**April 21st, 2016**

**TO: CLHO Board**

**FR: Morgan Cowling, Executive Director**

**RE: April 2016 Staff Report**

The end of the 2016 Legislative Session has provided a little time and space to begin planning for the next eight months before the next legislative session. The majority of the work has been geared with that in mind: CLHO Budget, PH Modernization and the RWJF Grant supporting modernization efforts.

***RWJF Grant – 21st Century Public Health***

In March we were officially awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 21st Century Public Health grant, working with the Public Health National Center for Innovation. Since then the primary work has been to pull together a Request for Proposals to hire a contractor to conduct the bulk of the work in the grant.

During the March CLHO/JLT meetings we recruited the group to conduct the review and area already receiving quite a bit of interest from across the County. You can find the RFP and the “[Opportunities](http://oregonclho.org/about/opportunities-with-clho/)” page on our clho website.

In addition to the work we’ve been doing in Oregon, Cara Biddlecom, Jocelyn Warren and I traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to meet with the other two states (Ohio and Washington) who are part of the Learning Community created in the 21st Century Public Health grant co-hort.

***2016 Interim Planning / CLHO Legislative Committee***

Kathleen and I have spent quite a bit of time starting to plan for a successful and productive interim. Based on direction from the CLHO legislative committee we started mapping out (potential) priorities and timelines to move forward PH Modernization and other (potential) legislative priorities.

The 2016 End of Session Report can be found on the CLHO [Advocacy](http://oregonclho.org/advocacy/clho-legislative-priorites/) page of the website.

***Public Health Modernization Implementation***

Kathleen and I continue to meet regularly with the Public Health Division to coordinate work and communication efforts around Public Health Modernization.

I also have begun talking with other County Lobbyists, and AOC on where we are with our implementation planning efforts and what else we need to be successful in the 2017 legislative session.

***CLHO Administration***

During the February CLHO meeting we recruited a small sub-set of CLHO Board members to sit on a CLHO Budget Committee. This budget committee has been twice and worked to develop a balanced budget to continue to ensure the organization has the dedicated resources to serve the members, without raising dues.