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**Staff Update, November 2015**

**Accreditation Support & Technical Assistance Updates**

***Accreditation Work Group***

Monthly meetings are taking place on the third Thursday of each month from 230-330pm. Due to staffing changes at the PHD I am now facilitating this meeting on my own.

***OPHA Grant***

OPHA applied for funding from APHA to support accreditation efforts in Oregon. As you may remember from years past this funding has gone to support workshops that are free to attend for local health departments, the topic of training has included performance management/QI and strategic planning. This year I worked with their interim director to develop the application; I proposed a focus on a workforce development, both the assessment and plan. If the OPHA is funded a workshop will be hosted in spring of 2016 and Marni Mason and Susan Ramsey will facilitate.

**Legislative/Policy Work**

***Public Health Modernization***

As a part of the communications work for public health modernization I participated in two of the three trainings held at the CLHO offices. The group was assigned homework to develop messages around vision, value, problems, and solutions. The group worked to draft messages that Morgan and I are now working to refine to bring back to the group for further discussion. This work will be created into a toolkit for LHDs to use.

The Public Health Division has drafted a policy manual based the work done over the past several months on defining the capabilities and program areas. I spent time reviewing this manual and provided feedback to the PHD during an 11/12.

***2016 Legislative Prep***

I have been working to analyze priority bills from last session to assist with preparing for the upcoming session. It is likely that tobacco retail licensing will be a part of the 2016 session and I have been in contact with LHDs that have jurisdictions within their counties that have TRL ordinances in addition to comparing SB 417 and SB 663 with model policies to help inform Morgan’s legislative work.

**Other Work**

***Mentorship Program***

I have been working to identify training opportunities on financial management and budgeting, and to secure a presenter for the 12/10 webinar. I have been in contact with several people included the NWCPHP, faculty at PSU, and Danna Drum to identify a best-fit presenter.

***Directive Grant***

I continue to attend our monthly Directive Team meetings. We discuss research design preliminary results and do data collection check-ins. At our October meeting we discussed potential case studies that were identified through the CJS survey, and will be following up with our research team and the LHDs. I have sent a request to each LHD to estimate how much staff FTE is spent on STI case management and am waiting to hear back from a small handful of LHDs before sending this piece of data to the research team.

***County Health Rankings***

I submitted the CLHO’s CHR funding application. We were granted to funds to move forward with the proposed work and I have drafted an application for LHDs interested in the mini-grant work. CHR had additional funds available so OPHI will also be submitting an application for funding and once we hear word if they were also granted funding we will send out the application to the CLHO list.

***Health Kids Learn Better***

The HKLB Coalition met on November 3rd. The members of the coalition are working on an endorsement process for proposed bills this coming legislative session. Some may be of interest to CLHO—more to come as this develops.