

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH TILLAMOOK CITIZENS' PUBLIC HEALTH¹ AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (Draft 8/21/2020)

PURPOSE: To provide advice and consultation to North Tillamook County citizens, governments, and organizations concerning issues and problems affecting the health and safety of the area's residents and visitors.

GOALS:

- To determine and provide the latest and most accurate scientific information regarding public health and safety issues.
- To identify existing and emergent issues and problems of local public health importance, evaluate relevant epidemiologic and other information, and make recommendations for viable individual and organizational actions.
- To identify probable future issues and problems of local public health importance, evaluate relevant epidemiologic and other information, and make recommendations for preventive actions.

RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY:

- The Committee has responsibility for utilizing data and information from North Tillamook County residents and visitors concerning public health and safety issues and problems.
- The Committee has responsibility for presenting to local governments and organizations problem analyses and recommendations for activities and solutions to address identified issues.
- Upon request, the Committee will assist in the development of educational programs to accurately inform local communities on the nature, seriousness, consequences, and solutions to identified issues and problems.
- The Committee does not have authority to make decisions directing specific public behaviors.
- The Committee does not have authority to make decisions affecting governmental or organizational actions and expenditures.

MEMBERSHIP: The Committee will consist of local citizens with knowledge and experience in public health, epidemiology, health care, public safety and public communications.

COMMITTEE PROCESSES: The Committee will work within the framework of the APHA Principles of the Ethical Practice of Public Health. Committee decisions will be made using a consensus model except in emergencies when the committee chair may make decisions on behalf of the Committee as a whole. The Committee shall make periodic and ad hoc reports to local governments and organizations as requested.

1. Public Health is the science of promoting and protecting the physical and mental health of people and their communities.