



January 16, 2020
Meeting of the Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials

Executive Members Present: Jocelyn Warren CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Crook, CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair; Charlie Fautin, Benton, CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep
Absent: Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baker – Nancy Staten | <input checked="" 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 – Philip Mason-Joyner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jefferson – Mike Baker | <input type="checkbox"/> Tillamook – Marlene Putman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clatsop – Mike McNickel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josephine – Audrey Tiberio | <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 Poutal-Stevens | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake – Judy Clarke | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington – Tricia Mortell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crook – Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane – Jocelyn Warren | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheeler – Karen Woods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curry – | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln – Rebecca Austen | <input type="checkbox"/> Yamhill – Lindsey Manfrin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deschutes – George Conway | <input type="checkbox"/> Linn – Glenna Hughes | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malheur – Sarah Poe | <input checked="" 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 – Joseph Fiumara |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harney – Jolene Cawfield | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morrow – Sheree Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> AOPHNS – vacant |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multco – Rachel Banks | <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators |

Public Health Division: Danna Drum

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Morgan Cowling, Sierra Prior

Guests: No guests



Agenda Review: No changes to the agenda.

December Minutes

Motion: Bob Dannenhofer motioned to approve December Minutes. Katrina Rothenberger seconded. No objections. Board approved.

CLHO Fiscal Update

Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, provided an overview of her position responsibilities: meeting with CLHO's Executive Director monthly, reviewing budget reconciliation forms, and providing budget updates to the Board. This was the second update of the fiscal year (CLHO's fiscal year is June through May).

Documents are available for review on CLHO's website.

CLHO's primary source of revenue is membership dues, and there are some outstanding payments due. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed major themes:

- Financial filing for IRS,
- Non-profit tax filing 990 has been submitted and available on request,
- CLHO is halfway through fiscal year,
- Travel is higher than budgeted and reflects possible amount needed for next year,
- The budget reflects CLHO's bookkeeper's recommendation for spending down savings.

Jennifer Little asked why the fiscal year is June through May. Morgan Cowling explained the only rationale is that it's slightly offset from the LPHA fiscal year so CLHO members can use end of year funds to pay dues. Bob Dannenhofer asked the provided budget summary should be called a "statement of financial activities". Morgan Cowling responded that CLHO's bookkeeper said it should be an Income Statement for the nonprofit.

The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the Balance Sheet, which includes restricted net assets. CLHO collect dues for CLEHS and tracks it for when they want to use the funds. There's a line item of funds from the Northwest Health Foundation that has been in budget since Morgan Cowling became ED, and it's unknown what the funds should be used for. The Secretary/Treasurer recommended unrestricting those funds.

Recommendation: Un-restrict North West Health Foundation funds. Tricia Mortell seconded the motion.



Discussion: George Conway asked what unrestricting means. Morgan Cowling responded that it would go into operating revenue. Each restricted fund is part of CLHO's assets, but the organization keeps track of them separately so they are used for their intended purposes. Leadership at NWHF has completely turned over and is unable to provide guidance on the funds. These are remaining funds from supporting nurses to attend EH conferences 12-13 years ago. Teri Thalhofer said she attended the EH conference and that Tom Engle was part of getting funds.

No objections. George Conway abstained. Board Approved.

Approve Grant Awards

Recommendation: Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, recommended accepting grant funds from the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice for \$9,000. Bob Dannenhofer seconded. No objections. Board approved.

Morgan Cowling will update the budget to reflect acceptance of \$4,900 from County Health Rankings and \$9,000 from NWC PHP.

CLHO-NACCHO MOU Agreement

CLHO is a State Association of City & County Officials (SACCHO). NACCHO regularly convenes SACCHOs for conferences and events. Morgan Cowling has reached out to other SACCHO to discuss organization format, dues, etc. Nine years ago, NACCHO used to have agreements with different SACCHOs to formalize national-local associations, but they weren't uniform or well maintained. NACCHO, as part of member outreach, is looking to strengthen local connections and advocacy power and have looked to SACCHO's as a potential mechanism. As a part of that work, they are reinvigorating MOU's with SACCHO's. There's an agreement provided in the CLHO meeting materials.

SACCHO's will get a free conference registration to NACCHO Annual Conference and a 3% rebate on dues from their members joining NACCHO once Oregon's Local Health Department membership reaches 70 percent. Currently, Oregon has about 50% of LHD's as members, and would be categorized as a "Growth" SACCHO. The MOU requires increasing Oregon's NACCHO membership by 2 LHD's per year, but there are no penalties if we don't meet growth targets. George Conway asked how much dues are for a statewide organization. Morgan Cowling said they are based on population size and provided price ranges. George Conway expressed support



for Oregon health departments joining NACCHO. Morgan Cowling said she will post the dues on CLHO website. Carrie Brogoitti asked about rebate. Morgan Cowling explained CLHO would not be eligible for the rebate until Oregon got to 70% membership (17 of 33 currently, would have to get to 23) of LHD's. The rebate would go into CLHO's budget. Previously CLHO qualified and it went into a line item in budget. Tricia Mortell clarified that there's no monetary ask right now and that any monetary exchange in the future would be positive. It's a three-year agreement, with the goal to add two LHD's to NACCHO's membership each year.

Motion: Bob Dannenhofer motioned to approve MOU. Tricia Mortell seconded. No objections. Board approved.

Health Equity Workshop Update

Morgan Cowling provided an update about finalizing a contract with Human Impact Partners (HIP) to provide training and facilitation for the April 15th health equity workshop. All board members should have received a calendar invite. Planning starts in February, and CLHO Staff will need a small group of volunteers to help with planning via webinar. Sierra Prior wrote a grant for \$9,000, which allows CLHO to bring two trainers from HIP. CHR funding will support travel to the event. The location will be in Salem.

Tricia Mortell urged board members to look at HIP materials, and volunteered. Morgan Cowling asked for a volunteer from a county that might be at earlier stages in health equity work. Kristty Polanco volunteered.

(New) Caucus Proposal

Sierra Prior summarized the New Caucus Proposal (full proposal is available in CLHO meeting materials), and asked for feedback from the CLHO Board. Joe Fiumara, cautioned against having a caucus for two different roles, but liked the idea of broader management leadership development in the caucus.

Tricia volunteered to ask her staff for volunteers for participation. Morgan Cowling said that CLHO staff wanted to bring up the proposal now to get the process started and bring it back for approval at the next meeting. Rebecca Austen said that if nursing supervisors join, they should have an overview training of OARs relevant to public health nursing practice because they still need that capacity.

Katrina Rothenberger moved that CLHO Staff start the proposal and that the board approve it today. Joe Fiumara seconded. No objections. Board approved.



2020 Legislative Session Overview

Morgan Cowling provided an overview of the 2020 short legislative session:

The 2019 interim calendar and 2020 session calendar are provided in the CLHO meeting materials. The last three days were Legislative Days to prepare for session. Many LC's for session were discussed to get things started. Each committee can introduce 3 committee bills. Senators have 1, representatives have 2, and the Governor has 5.

Senate and House Health Care Committees highlights:

- Sen. Monnes-Anderson and Rep. Helt's e-cigarette flavor ban,
- 3 concepts on oral health (including dental therapists, access to care for kids)
- CCO 2.0 housekeeping bill with some controversial elements trying to make sure OHA has information from CCO's that has been challenging to get due to trade secrets,
- Cap and Invest will be front and center - the Governor's first three priorities are carbon related,
- Governor Brown pulled together a presentation of cap and invest from a public health perspective shortly before the Legislative Days.
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The House and Senate Judiciary Committee had a joint meeting on the safe gun storage bill. A new Water Committee talked about onsite septic issues, and harmful algae blooms. Morgan Cowling said CLHO usually tries to contain the organization's work to the Health Care Committees, but staff will have to figure out how to be in more committees to track issues as they evolve this legislative session.

The session is 35 days. Because of short timelines, CLHO staff has worked hard to engage with coalitions and partners to find out what is going to be upfront in session so that we have positions by February 3rd. Developing positions after the 3rd would be challenging. Work to gather feedback and process amendments is happening now.

CLHO Legislative Committee Policy Recommendations for 2020 Session

Recommendation: Charlie Fautin, Co-Chair of the CLHO Legislative Committee, presented recommendations for the 2020 session for board action.



Opportunities for discussion and modification have to move quickly. The committee did their best to understand the concepts considering the information available. There are some contingencies behind the recommendations that the committee considered largely based on past experience and knowledge of current conversations.

A full description of the recommendations is available in the CLHO meeting materials.

Morgan Cowling reviewed the following recommendations:

1. E-cigarette flavor ban
 - Committee recommendation – support a comprehensive tobacco/ nicotine flavor ban that includes mint and menthol and is inclusive of e-cigarette and combustible products. Also supportive of including marijuana products.
2. Healthy Teeth Bright Futures:
 - Committee recommendation – endorse the “healthy teeth, bright futures” concept that includes 1. Including oral health in the next update of health curriculum for DoE; 2. Encourage the OHA to submit grants to place coordinators across the state; and 3. Allow CCOs and public health to continue doing good work that is happening right now.
3. Online & Telephonic E-Cigarette sales ban
 - Committee recommendation – support the language that includes “inhalant delivery systems” in the current ban of telephone and internet sales with tobacco products.
4. Safe Gun Storage
 - Committee recommendation – Support of the safe gun storage concept from the public health perspective of preventing children accessing firearms and suicide prevention.
 - Question: Does the language specify trigger lock or cable lock? Answer: Yes, that language is included, as well as language regarding locked rooms, safes, and there are some exceptions.
5. Student Health Survey
 - Committee recommendation – support the legislation. CLHO staff will work with the drafters to more meaningfully include LPHAs in the survey process.
6. Protect Food Assistance from Federal Cuts
 - Committee recommendation – support the concept as part of the Children's Agenda.
7. Long-Term Rental Assistance for Low Income Oregonians
 - Committee recommendation – support the concept as part of the Children's Agenda.



8. Enhance Early Childhood Facilities
 - Committee recommendation – support the concept as part of the Children's Agenda.
9. Cap and Invest
 - Committee recommendation – watch the legislation

Bob Dannehofer seconded approving the recommendations. Discussion: George Conway asked about revisiting HB 3063. Morgan Cowling said that leadership in the legislature is looking to other priorities so there will not be an effort on vaccines for the 2020 session. There are around 20 legislators that will not be returning for 2021. Advocates supported finding a path in 2020, but there isn't a path.

No objections. Board approved.

Morgan Cowling said that it's possible we didn't catch all the issues CLHO may want to track. The Legislative Committee will move to meeting twice a month. The CLHO Executive Committee may need to take action on recommendations from the Legislative Committee ahead of the next Coalition meeting in February.

RAC Updates:

- **OSBN:** There are five local health officials and a health officer on the committee. OSBN proposed a set of draft rules that will be discussed on January 21, 2020. Morgan Cowling's initial impression is that since they are brand new, it's more difficult to assess impact. The draft rules reference other rules for unclear definitions. Morgan Cowling said that for those that have folks on the ground doing the work, their perspective would be valuable in thinking how the rules would be implemented. CLHO is also working with Oregon Primary Care Association and ONA.
- Takeaways:
 - Share your thoughts and comments with Morgan Cowling.
 - Bob Dannenhoffer shared his impression of the rules: they are a mess. It's still unclear if PH nurses can do birth control and STI treatment.
 - Tricia Mortell asked if there will be written testimony in addition to the meeting. Dr. Luedtke said he shared testimony from HO's with Morgan Cowling. Morgan Cowling said that there's inadequate information to provide comment currently, and urged those on the RAC to push for a second meeting and to raise issues with understanding the definitions and to ask OSBN to supply a definition of



protocol. Katrina Rothenberger pointed out that there is 20 minutes for public comment on the agenda.

- Dr. Luedtke asked what other entities think about the broader health system impact. Teri Thalhofer raised issue of nurses practicing at the top of their licensure, and this is a step back. So much is done in the hospital/clinic setting on standing orders. Implications are far greater than people realize.
 - Morgan Cowling said that during the community meetings portion of this process, feedback slowed down any rule changes. This issue is on the Governor's office's radar, and CLHO has been waiting to work through this process.
 - Jocelyn asked about the problem that this was intended to solve. Rebecca Austen said that a report on this issue came to her attention in spring of 2018 when a LHD prescribed medication on an EHR for TB. Rachel Banks shared that the county in question reached out to Multnomah County and asked about their protocols for TB standing orders. Bob Dannenhofer said that TB standing orders are very complex and should be considered separately. Tricia Mortell shared that an issue is counties don't have capacity for a patient visit with a HO before starting medication, or medication would be delayed. Katrina Rothenberger shared that TB is overwhelming Marion County at the moment, but putting blame and altering standing orders may not be helpful for the issue.
 - Concern with standing orders was mostly for active TB, less common for LTBI
 - Several board members agreed the problem is TB standing orders and not nursing practice – so the OSBN may not address the right problem
 - Bob Dannenhofer will be having a meeting to discuss TB standing orders in small counties soon.
 - Morgan Cowling posted the draft rules on CLHO's website. The RAC meets Jan 21, 9am-12pm. CLHO will track the issue, and it's important for everyone to lean in and engage.
 - Tricia Mortell brought up negotiating a case rate for insured with CCOs, but uninsured patients are still a cost issue.
- **Universally offer home visiting:** Sierra Prior said that she is continuing to track the RAC, but much of the conversation is still focus on private insurers. Sierra Prior asked for any LPHAs that are lead agencies to share their thoughts on the rules, and to weigh in on the unfunded requirements for getting established as a lead agency.
 - Sierra Prior will share out the latest draft of the rules. Rebecca Little brought up how there's currently no ability to bill insurance. Billing TCM, which isn't part of CCO global budget, would raise local match



and increase local burden. TCM is the only program that counties have to pay into at local level, which raises concern about plans to expand TCM and about the sustainability of home visiting. TCM is narrowly focused on public health because governmental dollars have to be used for the match. It seems that it could inadvertently have impact on programs like Babies First. Several board members expressed concern for the impact of Family Connects expansion into TCM. Tricia Mortell asked what are the resources provided to the lead agency, and raised question of whether state funding should be funneled to lead agencies for supervisory support and administrative costs.

- **SB 253 – LPHA:** Morgan Cowling gave background on the bill for timelines and processes when the governing body of a LPHA returns their public health authority to the state, and how a county can ask for the authority back. OHA asked for a 4-year timeline for a deliberative, thoughtful decision, and OHA was amendable to rule language that if a county wanted authority back sooner then they would have a process to assess readiness. The bulk of the RAC is focused on the process for a timeline under 4 years.

Adjourn