July 18, 2019

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

**Members Present:**

 Hood River – Trish Elliot

 Jackson – Tanya Phillips/Jackson Baures

 Jefferson – Mike Baker

☐ Josephine – Mike Weber

☐ Klamath – Jessica Dale

☐ Lake – Judy Clarke

 Lane – Jocelyn Warren

 Lincoln – Rebecca Austen

 Linn – Glenne Hughes

☐ Malheur – Sarah Poe

 Marion – Katrina Rothenberger

 Morrow – Sheree Smith

 Multco – Adelle Adams

☐ Baker – Nancy Staten

 Benton – Charlie Fautin

 Clackamas – Julie Aalbers

 Clatsop – Mike McNickle

 Columbia – Mike Paul

 Coos – Florence Poutal-Stevens

 Crook – Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown

☐ Curry – Ben Cannon

 Deschutes – Hillary Saraceno/Heather Kaisner

☐ Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer

 Grant – Jessica Winegar

 Harney – Jolene Cawlfield

 North Central PHD – Teri Thalhofer

 Polk – Jaqui Beal

 Tillamook – Marlene Putman

 Umatilla – Joseph Fiumara

 Union – Carrie Brogoitti

 Washington – Tricia Mortell

☐ Wheeler – Karen Woods

 Yamhill – Lindsey Manfrin

 HO Caucus – Pat Luedtke

 CLEHS Caucus – Joseph Fiumara

☐ AOPHNS - vacant

**Public Health Division:**

Lillian Shirley, Cara Biddlecom, Sara Beaudrault, Karen Girard, Tim Noe, Ashley Thirstup

**Coalition of Local Health Officials:**

Morgan Cowling, Caitlin Hill

**Minutes**

Teri Thalhofer motioned to approve May minutes, Charlie Fautin seconded. Board approved

**Appointments**

Amanda Walsbourn from Umatilla was appointed to HP&P

**Title X**

Helen Rimberg presented about the rule which is currently in effect as of the 15th. Working to figure out what it means. Needing to stop using federal funds. No more clarity. Continue to be a title X grantee. Communities can continue to do their work. No intent to come into compliance with the new rule.

Q: Is anything purchased from 340B supplies included? A: Keep purchasing through 318. 318 process is not overnight, it is taking some time. It does take until October 1 to begin to utilize this. Whatever your price is PHD reimburses at acquisition price. They would continue to pay at the higher price until you are able to purchase at a lower discounted rate. Until there is more clarity, it would be best to keep quiet with the media. There will be communications coming from OHA that they will share.

**TPEP Funding Workgroup**

Lindsey Manfrin presented on the TPEP Funding Workgroup’s recommendations. Worked hard on finding a balance between funding LPHAs and communities to do the type of TPEP work that is appropriate in the community. There are different needs and political environments across the state and they wanted to make sure there was a balance between flexibility and meeting accountability metrics. The recommendation brought forth was unanimously approved at HP & P. There are four tiers and Counties will self identify and determine which tier that they will apply for. First option ICAA tier which is about implementation and responding to enforcement of ICAA. Model is focused on ICAA. State looks at ten year averages. $15,000 (fewer than 10 complaints per year based on 3-year average); $35,000 (more than 10 average complaints per year based on 3-year average). Tier 1 is in response for communities that want to continue to build momentum but are not in a place to pass ordinances. Instead of doing a dollar amount in this tier they would specify the FTE they needed. Tier 2 would be trying to advance at least 2 priority policy strategies. Dollar biennium range with recommendations around FTE. Tier 3 is much more policy focused and implementation of 3 priority policy strategies and need to complete at least six prerequisites. Funding range and FTE recommendation.

Discussion:

Board discussed the prerequisite of evidence of accreditation and decided they were comfortable with being fully accredited as one of the prerequisite options.

Adelle Adams asked about what the evaluation would look like in the mid-year reporting pieces.

The state will be putting together reporting forms to get to clear accountability measures. Work plan and reporting form will link back to program plans. Plan on robust development of an evaluation. Major shift in how funding is distributed so they need to develop robust evaluation.

In the event that a county applies and they don’t receive any complaints, they would continue to be funded. Adelle Adams asked for specifics about Tier 3 required formal statement from BoC or high level executive leadership. It is responsive to every community. Each county leadership will look different and really wanting a commitment from whoever would be a leader. For example, a large city could count.

Recommendation from committee. Teri Thalhofer seconded the motion.

Board approved.

**Hepatitis A Prevention Update Kathleen Rees, CLHO CD CoChair 10:15**

What counties are doing to vaccinate for Hep A in unhoused and vulnerable populations

Cecile Town and Ann Thomas

There have been some significant outbreaks of Hep A across the country. Previously they were worried about Hep A in young children. We are seeing it more in adults. Fifty percent have been hospitalized. This is happening in crowding, poor hygiene, homeless, and injection drugs. In Oregon haven’t had any big jumps in the last year or two. 2/3 are in a risk group that have traveled. 64% travelers to foreign country or household member of traveler, 61% male, but no cases in MSM, 14% in PWIDs, 25% report illicit drug use, One case in homeless person.

Klamath county injection drug user. Two Clackamas County staying in the same shelter, Deschutes county shared a car. Did a lot of outreach and vaccinations in county jail. Haven’t seen any cases since then. CDC wants focus of immunizations to be on people who use drugs, People experiencing unstable housing or homelessness, Men who have sex with men, People who are currently or were recently incarcerated, People with chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis, hepatitis B, or hepatitis.

Have vaccines available for communities who have access. Will resend the document and provide a link which makes it easy to order and distribute the vaccine. Special projects in the fall need to order by the end of July.

Doing Hep A testing out in the field

Materials aimed at low literacy populations.

Funding is only for vaccines, not refrigerators.

Cecile Town

Mimi Luther is the person to get in contact with for the vaccine.

**Modernization Funding Update Sara Beaudrault, PHD Staff 10:30**

Legislature allocated additional 10 million so a total of $15 million.

Working closely with JLT to get that in the October 1 amendment.

Broad public support for modernization

Want to make sure that everyone in Oregon has the same public health protections.

Working through inputs that come through PHAB and discussion in June about any new or enhanced investment.

10 million will go to LPHAs

1.2 to tribes and NARA

and 3.8 million to PHD.

PHD is using resources for supporting our work. Continuing some work that will continue to focus on health equity and cultural responsiveness. Investing in leadership and organizational competencies. Sahred work and learning opportunities. Continue to grow investment in epi and assessment. Making sure to get race and ethnicity data as granular as possible. Communicable Disease control and Environmental Health. SURJ support.

CD/Preparedness/EH – Look to locals for how to work across funding silos. One of the golas in the next two years is to change up the way the state does business. Tagline – Time to implement the promise of modernization. New leadership at CDC who gets it. Being as thoughtful and deliberate as they can.

Process and timeline – had a meeting on 7/16. Had another touchbase at JLT. Decision was to bring in expertise from CD and SI subcommittees at one of scheduled meetings. Hopefully August 1 meeting. Bringing PE to us for review for 8/15.

Decision to allocate 3 million to partnership work and put the other 7 million through funding formula. State will send out spreadsheet to share how the funds will be distributed. Less money for regional partnerships.

PHAB agreed to make the programs whole.

What if counties opt out of regional work? Staying with regional partnership or opt out? Regional partnerships can choose not to move forward. Setting aside an amount of moent for regional partnership work. Any partnership that doesn’t get claimed it would go into pool. There will be a maximum.

Heather in Deschutes around not knowing what they will get regionally. Want to fund the truly regional positions that have been employed. Now that they know the splite they have an idea of what the funds for each partnership will be.

**Legislative Session – Critical Issues Update PHD Staff Morgan Cowling, CLHO**

Carve out some time to get information on legislation that passed

Dave Emme is the manager of drinking water services. Put together a POP to change the drinking water fees. Got a couple of positions on Eboard in September. Legislature gave them five positions.

SB 27 ended up being a heavy lift. Restrcutures authority in statute to assess fees. Next step is rulemaking process. Have a draft of proposed language and a fee schedule that would gebnerate the money they planned on. New system in place by the end of calendar year. Would amend PE 50 with an allocation schedyule affective July 2020.

SB 28 – Increased marker fees for food and lodging facilities. Took effect July 1. Will effect remittance factor which will come out in 2020. Has been based on marker fees. Some marker fees are now above county fees

Lillian wanted to thank CLHO and Morgan for working on this.

Many counties are not able to raise fees at any time so the remittance factor decision came too late for some counties.

Cate and Jordan – SB 526: First statute in nation that requires universally offered home visiting. Directs OHA to design and implement the program and commercial health programs to offer it to their members. Received 4.69 million dollars. For the 19-21 biennia.

Three buckets: state level infrastructure needed to support the program: 3 FTE across four positions. Contracts that need to be in place – contracting with Family Connects. Evaluation contracts and contracts around data requirements. Third bucket is the money that goes to communities. Vast majority goes to communities and providing GF match. Two functions at community level – backbone function and service delivery function. 8 communities that the steering Clatsop, Lane, Washington, Earlyn Lerand Linn Benton Lincoln, Hood River, NPHD, Malheur, Deschutes jEfferson and Crook, and one more. Launching early adoptive community cohort. Will start to hire state level staff. Launching communications plan and robust website. Project evaluation underway too.

At early adopter meeting on Monday and people were really excited.

SB 29 – PHD housekeeping bill. Went through Senate committee, when it was in House Committee Greenlick had questions about the changes. Eliminated Dept and replaced it with authority and made the governing portion consstent throughout. Angee and Morgan worked with Greenlick and Salinas and made the decision to pull that part out. Had convos with Andy, Danna, and Shannon O Fallon. Can discuss this at retreat. Can use PHAO and S&I to ensure that commissioners understand. February 2020 housekeeping perhaps?

**10:50 CLHO Leadership Elections Recruit Morgan Cowling, CLHO 11:15 Adjourn – Stretch Break! 11:30**

New leadership elections in October. In bylaws they are mirrored and have a nominating committee that helps recruit. Need volunteers to be on the nominating committee.

Muriel DeLavergne Brown, Bob Dannenhoffer, Teri Thalhofer, Tricia Mortell volunteered.