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**Washington Syndemic Planning Group General Meeting**

**Notes/Minutes**

Tuesday January 28, 2025

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call

**WSPG Members Attendance:**

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**MEMBERS of the PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Baker,**

**DOH SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:** **Shana Ferguson, Claire Mocha**

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| **TOPIC** | **FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS** | **ACTIONS & DUE DATES** | **PERSON RESPONSIBLE** |
| I. Call to Order/ Welcome by Tri-Chairs and member check and connect (10 mins) | * Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM. * Community agreements: * Center community. * Experience discomfort. * Leave stories, take learnings. * Share the space. * Acknowledge your impact. * Different perspectives. * ”I” statements. * Expect and accept non-closure. * Beth: Recognition of Genee and Vanessa. Both are taking more work on in their sections due to staffing limits within DOH/OID. Not regularly attending as they have in the past. I want to publicly thank them for their work and dedication to the WSPG. |  | Beth |
| II. DOH/WSPG member updates (1 hour 10 mins) | * Ratification of updated WSPG Charter and Bylaws. * Tonight, the group will focus on voting on proposed changes to the charter. * If we do not get through everything tonight, we will get back to group with email about how to get through what we weren’t able to vote on tonight. * 18 voting members in attendance. * Article I – Name * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article II – Mission and Purpose Section 1 Mission, Section 2 Purpose * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 2. Eligibility * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 6. Recruitment, Selection, Retention * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 7. Terms of Membership (1) * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 7. Terms of Membership (2) * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 8. Attendance (1) * Vote – 16 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 8. Attendance (2) * Vote – 16 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 10. Member Conduct * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (1) * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (2) * Vote – 16 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (3) * Vote – 13 Ayes * Article III – Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (4) * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III - Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (5) **Appendix 1 form** * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article III - Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (6) **Warning Letter and Payment Denial** * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article III - Membership Section 15. Compensation and Membership Support (7) **Member Removal procedures** * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article IV - Officers Section 1. Positions * Vote – 13 Ayes * Article IV – Officers Section 2. Responsibilities (1) * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article IV – Officers Section 2. Responsibilities (2) * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article V - General Operations Section 5. Open Meeting Policy and Public Records Act * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article V - General Operations Section 7. Decision Making * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article VI - Steering Committee Section 1. Role * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article VI - Steering Committee Section 2. Composition and Selection * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article VI - Steering Committee Section 3. Terms * Vote – 13 Ayes * Article VII - Innovation Committees Section 1. Structure * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article VII - Innovation Committees Section 2. Duties and Functions * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article VII - Innovation Committees Section 3. Composition * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article VII - Innovation Committees Section 4. Leadership * Vote – 15 Ayes * Article VII - Innovation Committees Section 5. Meetings and Attendance * Vote – 14 Ayes * Article VII – Innovation Committees Section 6. Decision Making * Vote- 16 Ayes * Starleen: All sections were aye. I will send out when notes are sent out. I will then be sending it off to OPAE. Nikki with OPAE will send it to finalize and will also offered to create a 1 or 2 pager to summarize charter for the group. * Omero: Ask, for anyone not feeling an aye for anything- would you like to add any comments on why? That is part of the consensus model is we want all voices to be heard. If you weren’t an aye on one item, and you had a certain feeling and want it to be heard, this would be the time to add it. * James: I want to take a second to thank everyone who worked on this project for the thought, effort, and time that went into this. I very much appreciate your time because the original was not very thoughtful, and this is very thoughtful. Want to thank Genee and Vanessa for everything they did for us. I want to thank everyone who showed up today and for making this an important meeting to start of the new year. * Victor: Encore to what James shared with the committee who works on the revision! |  | Beth and Charter Committee |
| III. Public Comment and other additional updates (5 mins) | * Howard: Question, something that could be talked about in future. Everything that is coming down from the administration, will there be more talk about what is happening with federal funds and what the impact of this will entail? * Starleen: As we are learning pieces, we will share. Currently at a point where communications for the Integrated Plan are on pause on national level. That being said, WA state feels encouraged to move along with timeline and due date being June 2026. DOH has decided to move forward with the timeline. Committee members will still be meeting monthly to talk about planning with part A’s. Still moving forward and if anything changes, we will share with the group. * Howard: Judge put a pause. Is the Department of Health prepared ready for that step if this is to occurs? * Starleen: Personally, I cannot answer. * Bridgette: Follow up on tuberculosis outbreak. This impacts the groups we work with. Will this be handled as the mpox was? * Starleen: OID has multiple sections that all lean into different conditions and different populations. Best I can answer for this is they will work with assessment unit to get those responses in and compile into report. At that point in time, we can share it out. * Omero: Monte has something to update about substance user health and their access to safe supplies and general access to harm reduction services. All public health people that are running locally are not the best. They are part of a new group, and they are trying to figure out how to get services to people that have created their own group not part of public health to get supplies to people in the public. * Starleen: Have Monte update when the group can ask questions and clarify. * Lisa: One thing Omero is talking about with Monte is secondary exchanges. The drug user health team at DOH is doing harm reduction conference in June. Place where folks can talk about the secondary exchange. Second, from my work and few others are doing webinar. Will send flyer to group. All about Hep C. If you want to come, registration is open. |  | Tri-chairs |
| IV. Closing Thoughts/ Adjourn | * Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. |  | Tri-chairs |
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**Minutes prepared by: Shana Ferguson**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Starleen Maharaj-Lewis

**Minutes reviewed and approved by Tri-Chairs:** James Tillett, Omero Perez,Beth Crutsinger-Perry