Conference of Local Health Officials

May 21st, 2015

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*CLHO: Morgan Cowling; Kathleen Johnson*

*AOC: Stacy Michaelson*

*PHD Members: Jan Kaplan, Lilian Shirely, Priscilla Lewis, Danna Drum, Tom Eversole*

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| **MINUTES** |
| **Agenda Item** | **Detail** | **Action Item** | **Responsible Party** |
| **Welcome & Introductions**  |  |  | Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown |
| **Minutes Approval** | April minutes approved***Teri Thalhofer moved to approve, Rebecca seconds, all voted in favor. Minutes approved*** | Review & Approve | Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown |
| **Appointments** | Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown appointed:Peter Davis (Marion County Public Health) to CLHO Healthy CommunitiesPatty Vega (Marion County Public Health) to CLHO Healthy FamiliesAnn Ackles (Jackson County Public Health) to CLHO Healthy Families  | Appoint | Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown |
| **Healthy Families:****Title V**  | New Title V priorities to begin in 2016, Cate Wilcox sent email last year.There will be no reductions in funding to Oregon for priorities.Moving forward Title V will be much more regulated from the federal level and could change how funding is used in Oregon.Changes will not happen until January 1st of 2016. There will be more information about programmatic changes at local levels at next month’s CLHO meetingPriorities were set with half day workgroups with numerous community partners and work with LHDs, priorities will include:* Well women visits
* Breastfeeding
* Physical activity for children
* Medical home for children
* Oral Health
* Smoking prevention
* Toxic stress and trauma
* Culturally/linguistic response and services

**Discussion:** A lot of work happens at local level, being aware of this is important.As we think about CCOs and primary care, access issues still persist throughout Oregon and being aware of this as we roll out new title V requirements. Current health care system was created for mid income families with commercial insurance. Spend an enormous amount of time in NCPHD explaining to CCO executives the status of people living in communities they serves. Title V priorities leaning more towards population base, is that where focus will be within priorities?This is the part that remains to be figured out. Lincoln County is doing work that addresses smoking prevention in pregnant women, would be great to received funding to do work.  | Update | Lindsey Manfrin |
| **Health System Transformation- LOS** | Letter of support was submitted to the PHD by Muriel on the recommendation of HST committee. Letter already submitted to the PHD due to short a timeline.OHA submitting proposal for empowering older adults with chronic diseases and disabilities through self-management programs. Focused on older adults aged 60 and older, programs include Living Well, Tomando, arthritis foundation’s walk with easeHow much funding would be provided by grant?300,000/year plan to apply for 450,000/year. The PHD Identified partners that they will work with (CCO).How were partners identified?Agencies with search grants (included CCOs, social services, aging services), Letter of Support was also submitted from Deschutes County Health Services.Grant opportunity taken to HST and Healthy Communities committees for review. The LOS recommendation is coming from HST.  | Update | Carrie Brogoitti |
| **Healthy Communities- Brownfield Initiative Program** | Grant provided through the CDC have been seeking grant since 2010 and have been one of selected 4 to receive grant each year. The purpose of the grant is to help remediate/clean-up brownfield sites that are not longer being used. Received 8 letters of interest from LHDs across the state to utilize funds for site clean up. Awarded two small grants last year (Coos and Washington county). Also, supporting two large projects that received funding from EPA (Tillamook and Linn).Would like to demonstrate to CDC that there is interest from locals with support from CLHO.Statewide analysis through DEQ data on brownfields, and health indicators and then health need as related to sites. Some indicators are on EPHT portal (environmental justice indicators)Will award two small grants to LHDS for $15,000 each. ***Motion:******CLHO Healthy Communities is recommending a motion to approve a letter of support from CLHO, Loreen Nichols seconds the motion. All voted in favor—motion passed.*** | Update | Kari Christensen |
| **Oregon State Public Health Lab**  | Are local health departments able to bill for labs they do not perform? YesFor NCPHD, administrative cost at OSPHL more expensive than can afford. So splitting labs for different programs. Transportation contract will be up for renewal in August. Services will remain, just may be different vendor.Sara at the lab has been very helpful in whole process.  | Update | All |
| **OR-EPI** | Most health officers attended OR-Epi if we want to have meeting with HOs would make most sense to do it then rather than in October (OPHA, not well attended by HOs).Deschutes County Health Services has technology to host a meeting.  | Update | Michael Tynan |
| **CLEHS- AirBnB** | Proposal sent to Public Health Policy Institute on issue EH is noticing coming around on vacation rentals by owner. We do have authority to inspect, but is not clearly stated in rule. Issue that is emerging nationally (San Francisco, New York). Trying to get clarity, or law change, rule change to reflect activities conducted to tourist accommodations, or hotel. This issue is more of concern in other areas than others (i.e. Bend, OR Coast, Pendleton). Looking for an administrator volunteer for the policy institute team.**Administrator volunteer: Meghan DeBolt Umatilla County**From institute work can begin to engage broad group of stakeholders. Identified as issue prior to decided to submit to policy institute. Discussions took place with PHD.CLEHS to report back on policy instituteCurrent policy institute applicants included:ClackamasLane LinnMultnomahWashingtonClatsopIf name not included and submitted application please let Michael Tynan know. |  |  |
| **Emerging Topics** | **Health Officer Meeting:**Questions about how we work well with HO caucus, Muriel attended meeting for an hour.Pat Ludekte provided background on how to coordinate legislative work (CLHO and HO).HOs requested that when emails go to administrators could they also go to health officers.When issues arise if CLHO could provide assistance to HOWhen bill comes up that applies to both could we work on it together. CLHO agenda can include standing report outs from caucuses. Do we have a once a year meeting with HOs and CLHOs—joint meeting at OR-Epi ?Becoming increasingly hard for leadership volunteer as people are becoming increasingly busy with accreditation, modernization, etc. May be helpful to reach out to HO in the next couple weeks to discuss meeting at OR-Epi. Figure out how and from who communication is being distributed from both CLHO and PHDConversation to happen at caucuses: who will distribute email from PHD and CLHO at caucus level, and how will communication occur back to PHD and CLHO.PHD will work on cleaning up communication at their level. **Nominating Committee For CLHO Chairs**:Elections are in October. The committee would recruit nominees and create a slate for elections as well as explain duties of leadership.**Volunteers for nominating committee:****Silas Halloran-Steiner, Teri Thalhofer, Meghan DeBolt, Pat Crozier****Process for Chair Elections**Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown is proposing changing the CLHO bylaws so that the election system consist of the Vice-Chair moving to Chair and then the Chair would remain on Executive Committee as the Past Chair. This may help with organizational continuity. CLHO could also change bylaws for 1 year in each position, rather than a 6 year commitment. Changes to the bylaws would have to happen at the Conference annual meeting and then at the Coalition annual meeting. **Volunteers for committee to work on bylaw changes:****Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Rebecca Austen, Rod Calkins, Katrina Rothenberger****Summer Schedule**CLHO typically takes one month off in the Summer, it is usually July. Would members prefer to take July or August off? The annual Retreat is in Septebmer.There is concern in taking off Summer months this year in light of Modernizaton and tight timelines. Silas Halloran-Steiner is proposing that CLHO meets in July for a face to face meeting, and then hold a shorter meeting in August using GoToMeeting. Morgan and Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown will send an email out about the Summer schedule.  | Update and Discuss | All |