



**Oregon State University**  
**College of Public Health**  
**and Human Sciences**

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**Community Advisory Council**

**Background and Goals**

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As a comprehensive land grant institution, Oregon State University is committed to serving the needs of Oregonians through research, teaching, outreach and engagement. The College of Public Health and Human Sciences (CPHHS) seeks to achieve synergies across these key functions toward our vision of ensuring lifelong health and well-being for every person, every family and every community in Oregon. Further, CPHHS strives to be a leader nationally and globally in developing expanded roles for public health as health systems transform.

The CPHHS Community Advisory Council (CAC) is a formal mechanism for communicating with key external stakeholders in the public health and human sciences. The CAC's overall purpose is to:

- Support the college leadership in establishing vision and strategic direction;
- Bring the perspectives of industry, government and communities to the college's planning, implementation and evaluation of its teaching, research, outreach and service activities; and
- Serve as ambassadors of CPHHS
- Support the continuing accreditation of the college

The Community Advisory Council engages with the college by:

*Informing:*

- The college's vision, strategic directions, and alignment over time by providing perspectives and feedback
- The college of emerging trends in public health and community health
- The college of workforce needs for current and future public health and human science professionals.

*Facilitating:*

- Work of the college to identify and address a comprehensive range of diversity, equity and inclusion issues across communities
  - Diverse student recruitment, retention and graduation; diverse faculty recruitment, efforts to reduce health disparities in communities
  - Student success for all students, with attentiveness to needs of under-served and vulnerable populations
- Community-based research opportunities and outreach and engagement work
- Work of ad-hoc advisory groups on evaluation of curricula, field placements, product or program quality, and overall organizational impact

*Advocating:*

- Broaden knowledge and expand networks to inform communities about the work of the college
- Supporting success of alumni in their professional development
- Open doors for the college with the communities of prospective friends, donors, businesses and industry.

The council was initiated in 2013 and meets at least two times each year. We anticipate regularly having four new members join the CAC while four members rotate off each year.