**Conference of Local Health Officials**

**Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2019**

*Please complete the following form and return to Morgan (*[*morgan@oregonclho.org*](mailto:morgan@oregonclho.org)*) by October 10, 2019*

***Please plan on having someone from your committee present at the October17th, 2019 CLHO meeting to present your Annual Report****. Thank you!*

**Committee: CLHO-CD**

**Chair/Co-Chair**: Kathleen Rees and Cindy Morgan

**What is the purpose of your committee (please include the issues are within your committee’s purview)?**

The Communicable Disease committee provides guidance and recommendations for

existing, and new areas of work as it relates to communicable disease surveillance, disease investigation, prevention and control initiatives, and disease response evaluations.

**What are the objectives of your committee?**

Existing areas of work to be addressed by the committee:

* Local and State Support for all communicable diseases, to include:
  + Tuberculosis
  + HIV
  + Sexually Transmitted Diseases
  + All other communicable diseases (including: enterics, hepatitis, vaccine-preventables, vector-borne and other communicable diseases of public health significance)
* Immunizations
* Ensure joint system development and/or integration of the communicable disease and immunization programs above
* Review and recommendations for:
  + Program Elements
  + Funding formulas regarding communicable disease programs
  + Statutory changes
  + Oregon Administrative Rule or policy changes related to communicable disease investigations and practice
* Improving local and state coordination of communicable disease case and outbreak investigations by addressing:
  + Cross-jurisdictional sharing
  + Sharing lessons learned from investigations with committee members

**What specific issues did your committee work on in 2019 (please be sure to include Program Element and Funding changes in addition to other topics)?**

Since October 2018, CLHO-CD provided guidance and input to ACDP regarding updates to the list of reportable diseases and other topics including:

* Tuberculosis:
* TB Standing Orders
* TB Screening for Healthcare Personnel
* New 5-year TB Grant Cycle
* Office of Refugee Resettlement Feedback Regarding Children with LTBI
* Hepatitis A Cases in Oregon and LHD Prevention Efforts
* Feedback on Harm Reduction Manual
* Standing Orders in Light of Nursing Board Meetings
* Provided Feedback to Changes in Variables Available on Salmonella and Campylobacter Case Investigation Forms
* Review OSPHL Testing Changes:
* Norovirus Outbreak Detection and Management
* Botulism
* Hantavirus
* STD:
* STD Triennial Tool
* Discussion about How Handling Tracking/Reimbursement for Syphilis Testing in Pregnant Women
* Grants/Pilot Projects:
* Hepatitis A Outbreak Prevention Project (HOPP)
* LTCF Influenza Project
* CDC Supplemental Opportunity for HCV Screening and Linkage to Care
* ACDP Mini-Grant Opportunity for Health Disparities
* SSP/Harm Reduction Implementation Pilot Opportunity
* Investigative Guidelines:
* Gonorrhea
* Chlamydia
* Syphilis
* Animal Bites
* Cryptosporidiosis
* GI Outbreaks
* Respiratory Illnesses
* Measles
* Zika
* Chikungunya
* Program Elements:
* PE 03 (Tuberculosis)
* PE 10 (STD)

In addition, the committee established a charter and has been working on developing a work plan. The committee has also added an agenda item to all committee meetings for counties in different regions of the state to provide updates, news and any issues of concern with the committee.

Other county-led topics:

* Thresholds and Considerations for Reporting Outbreaks to Licensing Agencies
* County Needs for Local and National Cluster Investigations
* REAL+D and Demographic Data Needs

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

The chairs would like to see county representatives be more vocal and actively involved in setting objectives and agendas. The agendas continue to be state heavy.

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

CLHO-CD committee members participated on calls with CLHO and the state to finalize the grant application, set modernization performance measures and program elements, and discuss how money should be allocated. The committee is incorporating Public Health Modernization discussions, lessons learned and progress into its work plan.

**The CLHO Board restructured committees in January 2018 and then conducted a six-month review after that initial restructuring. Do you have any additional thoughts on how the “new” committee structure is working for your committee?**

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.

**When the CLHO Committees were restructured each committee was asked to develop a charter and work plan. How are those materials working for your committee? Are you meeting your work plan objectives?**

Creating the charter was a helpful process for the committee to set expectations for the group and discuss how we would like to see CLHO-CD grow and change. We are still working to finalize a work plan and have that as an ongoing item on our agendas. We are meeting our requirements with our state partners. We need to work on building relationships across counties and to use CLHO-CD as a space to share findings and needs between counties.

**Are there additional supports your committee needs from CLHO Systems and Innovation?**

No additional resources are needed from the CLHO Board at this time.

**Any thing else you’d like to share with other Committees or the CLHO Board?**

CLHO-CD has been working hard to have more broader representation from counties throughout the state. We are working to get representatives from all areas of the state and all sizes of counties.

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

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| Charlie Fautin | Benton |
| Anna Summers | Clackamas |
| Sunny Lee | Clackamas |
| Sheri Salber | Clatsop |
| Florence Pourtal-Stevens | Coos |
| Lena Hawtin | Coos |
| Heather Kaisner | Deschutes |
| Kathy Christensen | Deschutes |
| Eric Mone | Deschutes/CLEHS Rep |
| Bob Dannenhoffer | Douglas |
| Jessica Winegar | Grant |
| Barbara Ruthgeb | Harney |
| Trish Elliott | Hood River |
| Lindy McCasland | Hood River |
| Andrea Krause | Jackson |
| Kellie Hansen | Klamath |
| Judy Clarke | Lake |
| Cindy Morgan (Chair) | Lane |
| Tana Waller | Malheur |
| Wendy Zieker | Marion |
| Shelley Wight | Morrow |
| Lisa Ferguson | Multnomah |
| Pete Clark (Jaxon Mitchell as back up) | Multnomah |
| Jeremy Hawkins | North Central |
| Kristty Polanco | Polk |
| Amy Manchester Harris | Washington |
| Kathleen Rees (Chair) | Washington |
| Paul Lewis | Multnomah/Tri-County Rep |