**Memorandum**

To: Coalition of Local Health Officials Board

From: Kathleen Johnson, Program Manager

Date: December 17, 2015

Subject: Legislative Committee Recommendations

The CLHO Legislative Committee meet on December 10th during the meeting the committee discussed several items below is a summary of each item.

**United for Kids 2016 Coalition**

The United for Kids Coalition is convened by Children First for Oregon, the coalition agenda presents a compilation of legislative policy and budget priorities from leading Oregon advocacy organizations that address health & safety, education, and economic security of children. CLHO staff proposed that CLHO join the United for Kids Coalition and submit the electronic-cigarette tax concept for endorsement. The committee reviewed the 2016 concepts for endorsement recommendations.

The legislative committee is recommending that CLHO join the United for Kids Coalition.

The committee is also recommending that CLHO endorse the same concepts that the Oregon Public Health Association is also endorsing on the United for Kids agenda which includes the following:

* More Physical Education in Schools: Investing in basic support for school districts to meet Oregon's PE standards (Submitted by The American Heart Association)
* Raising the minimum tobacco sales age to 21 (Submitted by the American Heart Association)
* Farm Direct/SNAP Match (Submitted by Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon)
* Safe Well Water - Dedicate more attention to outreach and well testing (Submitted by the Oregon Environmental Council)
* Healthy Climate Future: Set a cap on carbon and requires the state to develop a plan to reach that cap and (Submitted by the Oregon Environmental Council)
* Safe Routes to School: Double funding by ODOT from $500k per biennium to at least $1M (Submitted by the Oregon Safe Routes to School Network)

**2016 CLHO Legislative Agenda**

The legislative committee finalized their recommendations for CLHO’s 2016 legislative agenda.

The committee is recommending that CLHO prioritize the following issues for the 2016 session:

* Electronic-cigarette tax
* Tobacco retail licensing
* Tobacco 21
* Public health modernization