**Conference of Local Health Officials**

**Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2018**

*Please complete the following form and return to Morgan (*[*morgan@oregonclho.org*](mailto:morgan@oregonclho.org)*) by October 12, 2018*

***Please plan on having someone from your committee present at the October 18th, 2018 CLHO meeting to present your Annual Report****. Thank you!*

**Committee: CLHO Communicable Disease**

**Chair/Co-Chair**: Kathleen Rees, Washington 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 of both the counties and the state. The committee provides guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work related to the programs listed above as well as communicable disease surveillance, disease investigation, prevention and control initiatives and disease response evaluations in general. The committee also works to improve local and state coordination of communicable disease case and outbreak investigations.

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, Oregon Administrative Rule changes or policy changes related to communicable disease programs, investigations and practice.

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 2018 (please be sure to include Program Element and Funding changes in addition to other topics)?**

Since October 2017, CLHO-CD provided guidance and input to ACDP regarding updates to the list of reportable diseases and other topics including:

* CD Triennial Review Tool
* STD State Program Changes
* Interpreting pathogenic *E. coli* lab results
* Animal Bites
* Hepatitis A Outbreak Prevention  
  Giardia Case Interviews
* Collecting Equity Data:
  + REAL+D
  + Additional variables needed for CD/STI/TB (houselessness, sexual orientation, etc.)
  + Process for making Orpheus Changes
* TB data collection and funding formula
* Legislative Policy Statements (Support for the state lab, immunizations and STI programs)
* Communicable Disease OARs
* Communication between counties and state:
  + Establishing contact list for LHDs for outbreaks and clusters
  + Finalizing CD data numbers for reports
* Grants:
  + LTCF Influenza Project Funding
* Investigative Guidelines:
  + Pertussis
  + Hepatitis A
  + Giardia
  + STEC *E. coli*
* Program Elements (changed to align with modernization and public health accountability outcomes and process metrics):
  + PE 01 (State Support for Public Health)
  + PE 03 (Tuberculosis)
  + PE 07 (HIV)
  + PE 08 (Ryan White)
  + PE 10 (STD)
  + PE 43 (Immunizations)

In addition, the committee has been working to establish a:

* Charter
* Work plan

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

The committee changed chairs this past July.

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

The committee has worked closely with OHA to provide input on Communicable Disease metrics related to Public Health Modernization. The committee had discussions around the performance measures that are included in the program elements for communicable diseases, tuberculosis, HIV, STDs and Immunizations and aided the work to align these with modernization efforts. These program elements are now in a format that aligns with modernization standards. The committee is incorporating Public Health Modernization discussions, lessons learned and progress into its work plan.

**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?**

The scope of CLHO-CD was not changed in the Modernization restructure. The committee was not strongly impacted by the restructuring and has been functioning well. No additional resources are needed from the CLHO Board at this time.

**Anything 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. Please note if you need any additional members from small, medium or large LPHAs, or Administrators. (please indicate)**

The following is a list of CLHO-CD committee members:

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| Charlie Fautin | Benton |
| Anna Summers | Clackamas |
| Sunny Lee | Clackamas |
| Sheri Salber | Clatsop |
| Eric Mone | CLEHS Rep |
| Karen Yeargain | Crook |
| Kathy Christensen | Deschutes |
| Heather Kaisner | Deschutes |
| Bob Dannenhoffer | Douglas |
| Andrea Krause | Jackson |
| Kellie Hansen | Klamath |
| Cindy Morgan | Lane (Chair) |
| Debby Uri | Linn |
| Wendy Zieker | Marion |
| Lisa Ferguson | Multnomah |
| Pete Clark | Multnomah |
| Jeremy Hawkins | North Central Public Health District |
| Amy Manchester Harris | Washington |
| Kathleen Rees | Washington (Chair) |

Currently, CLHO-CD is heavily lacking membership from the Coastal and Eastern Oregon regions. We will work with CLHO to try to recruit additional members from these regions.