



August 15, 2019  
Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

### Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker – Nancy Staten                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hood River – Trish Elliot                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Central PHD – Teri Thalhofer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benton – Charlie Fautin         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson – Jackson Baures      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polk – Kristty Polanco             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clackamas – Julie Aalbers       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jefferson – Mike Baker        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tillamook – Marlene Putman                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clatsop – Mike McNickel                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Josephine – Mike Weber                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umatilla – Joseph Fiamara          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia – Mike Paul                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Klamath – Jennifer Little     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Union – Carrie Brogoitti           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coos – Florence Pourtal-Stevens | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake – Judy Clarke                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington – Tricia Mortell        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crook – Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane – Jocelyn Warren         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wheeler – Karen Woods              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curry – Ben Cannon                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln – Rebecca Austen      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yamhill – Lindsey Manfrin                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deschutes – Heather Kaisner     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linn – Glenna Hughes          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Malheur – Sarah Poe                      | <input type="checkbox"/> HO Caucus – Pat Luedtke                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant – Jessica Winegar         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marion – Katrina Rothenberger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEHS Caucus – Joe Fiumara         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harney – Jolene Cawlfeld                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morrow – Sheree Smith         | <input type="checkbox"/> AOPHNS - vacant                               |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multco – Adelle Adams         |  |

### Public Health Division:

Cara Biddlecom

### Coalition of Local Health Officials:

Morgan Cowling, Caitlin Hill

### Minutes

Rebecca Austen motioned to approve, Charlie Fautin seconded. Board approved.



## **Wildfire and wood smoke voluntary monitoring**

James Markwiese from the US EPA Office of Research and Development presented on Oregon's Public Health and Wildfire: health initiatives and environmental impact of wildfires. (Slides available on CLHO website.) Wildfire is a high priority for the EPA's current research initiatives, and the EPA is looking at the health impacts of prescribed burns. Smoke can be more concentrated in buildings at times during wildfires as the wildland-urban interface increases, which contradicts previous public health advice to stay indoors. The EPA is starting to explore impacts of wildfire on forested watersheds and the increase of hazardous chemicals in watersheds. EPA is starting to work with the health system to source data on admission rate surges during wildfire events. They are using the "Smoke Sense" app for mapping and communicating wildfire events and impacts, and investing in equipment to enhance monitoring capabilities. There is an EPA Guide for Public Health Officials on Wildfire Smoke document with 2019 updates available now. The presentation included a code for where resources are available. The EPA looks forward to collaborating more with local public health.

### Comments:

- Teri Thalhofer suggested collaborating with DEQ.
- Joe Fiumara inquired about other monitors available.
- Jocelyn Warren suggested collaborating with Lane Regional Air Protection Authority.
- Lillian Shirley, PHD Director, highlighted state resources for wildfire communication toolkit and the health surveillance system ESSENCE, and connections for inter-agency work and the Smoke Council.

### **CLHO Retreat:**

Morgan Cowling reviewed the retreat agenda and shared the process for expanding the bucket topic areas based on Caitlin Hill and Sierra Prior's work with Jocelyn Warren and Teri Thalhofer. Earlier in the week Sierra Prior sent out a call for Innovation Spotlight volunteers. Sierra Prior presented four proposed activities related to health equity work at LPHAs and the state and involving tribes. In the bucket of health equity, there's interest in hearing about OHA's equity work and how OHA is defining SDOH-E work for CCO's, as well as concern that it's continuing to be defined in contracts at the individual rather than population level. There was discussion of including more partners in equity work. Board members are also interested in learning about how to move health equity alliances



forward when they aren't established in all counties. OHA emphasized that they are calling out work to assess impact of SDOH-E on CCO clients.

There was a request for a LPHA only session on agenda. Tricia Mortell asked that due to time constraints board members should email CLHO with further comments on the retreat.

**CCO 2.0 DRAFT Rule-making:** Sierra Prior is following activities of the Rules Advisory Committee for OARs related to CCO 2.0 with a focus on rules pertaining to SDOH-E. The second SDOH-E meeting is on Aug. 15 in the afternoon. Sierra Prior will continue to monitor the rule proposals and will update CLHO as they become more solidified.

**CLHO 2019 – 2020 meeting schedule:** Due to time constraints, the meeting schedule will be discussed in September or October.

**AOC Annual Conference Session Proposal:** The deadline for proposals coming up. Last time “Hot Topics in Public Health” had great attendance, and commissioners had follow-up questions and great engagement. There was no time to brainstorm proposals and board members were asked to email Morgan if they want to work on a proposal.

See you in September at Hood River! Meeting adjourned 12:01pm.