August 16th, 2018

To: Coalition of Local Health Officials

Fr: CLHO Legislative Committee

Re: Recommendations for Legislative Agenda 2019

Background

The CLHO Legislative Committee and CLHO Board have been discussing a process of determining our legislative work for the 2019 legislative session. Each month the CLHO Legislative Committee has given staff more and more feedback and direction.

CLHO Summer Fellow and CLHO Staff worked on developing policy options in each of the five/ six major areas: Substance Abuse/Misuse (marijuana and opioid prevention); Modernization; Youth Suicide Prevention, Access to Healthy Eating, and Long-Term Care Facility regulation.

The Legislative Committee made the following recommendations on the 2019 Legislative session agenda:

# 1 Public Health Modernization - Support funding for the next phase of Modernization implementation at $47.7 million (as identified in the Legislative Fiscal Office report)

- Prioritizing and continuing the strong work that the $5 million investment began in Communicable Disease, Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness and Assessment and Epi

- Add additional components Environmental Health, Preparedness and

-Advocate for a 77 % to local and 23% to state split. Advocate for a tribal investment off the top ($1 million for assessment and manual development with $ to local tribes to complete the work)

- $47.7 million is short of the investment needed and identified in the Public Health Modernization Assessment to fully fund the six areas identified moving forward.

#2 Long-Term Care Facilities – The Legislative Committee recommended three actions moving forward -

1. Require that LTCF who are providing food preparation services to more than five

residents must comply with food safety regulations. [Statutory change required]

2. Partner with Oregon Health Care Association and require Long-Term Care Facilities provide their employees and volunteers with training on public health precautions (outlined in tool kits available) to stop the spread of noro as a condition of licensure.

3. Begin working with partners AARP, OHCA and others to identify solutions to bring local public health authorities and LTCFs together to identify the importance of having a strong prevention outlook.

#3 Youth suicide prevention – The Legislative Committee prioritized this area but identified additional work that is needed before a policy recommendation for the legislative session could be identified: 1. Closer look at data and 2. Approaches and build on that moving forward.