



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Health Advisory Board leadership introductions and update on COCC
ARPA grant usage

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) leadership will introduce themselves to the Board for the purpose of opening the door for more dialogue between the BOCC and the PHAB in the future.

Following the introductions, PHAB Member Sarah Baron will provide an update on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds awarded by the Board to Central Oregon Community College (COCC). The presentation will describe the progress made to expand the public health workforce using various strategies:

- Outreach efforts and campaigns to promote public health careers in high schools, colleges, and the community at large;
- Training, scholarships, and paid practicums (e.g., access to housing assistance, food resources and childcare, as well as potential employment opportunities); and
- Collaborative efforts to leverage Medicaid and State funds to sustain community health outreach efforts and workforce development.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Kuhn, Manager, Health Services
Sarah Baron, EdD, Assistant Professor, COCC
Rob Ross, MD, PHAB Chair
Colleen Sinsky, PHAB Vice-Chair