



December 19, 2019
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
Absent: Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill;

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" 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 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 y | <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 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 – Angie Gerard | <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 – Joseph Fiumara |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harney – Jolene Cawfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Morrow – Sheree Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> AOPHNS – vacant |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multco – Adelle Adams | <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators |

Public Health Division: Danna Drum, Dr. Dean Sidelinger, Lillian Shirley

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Morgan Cowling, Sierra Prior

Guests: Tom Holt, An Do



Agenda Review: No changes to the agenda.

November Minutes

Motion: Jessica Winegar motioned to approve November Minutes. Florence Pourtal-Stevens seconded. No objections. Board approved.

Partner Presentations on 2020 Legislative Issues:

- **Health Teeth Bright Futures:** Tom Holt, representing Oregon Community Foundation, provided an update on a legislative concept (LC) to bolster school-based oral health programs. OCF has two major goals: improve connections for kids to dentists to get care, and promote long-term connections to dental homes for regular care. The LC that incremental steps to move forward on improving kids oral health. There are three components: 1) Recognize that the mouth is part of the body in school health curriculum effective 2024, 2) Capacity building for community dental health coordinator certification for folks who do the social work behind oral health programs (there's currently only 1 certified person in Oregon). There's money from federal government to do demonstration projects and the LC has direction to OHA to pursue funding from HRSA and deploy 2 urban and 2 rural coordinators. OHA would be funder but they would be housed at a nonprofit. 3) Secure protective language around what dental organizations and Medicaid contractors are already doing. An issue is that these are not claims dollars and there can be pushback from CMS on spending non-claims dollars for these programs. The LC adds language that says it's okay to spend money this way, and ties into the next round of waiver discussions next year. The LC is supported by a large and growing coalition that includes dental care organizations, organizations representing people served by these programs, educators, and frontline providers.
 - o **Questions:** Jennifer Little asked how could local jurisdictions could get involved or whether OCF is looking for larger CLHO support. Tom Holt said any and all support is helpful and he can connect people to information and join the coalition. Tom Holt will share his contact information. Teri Thalhofer asked about the possibility of the coordinators being housed at LPHA's because in rural areas there aren't many nonprofits and public health is providing that capacity. Tom Holt said he would look into whether adding public health is possible.
- **Student Health Survey:** An Do with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon joined to present an legislative concept (LC) that they are partnering on with the Health Kids Learn Better Coalition. The Oregon Student Health Survey data is crucial for facilitating needs assessment in schools and evaluating programs at schools, LPHA's, and other community based organizations. Different programs at OHA have had to pull



together different programmatic funds to administer the survey, and OHA hasn't had capacity to provide technical assistance to schools to help them use the data. To address these issues, the LC would codify in statute what OHA is already doing and also add the ability to grow the survey in the future to include more grades or administer the survey every year. The LC asks OHA to work collaboratively with ODE. There is also a mandate for OHA to get feedback from youth.

The LC asks OHA to connect school districts to LPHA's. There is a fiscal component.

- **Questions:** Jocelyn Warren asked about the fiscal amount, and An Do said they are still working with OHA on the amount, which is dependent on factors such as how many schools would participate. Previously HKLB looked at the cost for doing the survey every other year and adding OHA staff capacity and the estimate was \$1 million per biennium.
- Muriel DeLavernne-Brown shared an anecdote about working with a school district to continue participation and provide local technical assistance and emphasized how much time is spent on the survey at the local level too. An Do says they are including language to call out local public health authorities.
- Jocelyn asked about the HKLB Coalition, and An Do described the coalition and their role. An Do said she appreciates hearing perspectives from LPHA's, and if there is a hearing, PPAO would like to have testimony from LPHA's on how they are working with schools to improve health outcomes in their communities. Jocelyn Warren shared that her staff has been interested in adding questions and that having local input has been difficult. An Do is hopeful that stabilized funding will eliminate the pay-to-play operations for getting questions included.

Health Equity Mini-Retreat Update: Sierra Prior provided an update. Previously, CLHO Staff announced that after considering proposals, CLHO Staff and CLHO's Chair decided to move forward with having Human Impact Partners (HIP) facilitate the training at the Health Equity Mini-Retreat. CLHO sent a survey out to get feedback on potential dates in April. CLHO also received funding from County Health Rankings to support travel, and applied to the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice for funds to cover the cost of HIP.

Teri Thalhofer asked about having a bigger discussion about funding equity among regions of the state. Sierra Prior and Morgan Cowing responded that this mini-retreat is foundational work to develop a definition of health equity and shared understanding that will hopefully inform systems work. The topic of resource distribution will remain a part of the systems conversation moving forward and this important background will be part of the planning process.



CLHO Legislative Committee Recommendation: Support OPHA's Call to Action on Climate

The Legislative Committee reviewed OPHA's Call to Action on Climate. The committee voted to endorse it and make the recommendation to the CLHO board to support. This letter is NOT in support of specific legislation.

Tricia Mortell motioned to endorse the Call to Action Letter, Rebecca Austen seconded. No discussion. No objections. Board approved.

Discuss CLHO PH Admin Continuing Education Support

Morgan Cowling shared the agreement from 2008 when DHS granted \$40,000 for local public health administrators' education to meet minimum standards, which at the time was the five core courses. When Morgan Cowling started as Executive Director, the majority of funds were spent. Since then, several administrators have used the funds to support taking some of the courses. CLHO has diligently tracked these funds and there is roughly \$13,000 remaining. Since 2008, the minimum background for administrators is no longer as specific, and the requirement to have these courses was never enforceable. Morgan Cowling shared that CLHO will continue to track the funds and can do an annual reminder that they are available, but thought the CLHO Board should discuss how these funds might support other types of training and education for the larger administrative workforce.

Jennifer Little asked for a description of the 5 courses. They include biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral health theory, environmental health, and health systems. George Conway asked if there has been discussion of using these funds for county commissioners who serve as the public health administrators. Morgan Cowling said there is less focus on that since the course are no longer required. Muriel DeLavergne-Brown shared that the courses were useful.

Morgan asked if there should be changes to how the funds are allocated. Florence Pourtal-Stevens said we should keep it open for now (as is) and think about it. Jocelyn Warren agreed that given the number of new administrators, CLHO should keep this and if there are no takers in the next few months we can revisit. Jennifer Little agreed.

Funds will continue with current purpose until further notice. Morgan Cowling will share more information.



RAC Updates:

- **OSBN:** There was a lot of interest in this RAC for standing orders and protocols. Several local public health officials have been appointed to the RAC. Oregon Primary Care, ONA, and Morgan Cowling have met to make sure they stay connected. There may only be one meeting.

Morgan Cowling thanked everyone who volunteered. Rebecca Austen is on the RAC and shared she is concerned about there only being one meeting and asked if there's anything we can do about that. Morgan Cowling suggested reaching out directly to the Board of Nursing staff and expressing any travel, dates, or number of meetings concerns.

- **Universally Offer Home Visiting:** Sierra Prior has attended 3 meetings of the RAC. There was a separate RAC meeting to address health benefit plans' concerns that have been dominating meetings. There will be at least two more meetings in January and February. Sierra Prior asked that if any LPHA's want to submit comment to please share those with CLHO so that we can amplify those concerns.
- **SB 253:** Morgan Cowling provided an update. SB 253 addressed needed changes in response to Wallowa County and when a governing body of a local public health authority returns their authority to OHA. The vast majority of the draft OARs were focused on the criteria for OHA to review a transfer of LPHA back to the jurisdiction if it occurs prior to 4 years. There's another RAC coming up in January. It's OHA's practice not to hold RAC during legislative session so the rest of the process would continue after the 2020 session.

Adjourn 11:42am