May 16, 2019

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

North Central PHD – Teri Thalhofer

Polk – Kristty Polanco

☐ Tillamook – Marlene Putman

Umatilla – Joe Fiumara

Union – Carrie Brogoitti

Washington – Tricia Mortell

☐ Wheeler – Karen Woods

Yamhill – Lindsey Manfrin

HO Caucus – Pat Luedtke

☐ CLEHS Caucus – Joe Fiumara

☐ AOPHNS - vacant

**Members Present:**

Hood River – Trish Elliot

☐ Jackson – Jackson Baures

☐ Jefferson – Mike Baker

☐ Josephine – Audrey Tiberio

☐ Klamath – Jennifer Little

☐ Lake – Judy Clarke

Lane – Jocelyn Warren

☐ Lincoln – Rebecca Austen

☐ Linn – Glenna Hughes

Malheur – Sarah Poe

Marion – Katrina Rothenberger

Morrow – Sheree Smith

Multco – Rachael Banks

 Baker – Nancy Staten

 Benton – Charlie Fautin

 Clackamas – Julie Aalbers

☐ Clatsop – Mike McNickel

☐ Columbia – Mike Paul

☐ Coos – Florence Poutal-Stevens

Crook – Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown

Curry – Ben Cannon

Deschutes – Hillary Saraceno

☐ Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer

☐ Grant – Jessica Winegar

☐ Harney – Jolene Cawlfield

**Public Health Division:** Danna Drum

**Coalition of Local Health Officials:** Morgan Cowling, Caitlin Hill, Judy Bankman

**Convene & Introductions**

**April Minutes**

Sheree Smith and Teri Thalhofer seconded the motion. Approved.

**CLHO: A year in Review**

Morgan reminded the Coalition Board that for the second year in a row Coalition staff have put together a “year in review” document to take an opportunity to discuss the work of the Coalition. The Annual meeting of the Coalition actually gives an opportunity prior to the dues discussion to talk about the last year’s work. The CLHO staff have been working very hard this year. Much of the work was in preparation for the legislative session so the work outlined included hiring and supervision of a PSU Graduate Policy Fellow, development of first ever policy statements and more. In addition the Program Manager has continued to support our workforce development and communications work throughout the year.

**Approve 2019-20 Dues**

Morgan reminded the Coalition Board that these proposed dues for 2019-20 were presented at the last CLHO meeting and Morgan asked if there were any concerns. Hearing none at the last meeting Morgan again presented on the funding formula for Dues. Each Local Public Health Authority pays $250 base and then there is a per capital on top of the base. Teri Thalhofer pointed out that North Central Public Health District pays three bases and per capita for each County.

Morgan asked if there were any questions. Hearing none she asked if there were any concerns. And there weren’t any.

Teri Thalhofer motioned to approve the 2019-20 dues as presented and Jocelyn Warren seconded the motion. Approved.

**Approve 2019-20 CLHO Operating Budget**

Morgan reminded the Coalition Board that the proposed budget was presented at the April CLHO meeting. She tried to convene the Board members who volunteered to review Morgan’s budget recommendations, however, we couldn’t find a time to meet. Instead she sent them the proposed budget and asked if there were any concerns, which there weren’t.

Morgan reviewed the highlighted line items which were the line-items where she had made a policy decision. The major line changes are the “member travel” and “Sponsorship” line items.

Jocelyn Warren motioned to approve budget, Joe Fiumara seconded. Board approved.

**Program Manager Hiring Timeline & Process**

Caitlin is at .60 FTE through July. In the past had a handful of public health administrators who have provided screening for resumes and sitting on hiring committee. Need a handful of volunteers to help find a good fit.

Need folks to review job description because work has changed a bit. The description should fit the needs of the organization. Last time it was over 70 applicants.

Would love to have three people to volunteer to be a part of this. Reviewing ten applicants and an additional supplemental question with a word limit. Danna volunteered a room at PSOB. Tricia and Charlie volunteered to review applicants.

**CLHO Retreat – Sept 11 -12th, 2019**

All day Wednesday September 11 and half day on Thursday September 12.

Planning to do lunch of public health and community mental health programs. Signed contract with Best Western in Hood River. CLHO should be able to register and get the rooms. Have run out of rooms before. Additional facilities are walkable. Talked about using some of the retreat to do strategic planning. It would be great to have two volunteers to help plan content in development of retreat. Jocelyn and Teri volunteered to help. Contact Morgan if you want to attend but need CLHO Support.

**LPHA Newsletter Spotlight**

Caitlin shared she would be drafting a story about Tobacco Retail License ordinances across the state. Contact Caitlin if you have information to share about work happening towards TRL.

**OSBN Standing Orders Survey**

Standing orders survey was sent out on Tuesday. We’d like to have responses by Friday the 24th and we will share results after that. Everyone has standing orders for at least two programs. Jurisdictions are different across the state. Teri, Muriel, and Lindsey helped draft the questions.

Sheri and Alicia were at OSBN. A lot of comments made that they are supporting nurses about not being asked to dispense and prescribe. They were wanting clarity for what could legally be written in standing order. Ruby seems to know what the board is going to do but it wasn’t shared at the meeting. Ruby said they are doing what they need to be doing legally to get community input.

Yesterday was the last meeting of five community engagement meetings. OPCA will be doing webinar on June 11th to talk about impacts on primary care practice.

**2019 Legislative Session**

Last week Senate Republicans fled building and refused quorum. Only real negotiating power they have with the Senate Democratic Party supermajority. Came back and passed major legislation. HB 3063 and the Gun safety bill were killed in the process. There was an urgency behind the negotiation because of the revenue forecast coming out which showed that the economy is closing and there is a huge spike in tax receipts, so much so that there are additional resources for this budget cycle. There will be a 1.4 billion dollar kicker in the next budget session. Good news/bad news – student success act passed; bad news vaccine bill died. Rising price of tobacco and e cigarettes will be more challenging this session. Increasing the price of tobacco was a strategy with a benefit of funding prevention. 24 hour push with some of our champions. Still needs to be a focus for prevention in kids. A lot of rhetoric about not needing extra money. If the economy is slowing down it might be hard to pass. For funding for public health modernization, OHA presented phase 1 budget overview and was asked to come back to speak specifically about phase 2. Steiner Hayward asked for a fact sheet about 35 million. Rep Nosse said PH Moderniztaion is on priority last. Rep Rayfield still figuring out how to make investment. Rayfield is cautious about ongoing costs with 700 million in additional dollars we may be able to get some of that in modernization but it would be one time funding.

At JLT this morning they discussed a new fact sheet. Understand from Angie Albee that there may be a couple updates.

SB 253 – AOC and PHD worked on language to codify in statute that the governing body could get the authority reestablished. House healthcare committee this afternoon.

SB 29 - Changes the language from delivery to assurance. Changes local public health department to local public health authority. Trying to get the language right so Board of Commissioners/Board of Health are all matching up.

Vaccine bill – local legislators are not wanting to abandon vaccine bill so are planning on it for short session.

It would be nice to have something in writing for Boards of County Commissioners for them to understand. County codes are different.