

CONFERENCE OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2018

Committee: Access to Clinical Preventive Services

Chair/Co-Chair: Pamela Ferguson & Jessica Nye

What is the purpose of your committee?

The Access to Clinical Preventive Services committee (A2CPSC) focuses on the Public Health Modernization area of access to clinical preventive services as is relevant for protecting the health of Oregonians. The committee makes recommendations to the Conference Executive Committee and Board of Directors on proposed changes and updates to program elements, changes to funding formulas, or other topic areas brought before the committee by the PHD, CLHO, or LPHA.

This committee provides guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work related to: (1) collaborating with stakeholders to identify and address barriers to accessing care; (2) supporting policy solutions that increase access to culturally responsive clinical preventive services; and (3) assuring the availability of evidence-based and cost-effective clinical care.

Areas of work addressed by the committee include Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition, Reproductive Health, School Based Health Centers, Sustainable Relationships for Community Health, and Immunizations.

What are the objectives of your committee?

2018 ACPSC objectives include: (1) Develop and convene a committee that will provide guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work as it relates to access to clinical preventive services; (2) Ensure ongoing planning with health care system partners, community members, and organizations that represent members of priority populations to identify barriers to access and gaps in services; (3) Support the implementation of strategic plans that address gaps and barriers to accessing clinical preventive services; and (4) Identify opportunities for local and state public health representatives to work together to improve population health and access to clinical preventive services.



What specific issues did your committee work on in 2018?

SBHC Updates: Jessica Duke & Rosalyn Liu (March 2018) – An overview document for the SBHC program was shared and discussed with the committee. Funding, SHIP target and goals, and system challenges were also discussed. Interest from some LPHAs for SPO to directly contract with non-LPHA medical sponsors. Review of SBHC survey from November 2017.

PE Updates for PE40, PE41, and PE4: Jessica Duke, Sue Woodbury, Helene Rimberg, Kirsten Aird & Mimi Luther (March 2018) – PE41 Reproductive Health: Discussion of funding mechanism for RH clinical services and transition to braided system of funding. New PE46 will include the provision of RH clinical services by LPHA or other community medical providers. PE41 continued through August 2018 and new PE46 began in September 2018. PE4 Sustainable Relationships for Community Health: Initiative through which LPHA will work with CCOs, clinics, and/or community-based organizations delivering evidence-based interventions and services; other involved with health system transformation to prevent and improve chronic conditions and improve community-clinical linkages.

Discussion of CLHO Board Recommendations to Improve Statewide Policy Work: Morgan Cowling (April 2018) – Policy statement development overview and policy statement template provided.

Immunization Program Updates: Mimi Luther (April 2018) – Review of the program activities and funding.

WIC and Reproductive Health Program Overviews: Tiare Sanna & Helene Rimberg (April 2018) – Program overview presentations, discussion of funding mechanisms, and upcoming changes.

Development of committee policy statement, "Access to low- or no-cost, effective contraception for all Oregonians" (June – July 2018)

Presentation from Trauma-Informed Oregon: Stephanie Sundborg (August 2018) – Presentation re: TIO state-wide implementation efforts highlighting the importance of TIC work and how it relates to access to services.

October 2018 A2CPS In-Person Meeting Agenda Items: Review of Committee Charter, Review/Update of Committee Work plan, Policy Statement Development Update/Next Steps, Planning/Future Direction for Committee.



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

One of the main concerns of the group has been (and remains to be) the fact that Maternal Child Health services are under the Prevention and Health Promotion committee. WIC and Reproductive Health are under A2CPSC and many feel that MCH should also be within our committee. As MCH continues to find a home within the PH Modernization structure, it is imperative that we leverage the fact that PH home visiting programs do indeed ensure access to clinical preventive services through the linkage of clients to these services. In addition, it is difficult for LPHA staff (many of whom do both MCH and RH) to participate on both committees.

A2CPSC has also had some difficulty meeting quorum for many meetings—creating concerns that this committee didn't have the right representatives at the table or that participation expectations weren't clear. Getting members to participate (by attending and by speaking up during the meetings) has been a challenge, thus identifying appropriate topics and relevant guest speakers/presenters to bring to the table has been difficult.

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

Yes. Public Health Modernization has been incorporated into our committee charter, our committee annual work plan, and our committee's policy statement development process.

The CLHO Board has restructured the committees starting in January and conducted a six month review which has the committees continuing in their current structure. What, if anything, do you need from the CLHO Board to ensure your committee's success? Please reconsider moving MCH programming under this committee's prevue. As previously noted, it is difficult for LPHA staff (many of whom do both MCH and RH) to participate on both committees.

Any thing else you'd like to share with other Committees or the CLHO Board? No.



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