

KEY FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

The following key findings and decisions were made:

- The Nursing section budget will be sent out by email within the next couple of weeks with a request to approve the budget
- Karen Chase and Oralia Mendez volunteered to join the Nominations Committee
- Request for the OPHA Conference abstracts are open and will be accepted May 2-June 17
Please share request for abstracts to your contacts
- Board members are asked to review the conference sponsorship log and select organizations to reach out to

DETAILS AND BACKGROUND

Call to Order – Tabitha Jensen

- Introductions/Roll call

March Board Meeting Minutes – Tamara Falls – Information and Adoption (vote)

- Motion from Renee’ Menkens. Mary Ann Wren second. One abstention. Motion carried

Treasurer’s Report – Robb Hutson – Information and Discussion

- March financials
- Robb has now received the nursing budget. An email will be sent out to request approval of the nursing budget within the next couple of weeks.
- Question regarding when and how to increase staff pay rates up to market rate
 - This is a longer discussion and will be addressed at a future meeting

President’s Report – Tabitha Jensen & Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Discussion

- Appoint two board members to the Nominations Committee. See [Bylaws](#) page 6
- Commitment is once a month meeting
 - Karen Chase volunteered to join the Nominations Committee
 - Oralia Mendez agreed to continue on for another year with the Nominations Committee
- Bylaws review
 - Jessica has found an attorney to assist with Bylaw questions/revisions
 - Anyone interested in joining in this work can contact Jessica
 - Bylaw revisions will be presented at the annual meeting
- Grant opportunities for OPHA
 - Jessica is looking into grant funding for consultants to assist with work on OPHA design and structure.
 - Anyone interested in joining in this organizational design and strategic planning process is welcome to contact Jessica
 - Suggestions to make sure the consultants are equitable and inclusive and utilize an equity lens approach to the work and also consider the needs of rural Oregon communities

- 2022 National Public Health Week activities update
 - The OPHA panel was a success with over 65 attendees
 - Jessica is looking into the possibility of hosting more online events for networking and sharing public health information.
 - Question regarding OPHA creating a LinkedIn account
 - OPHA had an account that was taken over by OPHI, Jessica and Dana are in conversation with OPHI to try to get the account back.
 - Suggestion to ask OPHI to add Jessica or Dana as a co-administrator to allow them to work on getting the account back to OPHA.

Committee Reports:

DEI Committee – Tabitha Jensen and Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Discussion

- Updates on future Engage to Change (ETC) trainings for BOD
 - Potential for accelerating learning path through ETC sessions outside of monthly BOD time
 - Doodle poll forthcoming to determine availability
 - Question regarding whether the sessions could be recorded for those unable to attend
 - Recording option unlikely given the interactive nature of the training and the need to protect confidentiality of participants
 - Comments regarding the need for more time (than 1 hour) for the training sessions
 - Suggestion to extended our board time and have 2 hours of ETC and 30 min of business each time. Several people agreed.
 - Jessica and Tabitha will talk with Engage to Change about possible options
- Updates on DEI Committee membership opening to board at large
 - Application link will be sent to BOD following meeting

Program Committee – Marie Harvey – Information and Discussion

- In person conference, October 17&18
- Keynote update
 - Considering the following topics for presenters to cover:
 - Communications efforts during Covid
 - Improving our public health system
 - Homelessness
 - Climate Change
 - Still deciding on the number of keynote speakers, which is dependent upon the responses from potential speakers
- Plenary panel update
 - Update next month
- Abstracts accepted May 2-June 17
 - Please share request for abstracts to your contacts
- Registration opens June 1

Next steps for HB 4052 update – Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Discussion

- Since the bill has passed there is now work on the implementation phase
- OHA is collaborating with OACO to convene affinity groups to continue the work of the health equity task force
 - The bill was only funded for 1 year. There is work being done to bring another bill to support the work for a longer time period

- The funding requested to do the work (which was approved) is not enough to sustain the work
- There is a need for advocacy at the legislative meetings to get the resources that are needed
- Suggestion for increased updates regarding implementation efforts and how/when support is needed to advocate for resources
- Suggestion for OPHA to speak out and hold accountability to the field of public health (particularly around health equity) while also supporting members in developing tools and resources needed to support their community's health and wellness
- Danielle and Renee agreed to assist Jessica in further exploring OPHA's roll in this area and how to increase communication to members

Development Committee – Fatima Herrera-Zarate and Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Discussion

- Review conference fundraising letter and sponsorship prospectus
- Review list potential sponsors
 - Request for board members to review the list and add their names to sponsors they are willing to reach out to
 - Expectations for all board members
 - All board members are expected to participate in reaching out to potential sponsors and ask for their support
 - Tips for fundraising communications and follow up/mentorship

New Business, Coalition & Section Updates – Tabitha Jensen – Information & Discussion

- Question about broader membership participation in board meetings
 - Tabled until next meeting

12:00 - Adjourn

Upcoming Board Schedule:

Board Meeting, Friday, May 20, Zoom only

Board Meeting, Friday, June 17, Zoom only

Other Important Dates:

April 20, 8:00 am – DEI Committee Meeting

April 21, 1:00 pm – Policy Committee Meeting

April 26, 5:30 pm – Health Environments Section Networking event

May 10, 12:00 pm – Executive Committee Meeting

May 13, 9:00 am – Program Committee Meeting

May 18, 8:00 am – DEI Committee Meeting

May 2 – June 17 – Conference abstract submission period

June 1 – Conference Registration Opens