**Conference of Local Health Officials**

**Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2017**

**Committee: CLHO Communicable Disease**

**Chair/Co-Chair**: Jackson Baures, Jackson County; Cindy Morgan, Lane County

**What is the purpose of your committee (please include the issues are within your committee’s purview)?**

The Communicable Disease Committee works to develop short and long term committee priorities and objectives which assure joint system development and/or integration in relation to the communicable disease, immunization, HIV, sexually transmitted disease and tuberculosis programs. The committee works together to effectively and efficiently plan, implement and align identified priorities and objectives and make recommendations to CLHO which inform important policy, planning and/or budgetary decisions.

**What are the objectives of your committee?**

The primary focus of the CLHO Communicable Disease Committee is to support a system built upon strategic directions, common priorities, and broad operational approaches.

Recommendations for changes in program direction, priorities, funding, and/or policy development must be presented to CLHO for review and approval. If approved by CLHO, final recommendations will be submitted to the Public Health Division (PHD) Director by CLHO.

Required activities include review and recommendations regarding the CLHO Communicable Disease program elements, funding formula, statutory changes, rule changes or policy changes.

Funding formula recommendations will be forwarded to the CLHO Funding Formula Committee. Program element recommendations will be sent directly to CLHO.

**What specific issues did your committee work on in 2017 (please be sure to include Program Element and Funding changes in addition to other topics)?**

Since October 2016, CLHO-CD provided guidance and input to ACDP regarding updates to the list of reportable diseases and other topics including:

* Influenza outbreaks
* Norovirus outbreaks in LTCFs
* TB and STD medications and 340B
* Latent TB infection reporting
* Syringe exchange
* Immunizations
* Public Health Modernization Communicable Disease metrics
* Communicable Disease OARs
* Orpheus annual audit process
* Grants
  + Zilka
  + Rural HIV/HCV
  + HIV Early Intervention
* Investigative Guidelines
  + Scombroid
  + Varicella
  + Diphtheria
  + Hepatitis A
  + Hepatitis E
  + Perinatal Hepatitis B
  + Vibrio
  + Norovirus
  + Pertussis
  + Mumps
* Program Elements
  + PE 03 (TB)

**Were there any specific issue challenges or structural challenges your committee encountered this year?**

We moved our meeting time from 1:00 pm on Friday afternoons to 10:00 am on Friday morning to improve attendance.

**How has your committee discussed or incorporated Public Health Modernization as it pertains to your committee’s objectives?**

Yes. We have worked with OHA to provide input on Communicable Disease metrics related to Public Health Modernization.

**The CLHO Board has recommended a slightly restructured CLHO committee structure to better align with the Foundational Public Health Services Model, or Public Health “Modernization”. What work of the committee do you want to make sure doesn’t get lost in the transition?**

The scope of CLHO-CD is not changing in the Modernization restructure, so none of the committee work should be lost in translation.

**Any thing else you’d like to share with other Committees or the CLHO Board?**

Committee is working fine, but nothing in particular to share.

**Please list your committee members. Do all of these committee members want to continue through the restructuring? (please indicate)**

The following is a list of CLHO-CD committee members. No member has indicated a desire to leave as a result of restructuring.

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| Sunny Lee | Clackamas |
| Eric Mone | CLEHS Rep |
| Karen Yeargain | Crook |
| Heather Kaisner | Deschutes |
| Jackson Baures | Jackson |
| Cindy Morgan | Lane |
| Debby Uri | Linn |
| Karen Landers | Marion |
| Patty Vega | Marion |
| Lisa Ferguson | Multnomah |
| Taylor Pinsent | Multnomah |
| Kim Toevs | Multnomah |
| Jeremy Hawkins | North Central Public Health District |
| Riann Rogerio | Umatilla |
| Christy Marx | Washington (TB Supervisor) |
| Chris Keating | Washington (Nursing Supervisor CD/STI/HIV) |
| Kathleen Rees | Washington |