climate and health, Dr. Vivek Shandas, professor from PSU, has agreed to speak about “Heat, Health and Housing – Opportunities for Advancing Equitable Outcomes in a Rapidly Warming Climate”. This rounds out our three keynotes. Karen Chase asked Marie Harvey if she had noticed trends in priorities. MH expressed that there is an increase in interest in topical PH areas like climate and reproductive rights. This is especially because of an increased focus on Equity.

**Section Updates – Epi-Biostats** – Marie Harvey provided context for Sharyon Coryell - section had a meeting on Tuesday and discussed scholarships. We would like to send something out sooner than later to get interested people registered before the conference. More information at next OPHA BOD meeting.

**Julie Plagenhoef** – Nursing Section - Climate change and health lunch and learn coming up in – September/October. More information to follow.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.**