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RE: Letter of Agreement

Dear Dr. Bekemeier,

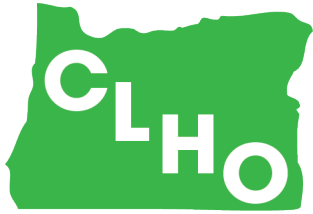
On behalf of Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO), I am pleased to offer this letter of agreement supporting the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) application to the Health Resources and Services Administration, and committing to form a Community Based Training (CBT) partnership with the Northwest Public Health Training Center (NWPHTC) to advance public health workforce development in our region. The Northwest Public Health Training Center, housed at NWCPHP, plays a vital role in supporting training and workforce development around the region and, thus, helps advance what our organization can do for local communities. CLHO is a dues-based membership association that primarily focuses on making sure Local Health Departments have the ability and resources to improve the health of all people living in Oregon, and at the most basic level, properly address public health needs and protect their communities. Effective public health practice requires well-prepared public health leaders that hold the skills and experience necessary to carry out the mission and functions of public health. In an effort to support the mission of local public health across the state of Oregon, CLHO provides resources and opportunities to support the ongoing professional development of our local public health leaders. To this end, CLHO is committed to:

- Identifying a representative with workforce and training expertise to serve on the center's Regional Network Steering Committee by attending at least three virtual meetings each year, from the project period September 2018—August 2022 (pending renewals):
 - To give guidance to NWPHTC on local training and workforce needs
 - To strengthen faculty-student collaborative projects and field placements in public health practice



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- To help promote and market the NWPHTC's work among public health colleagues
- To offer guidance on NWPHTC's available and future training offerings and other learning resources
- To provide feedback to training evaluation plans and activities
- To assist in developing strategies for assessing NWPHTC's progress and for enhancing outcomes throughout the region

Participation in the Regional Network Steering Committee gives CLHO the opportunity to guide workforce activities in our region that are effective and relevant for our organization's stakeholders. We also understand that our participation grants us access to a variety of training resources and potential funds for activities such as the following: creating workforce development plans, conducting training needs assessments, creating and evaluating training plans and training curricula, developing and delivering in-person and online trainings, and other activities related to supporting the regional public health workforce. We will work with NWPHTC to equitably distribute such funding and resources around the region.

Sincerely,

Tricia Mortell
Chair
Coalition of Local Health Officials



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