

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
February 20, 2024
Courthouse Conference Room

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**Approximate
Time**

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| | 2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda and limited to 3 minutes) |
| | 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF February 6, 2024 |
| | 4. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – Naomi Biggs |
| | 5. AOCC LETTER OF SUPPORT – Craig Pope |
| | 6. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' conference room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 main Street, Oregon.

The Polk Extension Service District will be meeting at 9:30 am on March 6, 2024. The meeting will be in the main conference room located on the first floor of 850 Main St Dallas OR 97338.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the Agenda of a future meeting, the Board shall schedule it accordingly.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2024

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gordon was present and Commissioner Pope was absent.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF January 30, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. REGIONAL WATER PLANNING UPDATE

Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, provided an update to the Board on some recent regional water planning. Mr. McGuigan provided the backstory and some history to this topic and then discussed what has been happening recently. Mr. McGuigan stated that unfortunately Commissioner Pope isn't present today because he has been very involved in this process. Mr. McGuigan talked about who all has been involved in this process, the timeline, what the process for establishing water rights looks like and what the projected costs could be depending on who all gets involved. Mr. McGuigan stated that they are expecting to have a close out document from the consultant who was hired to help them memorialize this process within the next couple of months. Commissioner Gordon stated that this was incredible work that he and Commissioner Pope have done to bring all the right players to the table. Commissioner Gordon asked if this will have any positive or negative impacts to our water deficits. Mr. McGuigan answered his question. Commissioner Mordhorst said that it is amazing how Polk County took the lead on this and he wanted to commend Mr. McGuigan on all of his hard work on this.

5. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: February 20, 2024

Health Services

Department Update Jan 2024

Public Health

THE WORK AHEAD

Public Health Modernization Plan:

[ORS 431.413](#) statutorily requires each LPHA to have a Public Health Modernization Plan by end of 2025, for applying the [foundational capabilities \(ORS 431.131\)](#) and implementing the [foundational programs \(ORS 431.141\)](#). PCPH will be mapping out this project for 2024-2025, incorporating opportunities for BOC input.

Of note:

- Governing bodies of LPHA (BOC) must review and make recommendations about the local public health modernization plans.
- OHA is responsible for approving local modernization plans.

CHA/CHIP: The Marion-Polk Collaborative has kicked off the 2024 Marion-Polk Community Health Assessment (CHA). This included the [website](#) launch, which will be a landing page for CHA work. The 2024 CHA will inform the 2025 CHIP.

Polk County Public Health Strategic Plan 2024-2027: The internal facing [strategic plan](#) developed by PH Division staff over the last 15 months has been launched. The one-pager document is available on the PH website.

FORECASTED GROWTH/ FUNDING

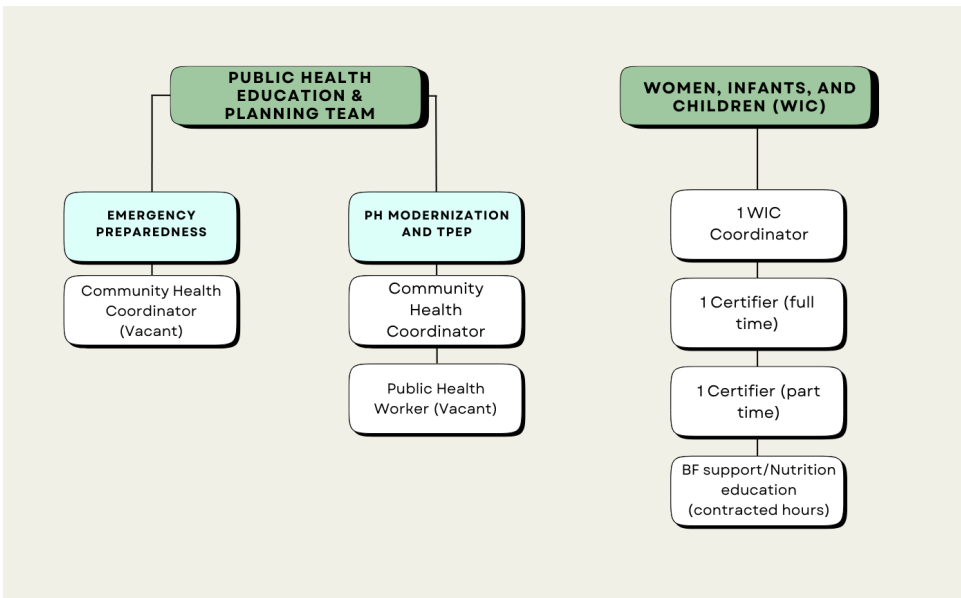
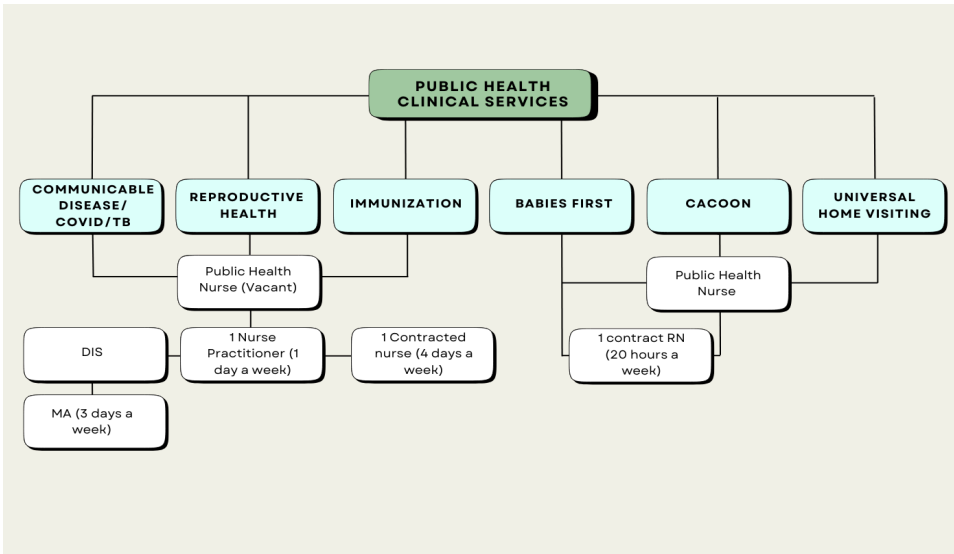
Modernization (PE 51): We submitted and were approved for a local public health modernization work plan. Our local plan requires a number of deliverables including:

- Local or regional All-Hazards Preparedness Plan with community partners
- Local or regional Climate Adaptation Plan
- Local or regional health equity assessment and plan every 5 years

COVID-19 funding (PE 01-10): Funds to support planning and response to COVID-19 pandemic extended to June 30, 2025. We are incorporating our COVID-19 work into the Communicable Diseases bucket, to ensure a smooth transition once the funds are no longer available.

CCO QIM funds/ PH allocation: Last year we received QIM funding through Willamette Health Council to support the launch and sustaining of the Family Connects program. We will be receiving this year's allocation soon to continue this work.

PROGRAMMING UPDATES



WIC: Newly recruited WIC coordinator has taken over program operation leadership. Monmouth WIC office space is moving to the new FCO building, 3 days per week. More than half of our WIC clients live in the 97361 (Monmouth) and 97351 (Independence) zip codes.

Vital Records: PH has taken over leadership of the program, with support of HS OS staff. PH Administrator is now the Polk County Vital Records Registrar.

Public Health Modernization: A Public Health Education and Planning team was established in 2022 to take on non-clinical work pertaining to PH Modernization implementation, with direct oversight of PH Administrator. This includes work related to foundational capabilities such as communication, health equity, assessment & epidemiology, emergency preparedness and community partnership development.

STAFFING SUCCESS

Public Health Nurse Supervisor: Emily Brateng is off to a great start, with the advantage of having been with us as the CD/TB nurse for 3 years.

Home visiting nurses: In 2023, we were successful in recruiting 1 part time home visiting nurse, and one contract nurse. Babies First! and CaCoon programs have now been restarted since its closure in May 2021, and we are planning to launch Family Connects in 2024.

WIC coordinator: After a decade of no turnover, WIC coordinator retired in 2023. The WIC team had some unforeseen challenges in early 2023 which led to a cut in program funding. With the new vibrant coordinator, Jayna Wiley, and the move to a welcoming FCO building space, we foresee improvement in our number of participants, and getting back on track. The coordinator is also doing her training to have a dual role (coordinator and certifier), which will help us with staff coverage and reduce our need to reschedule clients.

STAFFING CONCERNS:

Positions needed to return to baseline staffing levels

- Community Health Coordinator: Denyse Santos (Emergency Preparedness) and Laura Moran (Health Equity/Outreach/CHIP) left in 2023. We will be opening the positions soon.
- Public Health Worker: We will be opening a PHW position to join the home visiting programs, as the workload increases with the launch of Family Connects.
- PH Nurse (CD/TB): Emily Brateng was promoted to Nurse Supervisor. We will open this position soon, and we expect some challenges to fill it, based on past experiences with nurse recruitment.



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February 20, 2024

State Director Barry Bushue
Bureau of Land Management
1220 S.W. 3rd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

Re: Polk County's Request for Cooperating Agency Status

Dear Director Bushue:

Polk County hereby requests cooperating agency status for the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") ongoing development of new resource management plans ("RMPs") for Western Oregon.

The Association of O&C Counties ("AOCC") has twice requested cooperating agency status on Polk County's behalf and BLM has not formally responded to either request. However, after AOCC's annual meeting, we now understand from you that BLM's position is that only individual counties are eligible cooperating agencies for the RMPs.

Individual O&C Counties were granted cooperating agency status—with AOCC serving as the designated representative—during the RMP processes from 2004-2008 and, again, from 2012-2016. Polk County wishes for AOCC to be its designated representative for the current RMP process as well.

We look forward to a prompt response to this request for cooperating agency status. Please make sure to provide a copy of BLM's response to AOCC, as our designated representative.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Craig Pope, Chair

Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst

Commissioner Jeremy Gordon