



September 12th, 2019
Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Executive Members Present: Tricia Mortell, CLHO Chair, Washington; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Dawn Emerick, Secretary/ Treasurer, Benton; Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane, Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla, Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair

Members Present:

- ☒ Baker – Nancy Staten
- ☒ Benton – Charlie Fautin, Dawn Emerick
- ☒ Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner
- ☐ Clatsop – Mike McNickel
- ☐ Columbia – Mike Paul
- ☒ Coos – Florence Poutal-Stevens
- ☒ Crook – Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown
- ☐ Curry – Ben Cannon
- ☒ Deschutes – Hillary Kaisner
- ☒ Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer
- ☐ Grant – Jessica Winegar
- ☐ Harney – Jolene Cawlfeld

- ☒ Hood River – Trish Elliot
- ☒ Jackson – Jackson Baures
- ☒ Jefferson – Mike Baker
- ☐ Josephine – Mike Weber
- ☒ Klamath – Jennifer Little
- ☐ Lake – Judy Clarke
- ☒ Lane – Jocelyn Warren
- ☒ Lincoln – Rebecca Austen
- ☐ Linn – Glenne Hughes
- ☒ Malheur – Sarah Poe
- ☒ Marion – Katrina Rothenberger, Cary Moller
- ☒ Morrow – Sheree Smith
- ☒ Multco – Rachael Banks, Jessica Guernsey

- ☒ North Central PHD – Teri Thalhofer
- ☒ Polk – Kristty Polanco
- ☐ Tillamook – Marlene Putman
- ☒ Umatilla – Joseph Fiamara
- ☒ Union – Carrie Brogoitti
- ☒ Washington – Tricia Mortell
- ☐ Wheeler – Karen Woods
- ☒ Yamhill – Lindsey Manfrin, Silas Halloran-Steiner

- ☒ HO Caucus – Pat Luedtke
- ☒ CLEHS Caucus – Joseph Fiumara
- ☐ AOPHNS – vacant
- ☒ Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators

Public Health Division:

Andrew Epstein, Cara Biddlecom, Danna Drum



Coalition of Local Health Officials:

Morgan Cowling, Sierra Prior

Meeting Location: The September 2019 Coalition of Local Health Officials meeting took place in-person only at the annual CLHO retreat in Hood River, Oregon. Meeting convened at 11:00am.

Minutes: Jackson Baures motioned to approve August Minutes, Charlie Fautin seconded. Board approved.

2019-20 Meeting Schedule – Survey: Morgan Cowling shared that CLHO needs to set the meeting schedule for the next year beginning after the October annual meeting. She asked the meeting participants to provide a sense of how big of changes the board may want to make in setting the next meeting schedule. CLHO staff will send out a survey to include even those who couldn't attend the September 12, 2019 meeting in person.

Discussion:

- Sheree Smith would like to explore options for a different day because the current schedule conflicts with Morrow County's clinic schedule.
- Sarah Poe said that it would be advantageous to have video meetings.
- Florence Pourtal-Stevens said she would like the meetings to be more interactive (e.g. the ability to raise hands for participating in conversation) and would like to have ways to follow-up after the meeting rather than an abrupt phone hang-up.
- Sheree Smith emphasized that there should be in-person attendance options.
- Teri Thalhofer said that she is worried about disconnecting the Conference and Coalition meetings from the PHAB meeting day. Changing the time/date may add barriers to having non-metro representation on the PHAB if there are 2 travel days to attend CLHO meetings and PHAB meetings.

Morgan Cowling will send out a survey with this feedback in mind to all board members. Survey questions will include day/time, location, and participation questions.

CLHO Elections Recruitment Update: CLHO elections are next month during the October annual Conference of Local Health Officials meeting. Running for election is a great leadership opportunity. Morgan Cowling provided a brief overview on the elections process: she will send out the full slate of nominees provided by the Nominations



Committee along with a paper ballot in the mail. Conference of Local Health officials and Coalition of Local Health Official elections will be held on the same day. Every board member can vote whether or not you attend the meeting in person. There are three ways each member can vote: 1. Attend the October CLHO meeting in person and cast your ballot there; 2. Send a proxy in your place (also complete the proxy form and send in) or 3. Snail mail a paper ballot to the CLHO Office. This process ensures that everyone has an opportunity to vote.

ADDED BUSINESS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA*

***SNAP Eligibility Advocacy Opportunity:** Sierra Prior presented an advocacy alert related to proposed changes to SNAP eligibility. Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon asked members of the Healthy Kids Learn Better Coalition to provide public comment on the proposed changes. Sierra Prior provided materials to access the official press release from the Trump administration and a statement from Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon. These resources, and a proposed template for public comment, are available on the CLHO website. Sierra Prior emphasized that many Oregonians stand to lose access to SNAP and that the changes would also impact access to free lunches for low-income students. CLHO can provide comment, and anyone can use the template to submit their own comment.

Discussion:

- Charlie Fautin motioned to have the CLHO Executive Committee work with CLHO Staff to submit comment on the proposed SNAP eligibility changes.
- Teri Thalhofer seconded the motion.
- Tricia Mortell asked if there was discussion on the motion. Lindsey Manfrin asked why these proposed changes were made. Sierra Prior and Bob Dannenhoffer responded and referenced a news story about improperly accessing benefits and the portrayal of the changes as a means to close loopholes, but that the changes would still dramatically reduce access for people who need SNAP benefits. Trish Elliott pointed out concerns related to “public charge” changes and how SNAP is connected. Teri Thalhofer shared an anecdote about equity in reporting income for people of different socioeconomic statuses.
- Tricia Mortell called a vote and the board approved the motion.



CLHO Retreat Next Steps: Morgan Cowling concluded the retreat and discussed how CLHO will take next steps in operationalizing ideas shared during the retreat. Morgan Cowling thanked everyone who joined the retreat and reminded everyone that October is the annual CLHO meeting with elections and committee reports.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30am.