



CLHO Staff Report: October 2014

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Staff Update, October 2014

Project Updates:

2015 Legislative Session Preparations

Legislative Meetings – Over the past month I’ve had several meetings with legislators including Representatives Greenlick and Keny-Guyer and Senator Monnes Anderson about the Future of Public Health Task Force recommendations. All of the meetings were productive and the beginning of working relationships on these important items during the legislative session.

Education Service District Legislative Workgroup – Last week the Legislative Workgroup on Education Service Districts held a hearing to inform their discussion on school health. The discussion focused primarily on both the School Based Health Centers and School Nursing models. Jessica Duke, Adolescent and School Health, and Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown both testified about School-Based Health Centers and how they work in the community. Margo Lalich, former Clatsop County Public Health Administrator, and Director of School Health Services for Multnomah County Education Services District discussed the need for billing capacity for School Nurses. There was discussion about legislative solutions.

Task Force on the Future of Public Health Update to the Oregon Health Policy Board – Lillian Shirley – Lillian Shirley, Oregon Public Health Division Director, presented a PowerPoint “Public Health in Oregon: Present and Looking to the Future” which included an overview of the current structure of public health in Oregon. Ms. Shirley also presented the final recommendations from the Task Force on the Future of Public Health in Oregon.

After the presentation by Ms. Shirley at the Health Policy Board I testified during the public testimony section of the meeting. I wanted to make a couple of important points:

1. While the Task Force Recommendations were moving in the right direction local health departments were not waiting to be modernized but had started moving in this direction using the Nationally developed accreditation process. Four local health departments in Oregon are now accredited – Clackamas, Crook, Marion and Deschutes.
2. Local health departments have already been working to engage with CCOs – sitting on CCO Boards, CACs and working together on projects like Maternal and Child Health, Tobacco Prevention, Opiate prevention and screening and home-visiting.
3. The Foundation programs and capabilities in the right direction to build the depth of staffing in local health departments and to move in this direction we will need funding.

E-Cigarettes Workgroup Update

CLHO has participated in the e-cigarettes workgroup over the interim. The workgroup has included groups such as the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Medical Association, Nurses Association, the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention program staff, Multnomah County, and members of the legislature including Senators Monnes Anderson and Steiner-Hawyard and Representatives Barnhart, Tomei and Greenlick. The last meeting of

the workgroup had Legislative Counsel review the draft and make sure that the language reflected the policy direction of the group.

Next steps for the group will be figuring out which members of the legislature want to carry this bill forward.

CLHO Legislative Committee – The CLHO Legislative Committee met last week to continue to hone in on the specifics for our legislative priorities for the 2015 legislative session. CLHO staff continues to provide information to the committee and prepare for the legislative session.

Targeted Case Management Inclusion in CCO's Global Budget

The last two CCO- TCM Integration have made a couple of issues clear, or unclear as the case may be, that there are differing and potential conflicting advise that is coming to local health departments from the Division of Medical Assistant Programs and the Oregon Public Health Division. The other challenges is that what is now one or two programs (Babies First!/NFP and CaCoon) for local programs, now local health departments may have to track as many as four different streams – CCO contract, FFS – TCM, Babies First!, and CaCoon- with different targets and potentially different outcome focuses.

So, due to information we received at the last CCO-TCM Meetings and our conversations at the CLHO retreat I've had a series of meetings to try and generate attention and potential action to make this as easy for local health departments to administer and run as possible. Over the last couple of weeks I've had a series of meetings with Don Ross (twice), Michael Tynan, Cate Wilcox/ Don Ross, and connected with many local health departments to help make sure I'm on the right track.

In the next day or two I will try and put together an update on the information that I've uncovered through the course of these meetings and next steps. Once I have completed at least a draft I will post on the CLHO meetings site.

Conference of Local Health Officials Support Updates:

Over the course of the last month I have provided Conference committees support on getting onto CLHO agendas. We've been working with the TB program, Oregon State Public Health Lab and the Domestic Wells Program to bring program elements or other changes, forward to the CLHO Board.

October is our Annual Meeting of the Conference so I've updated the Committee Report template and worked with all of the committees to get a representative to the committee for updates on the committee work.

Coalition of Local Health Officials Administrative Functions Updates:

Yearly Planning - Kathleen and I have been doing some yearly planning and re-writing a portion of her job description to re-focus the work to broader technical assistance. As you know the National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII) grant that supported CLHO's technical assistance around accreditation, performance management and quality improvement ended as of September 30th, 2014. CLHO will now be funding our Program Manager primarily with dues support supplemented with a new grant the DIRECTIVE Grant, which will support 30% of her position.

Budget – Ongoing work to collect dues and deposit checks. We still have two counties who have not yet paid their dues.

Loreen Nichols (CLHO Treasurer) and I opened a savings account for the Coalition of Local Health Officials to ensure that we will start generating interest.

CLHO Office Move – I have spent some time preparing for the CLHO office to move from one office at the CIS-Tigard office to another. We are lucky enough to use space donated by them and they need the office we've been using for a new hire.

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Accreditation Technical Assistance

I completed final assessments with LHDs and used the data for CLHO's final funding report to the OPHD for the NPHII funding. In addition to gathering information from LHDs administrators and accreditation coordinators, I conducted key informant interviews with Erin Mowlds (former CLHO Program Manager) and Lydia Emer (former Performance Management Program Manager) to get a better sense of the history and successes/challenges of the NPHII work. I also worked with Danna Drum in the Performance Management Program to acquire NPHII financial data to be included in the final report. I have spent a considerable amount of time compiling the data collected to produce graphs and update maps that are included in the report. The data collected was compared to baseline data collected by Erin Mowlds in 2011. The report also shares lessons learned, success of the CLHO and OPHD partnership and recommendations to continue the work across the state.

I have been working with Josie Henderson at OPHA on an RFP for APHA for accreditation technical assistance. The application was submitted September 5th and we were awarded \$7500 (\$2500 over what we asked). Josie Henderson and I have been working with Marni Mason and Susan Ramsey to determine additional components for the technical assistance. The technical assistance will focus on strategic planning and included a full day workshop in Pendleton, a 1.5-hour webinar, and individual technical assistance sessions.

I have been coordinating with Marion, Clackamas, Deschutes, and Crook County Accreditation Coordinators to develop presentation materials and session questions for our upcoming panel session on Accreditation at the OPHA Conference. I have also been finalizing details with Kim Krull at OPHA for the CLHO poster session and communicating with poster presenters.

I facilitated the first meeting for the small county accreditation at the end of September. I reviewed accreditation resources and had Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown share Crook County's strategic planning experience and answer questions that the group had. We set our next meeting date and will continue to meet every other month for an hour.

OPHAT Work Group

I attended the OPHAT workgroup meeting October 9th, we group discussed adding causes of death, and changing race/ethnicity categories. We also discussed creating a Healthy People 2020 menu of indicators. Juanita Heimann will be creating a survey and sending it to OPHAT users to determine race/ethnicity categories that are most useful and if OPHAT users would be interested in Healthy People 2020 indicators.

Minimum Standards and Triennial Review

I continue to be involved in the standards review and triennial review work and attended a meeting with Morgan Cowling, Priscilla Lewis, Matt Gilman, Danna Drum, and Jan Kaplan to discuss a quality improvement project on the Triennial Review. We compiled a preliminary list of QI steering committee members, discussed goals of the QI project, and when we would like to have the QI project to be completed by.

Grant Proposal Development Webinar

I met with Luann D'Ambrosio with the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) to discuss a grant proposal development and writing webinar series. We discussed timelines for the webinar series and it will likely begin after the first of the year. The NWCPHP will be working to flush out a series description and individual lesson topics and objectives. The NWCPHP will send me the series description and lesson plans at the end of October.

Legislative and Policy Work

I've spent quite a bit of time gathering information and reviewing legislative concepts to update the Legislative White Papers, primarily e-cigarette and marijuana issues and some LPHA, that Morgan and I drafted in August. The updated versions of the Legislative White Papers were used at our October 9th Legislative Committee meeting to decided on policy options to bring forward to the CLHO board for a vote. We have also received some questions about the WIC farm-direct voucher program and I have gathered some high level information on the issue and have reached out to WIC staff at the OPHD to get specifics. Morgan and I have also spent time setting deadlines for our legislative session prep work and events during the session next year.

I continue to attend the Healthy Kids Learn Better Coalition meetings. At the October 7th meeting coalition members shared legislative concepts (LCs) they submitted for the 2015 session. Concepts submitted are included below.

The Oregon School Based Health Center Association has submitted LCs to increase funds from the state budget for new SBHC planning, and to require the inclusion of SBHC data in CHA/CHIPs.

The Oregon Environmental Council has submitted a LC for toxic disclosures on toys and products intended for children sold in Oregon.

The Oregon Nurses Association/ Oregon School Nurses Association has put forth a LC to increase the ration of School Nurses to students. The current ratio is 1:4000 and the target ratio is 1:750.

Upstream Public Health has submitted a LC to take out junk food marketing in Oregon schools. They have also submitted a LC for statewide transportation funding (transit, sidewalks, bike lanes).

CLHO Website

I have begun to meet with our website designer and developer. We are working with the website designer to determine the look and layout of our new webpage and have been tasked with finding pictures to use and what we want people to see and know when they visit the CLHO homepage. I received an introductory training from our web developer on how to use our content management system for the new webpage. I have started to add pages to the website and content. I have also begun to discuss website functions, like a QI library, and how we can design it for the website.

Public Health Services and System Research DIRECTIVE grant

I have been reading background information on PHSSR work and participating in webinars to gain a better understanding of the type of work I will be involved with for the DIRECTIVE grant. Morgan and I are waiting for the IRB process to be completed so that we can connect with the University of Washington researchers to discuss specific grant activities and deliverables.