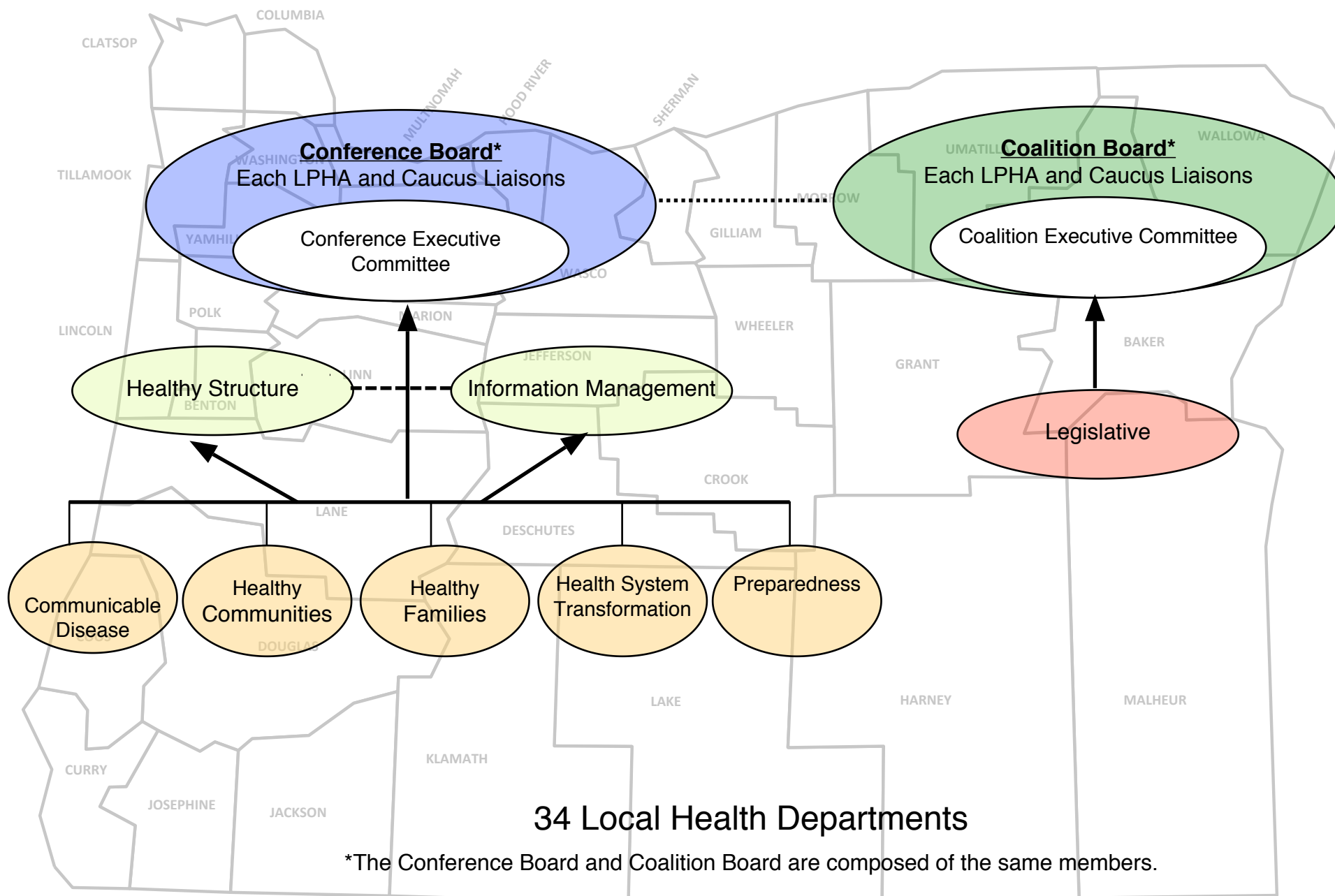


Conference and Coalition of Local Health Officials



Conference of Local Health Officials

ORS 435.330 Conference of Local Health Officials – “shall consist of all local health officers and public health administrators and such other local health personnel as may be included by the rules of the conference” The Conference bylaws have organized the Conference to include a vote for each Local Public Health Administrator, a representative of each caucus (Health Officers, Public Health Administrators, Environmental Health Specialists and Public Health Nursing Supervisors), and the CLHO Executive Committee (which can be elected from general membership, not just board members).

ORS 431.340 – 431.345 - The Conference may submit to the Oregon Health Authority such recommendations on the rules and standards for Minimum Standards for financial assistance – to include education and organization, operation and extent of activities, which are required or expected of local health departments to carry out their responsibilities in implementing the public health laws of the state.

To fulfill the statutory obligations set forth in ORS 431 the Conference has organized itself into committees, which make recommendations to the full Conference Board. There are three major buckets of issues that should come from committees to the full Conference Board: recommendations on funding, changes to program elements, and any other substantive changes

1. Program Elements changes - The committees' role is to review the changes and then either make recommendations back to the Public Health Division (PHD) if the committee is not in agreement or make a recommendation to the Conference Board to accept the changes.
2. Funding changes – If there is a change in funding formula, applying for a new funding stream, or a pilot of funding. The issue area committee must discuss with the PHD program and make recommendations to the CLHO Healthy Structure committee. CLHO Healthy Structure looks at all of the funding streams to the local health departments and will make the final recommendation to the Conference Board.
3. Substantive Changes – There are lots of issues that are discussed in committees that do not fall into the Program Element or Funding buckets. If a committee is discussing something that will be a major change to local health departments it should come to the Conference Board for discussion. This may sound a little less clear than Program Element or Funding changes but the idea is that any major changes to the issue areas should be discussed at the committee and a recommendation made to CLHO. If data information or data system changes are recommended from a issue area committee the recommendation should go to the CLHO Information Management committee before being recommended to the full CLHO Board.

Coalition of Local Health Officials

The Coalition of Local Health Officials is a dues-based membership association that exists to support workforce development and advocacy for an improved local public health system. The majority of the work the Coalition does is with external stakeholders. However, the PHD does provide funding to the Coalition of Local Health Officials to take minutes at the Board meetings, and ensure that there is smooth operation between the committees and the Board.

The Coalition only has one committee at this time, the Legislative Committee, which makes recommendations to the full Coalition Board.