



CLHO Staff Report: December 2015

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Accreditation Support & Technical Assistance Updates

Accreditation Work Group

The AWG is taking a break in December and will resume meeting in January on the 12th from 230-330pm.

OPHA Grant

Last month I worked with the Executive Director of OPHA on their application to APHA for \$5000 to support a workshop and technical assistance on workforce development, they received notice that the proposal has been funded. A workshop will be scheduled for spring of 2016.

Legislative/Policy Work

2016 Legislative Prep

I have been working to finalize a tobacco retail licensing debrief on the legislative work done on the issue last year, and identifying jurisdictions that have a tobacco retail license ordinance. I have also been researching and drafting talking points and a one-pager on electronic cigarette taxes.

I continue to coordinate with Betsy Clapp and Laurel Moses of Multnomah County on the OHA temporary rules for marijuana. There is a hearing on 12/14 and I will provide testimony on behalf of CLHO.

Other Work

Public Health Modernization Communications

This past month I have been working to finalize the modernization messaging to be put together in a toolkit. This included a follow-up call that with the small group that participated in the meetings with Larry Wallack and Liana Winett, and working with another communications expert to help refine the messaging. I have also been working with a graphic designer on the final product that will be posted on the CLHO webpage the week of 12/14. As a part of this work I also facilitated a webinar on 12/8 on how on the purpose of the toolkit and how to use it.

I have also been spending time to create a communication plan for CLHO staff to outline the modernization communication work that we will be engaging in over the next year.

Mentorship Program

I have developed a short evaluation for the mentorship program and will be sending that out to program participants. Additionally, I have also been working with Muriel to write an abstract for a presentation on the program at the 2016 NACCHO conference.

County Health Rankings

OPHI was also awarded \$4900 to provide mini-grants to LHDs. Steve White and I have a meeting scheduled to determine the mini grant timeline the week of 12/14, once we identify key dates we will send an email with the application and process to the CLHO list serve. The Oregon State team met on 12/2 to review the responsibilities of the state team and discuss ideas for how to support LHDs in utilizing the County Health Rankings.

Health Kids Learn Better

The HKLB Coalition met on December 1st. At this meeting we discussed the United for Kids 2016 (convened by Children First for Oregon) Coalition agenda. Following the meeting I connected with James Barta the Legislative Director for Children First of Oregon to learn more about how to participate in the United for Kids coalition and the process for submitting concepts. I have also been following up with other HKLB organizations to learn more about legislative concepts that they will be working on in 2016, including the Oregon Environmental Council. The OEC will be working a Safe Well Water bill that if passed would provide additional RFP funds to LHDS to conduct voluntary well testing and provide additional education.

Public Health Advisory Board

I continue to attend the quarterly board meetings. The 12/11 meeting was the last meeting as the current PHAB. The board members identified recommendations for the new PHAB (PHAB 2.0) as they begin their oversight role, some recommendations included ensuring opportunities for “consumer/citizen” input outside of the one appointed “at-large” position, and providing a presentation on the work of the PHAB as context for incumbents.