



Oregon Public
Health Association

OPHA 2021 Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

12:00 – 1:00

MINUTES

12:00 Call to Order – Danielle Droppers, President

Danielle Droppers called the meeting to order at 12:00. The meeting was held virtually.

12:03 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the 2020 annual meeting minutes as presented was made and seconded. 90% of participants polled approved, 10% abstained.

12:05 Treasurer's Report – Tabitha Jensen, President-Elect, Interim Treasurer

Tabitha Jensen reviewed the 2021 fiscal year to date noting that we will no longer be reporting estimated revenue and expenses for the last months of the fiscal year. Best practice is to instead report on the year to date. OPHA received two federal loans via the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), both of which have been forgiven. Online conferences in 2020 and 2021 significantly reduced annual expenses while registration held steady. Conference sponsorships were down compared to 2020. Current asset balance is \$177,392.00

12:10 Review of OPHA's 2020-2021 Year – Jessica Nischik-Long, Executive Director

Reminder that OPHA has less than 1 FTE staff. Program Assistant Dana Merrill went on maternity leave in August and interim Program Assistant Kimberly Toro was hired in July to help with the conference.

Recognition of our board of directors who remain our most dedicated and hard working group of members. Many board members chair committees or a section or both! Board members serve on all of our committees, which is where we do much of our work. They serve as thought partners and help shape our strategic plans each year.

Recognition of OPHA's 9 special interest sections. Sections organize professional development and educational opportunities and have representatives on our board and committees. Sections bring subject matter expertise to our policy work, our board, and the planning of this conference.

Recognition of committees that help the board accomplish its work and strategic goals and all the other OPHA volunteers. It takes many people volunteering together to make our work happen.

OPHA is unique in that we encompass all aspects of public health and we are a membership organization. In this way, OPHA creates leadership, engagement and learning opportunities for anyone that is committed to improving the health of their community.

This year, like many organizations, our leadership has delved more deeply into putting our values of equity and diversity into practice. Also like many organizations, we have some work to do. Jessica is working with board members to develop grant proposals to bring us the resources we need to strengthen our infrastructure. By increasing our organizational capacity, we will be better able to support our members and achieve our mission.

In 2020 at this conference, Jessica informed attendees that we had a new policy committee chairperson, Nathaniel Boehme. He and other committee members were committed to elevating racism as the underlying driver of many health disparities. At the 2020 conference, we had just secured Representative Andrea Salinas as the sponsor for our legislative concept, which became HB 2337 declaring racism a public health crisis and six strategies to address this persistent, complex problem.

After the conference, work on HB 2337 ramped up quickly. OPHA remained the convening organization for what became known as the Oregon Health Equity Task force, which was made up of mostly Black, Indigenous, Native, and other leaders of color from around the state. While we remained the convener, the content of every part of the bill was developed by the task force.

The Task Force's collective knowledge, experience and expertise lead to the development of key legislative priorities that we believed moved beyond declarations to community-informed, targeted and meaningful action to dismantle racism and systematize anti-racist policies at the intersections where racism persists.

This is very significant for OPHA. We have advocated for bills drafted by others from our founding in 1944. However, we have never undertaken the task of leading the charge to draft a bill from scratch, find a legislative sponsor, and Sheppard a bill through the complicated legislative process.

Thank you to Nathaniel for starting this effort and having the confidence that we could be that convener. Special thanks to our board president, Danielle Droppers, for the many hours she spent leading the task force meetings and following up on the details but always making it a place for open and honest communication amongst those present. While HB 2337 ultimately did not make it out of committee, Representative Salinas made sure the legislative session did not end without a declaration. House Resolution 6 declares racism a public health crisis in Oregon. By making this declaration, it is publicly acknowledged and calls out for action.

OPHA continues to work on climate change. Both of our keynote speakers yesterday mentioned climate change as one of the biggest threats to public health globally. Jessica continues to serve as OPHA's lead on climate change work, currently as part of the Oregon Climate Action Plan Coalition. The OCAP coalition is focused on the implementation of Governor Brown's 2020 executive order, which applies to all state agencies. We have spent significant time on the Oregon OSHA heat and smoke rules and emergency rules put into place this summer after a farm worker died from excessive heat. The coalition is also calling on DEQ to strengthen their draft rules on greenhouse gas emissions. The rules developed by these state agencies will be powerful and our goal is to protect health in the short and long term.

As an organization, membership is up and we have the most organizational members we've ever had.

We have developed partnerships with many organizations including those sponsoring and exhibiting at this conference. Their support and partnership are critical to our success and I thank them.

Finally, you can support all of this work by donating to OPHA on our website through the Fred Meyer Community Awards Program or the Amazon Smiles program. You can designate OPHA as your organization of choice.

12:15 2021 OPHA Student Poster Awards – Marie Harvey, Program Committee Chair

Special thanks went to Yumie Takata, Veronica Irvin, Jeff Bethel, and Sarah Rothenberg for serving as judges. And all the students who presented posters; this year we had 18 student posters.

The Outstanding Student Poster Award:

- Mandana Masoumirad for the poster titled, “Use of sexual and reproductive health services for women living in rural and urban Oregon: Impact of the Affordable Care Act”
- Satyasandipani Pradhan for the poster titled, “Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Postpartum Coverage and Outpatient Care Utilization among Low-Income Women in Oregon”
- In addition to receiving a plaque, the awardees will also receive a free one-year membership to OPHA.

12:20 2021 OPHA Awards – Reneé Menkens, Awards Committee Chair

- Champion for Healthy Environments – Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon
- Emerging Leader – Sabrina Garcia
- Policy Champion – Oregon Recovers, Mike Marshall, Executive Director
- Health Equity Champion – Jonathan Garcia
- Lifetime Achievement – Suzie Kuerschner

12:40 2021 OPHA Leadership Election Results – Therese Hooft, Elections Committee Chair –
Elections committee this year was Therese Hooft, Angel Harris, Jackie Leung

Election results:

Nominations – Craig Mosbaek (chair), Kim La Croix, Kathleen Carlson

Region 1 – Tamara Falls

Region 3 – Fatima Paola Herrera-Zarate

Directors-at-large – Karen Chase, Juan Franco, Alicia Lee

Treasurer – Robb Hutson

President-Elect – Phyuusin Myint

12:45 Recognition of Directors Completing their Service – Danielle Droppers – Information

- Beth Doyle
- Aldo Solano
- Jennifer Griffith-Weprin
- Mitch Haas
- Sierra Prior
- David Huntley
- Glendora Claybrooks
- Rebekah Bally-Larkin
- Allison Myers
- April Lawless

12:50 Transfer of OPHA Presidency – Danielle Droppers & Tabitha Jensen

Danielle was presented a clock as a token of our appreciation for her leadership and many efforts over the years. The clock reads, Danielle Droppers, MSW, OPHA Board President 2020-2021, With appreciation for your service and commitment to excellence and equity in public health.” The clock was selected because there’s nothing more timeless than the pursuit of health and justice for all.

12:55 Look Ahead to OPHA in 2021-2022 – Tabitha Jensen

1:00 Adjourn