

OPHA BOARD AGENDA – August 18, 2023
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Virtually via Zoom

<i>Present Virtually</i>	<i>Absent Excused</i>
Kim Valdez	Alicia Lee
Armando Jimenez	Jackie Leung
Briana Arnold	Pam Pearce
Fatima Paola Herrera-Zarate	Oralia Mendez
Tabitha A. Jensen	Phyusin Myint
Julie Plagenhoef	Robb Hutson
Chantell Reed	Kathryn McKelvey
Tamara Falls	
Marie Harvey	
Angel Harris	
Kayla Mayer	
Rebeckah Berry	
Renee’ Menkens	
JoAnn R. Miller	
Karen Chase	
Christian Moller-Andersen	
Julie Reeder	

10:05 Call to Order – President Past Tamara Falls

- During roll call, everyone gave a brief update on their current professional focus.

Board Meeting Minutes – Renee Menkens moved to accept minutes with Christian M-A added as having attended, 2nd by Karen Chase. **Minutes approved.**

President’s Report

- Past president Tamara Falls provided update on APHA president elects meeting. “Coffee and Public Health” concept from SF might be a good idea for OPHA. Look at merging conference cost and membership cost. Report template could be good for section reports – easier for sections to know what to report.
- Latino Provider Forum invitation to co-host Hispanic Heritage Day event 9:00am – 4:00 PM, September 15th in Salem. Tamara asked BOD to vote to become a co-host at no cost. LPF might be interested in becoming an OPHA Section. Tamara will meet to discuss more in depth on 8/30/23 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Development Committee

- Fatima Herrera-Zarate provided update. It’s critical that BOD members sign up to reach out for sponsorships according to the fundraising spreadsheet. We are halfway to our sponsorship goal and still need to raise over \$27K to meet goal. Sponsorship matrix is now located on OneDrive – Fatima will reach out to Dana to get link – then share with BOD.

Policy Committee Report

- Julie Reeder asked for feedback on the application to use for voting committee member candidates. Renee iterated that the policy committee is a core group, and they would like to invite a broader audience to increase their understanding of the policy recommendation process.
- Renee moved to accept OPHA policy committee position description Brianna Arnold made the 2nd motion. **Motion passed.**
- Policy committee suggested that we send out “thank you” notes to legislators. Include logo and the OPHA mission. Call out action that we valued and why it was important to OPHA.
- Ron Wyden’s office is drafting legislation that will provide funds for expanding workforce in public health. OPHA may need to weigh in on helping RW with clarifying the difference between public health professions vs. general healthcare positions. Julie will share information with BOD.

Awards Committee

- Renee Menkens provided update – we have six award categories, should have 12, so still work in progress. Reminder to submit nominations for OPHA Annual Awards Lifetime Achievement, Policy Champion of the Year, Emerging Leader, Health Equity Champion. They close on 8/28/23. Link to past awards will be linked to nomination.
- Julie Plagenhoef reminded everyone to register for the Nursing Section Lunch and Learn on Thursday, September 7th. Anyone interested in wellness programs can attend. Don’t have to be OPHA member.

Program Committee

- Marie Harvey mentioned that all abstract submissions have been notified. Dana Merrill and Marie Harvey will post breakout sessions within two weeks. Conference program will be published in August.
- “Oregon at the Intersection of Homelessness and Public Health” will serve as the theme for the annual OPHA conference.
- Several high caliber speakers will present and navigate the difficult conversations around homelessness. Tammy Baney ED of COIC, Allen Evans from Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers, Father Bernie Lindley from St. Timothy Episcopalian Church , Liz Webber policy analyst from OHCS.

Nominations Committee

- Angel Harris updated Board that we still need one at-large position but overall looks good.

ED Search Committee Update

- Tabitha Jensen provided update on progress. 12 candidates – narrowed to five individuals. Phone screens first, then remaining candidates go through an actual interview round. All questions are uniform. We need to give the final ED space to onboard themselves so at least EC might continue to perform a few ED tasks even after start date.

Treasurer’s Report

- Tabitha Jensen filling in for Robb Hutson. Overall strong balance due to small payroll expense especially as we lack an ED. Total asset 21% higher than same period last year.

Meeting adjourned by Tamara Falls at 11:46 am.