



Conference of Local Health Officials

December 19, 2019

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Executive Members Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary, Marion; Jackson Baures, Large County Rep, Jackson; Florence Pourtal-Stevens, Mid-County Rep, Coos; Rebecca Austen, Small County Rep, Lincoln; Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane, Joseph Fuimara, Conference of Local Environmental Health Specialists; Tricia Mortell, Past Chair, Washington

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 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 checked="" 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 Pourtal-Stevens | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake – Judy Clarke | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington – Tricia Mortell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crook – Muriel DeLaverigne-Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane – Jocelyn Warren | <input checked="" 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 – Pamela Ferguson | <input type="checkbox"/> Linn – Glenna Hughes | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malheur – Angie Gerard | <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 type="checkbox"/> Morrow – Sheree Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> AOPHNS – vacant |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Multco – Adelle Adams | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Administrators -
Lindsey Manfrin |

Public Health Division:

Danna Drum, Erin Corrigan, Mimi Luther, Carole Yann, Lillian Shirley

Meeting Guests:

No invited guests

Coalition of Local Health Officials:

Morgan Cowling, Sierra Prior



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Agenda Review

No changes to the agenda.

November Minutes

Motion: Jennifer Little motioned to approve November minutes. Audrey Tiberio seconded. No discussion. No objections. Board approved.

Appointments

After the November Conference meeting, CLHO Staff worked with administrators to review committee assignments. New appointments were incorporated into the process of reviewing and reappointing members.

CLHO CD: PE 43 Changes

Cindy Morgan presented proposed changes to the billing standards in PE 43 at the November meeting, and the Conference Board requested to see a track changes document version. Mimi Luther and Erin Carrigan were present to review changes that were made to the PE and answer questions. Revisions are available in the meeting materials posted on CLHO's website.

Carrie Brogoitti asked for clarification on how the changes apply to health departments that may not be providing the immunizations services, and asked if the contract language around "local public health authority" would then apply to counties with a subcontractor to provide public health services. Mimi Luther said there's language about how the LPHA is encouraged to use the language in subcontracts. If a subcontractor doesn't meet the standards, then OHA may have to review the contract. Danna Drum pointed to clarifying language under item #5. OHA's expectation is that the county, as the local public health authority, would pass on the billing standards to any subcontractor because this is the language that is in the intergovernmental agreement between OHA and the county. Carrie Brogoitti said that she reviewed the changes in the billing standards, and she thinks there are other elements in the program element that may need to be updated such as updating "AFIX" and fixing broken links. Mimi Luther and Erin Carrigan said they would review the PE to make those fixes. Carrie Brogoitti also noticed that the statutes that are referenced in this particular PE still say "local health department" rather than "local public health authority," and advised thinking about the implications of changes for all of the arrangements outside the traditional county health department model.



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Danna Drum said that OHA, CLHO, and AOC are working to revisit a 2019 bill that would have made changes to “local public health authority” language as part of a general house-keeping bill. There was confusion about the language, so they are working to clarify language and hope to address these types of inconsistencies.

Jocelyn Warren asked if the Conference is able to approve PE 43 before the changes with AFIX and broken links are fixed. Tricia Mortell asked if the PE language includes non-LPHA VFC providers and if that language could be added. OHA Staff said, no, CDC doesn't allow those changes. Danna Drumm said the Conference can approve the PE changes to the billing standards before the URLs are fixed, and that OHA plans to update VFC billing standards for non-LPHA providers in January. Tricia Mortell asked if the billing standard changes are going to be included in the state agreement for VFC, whether #5 is needed in the PE 43 billing standards. Danna Drumm said #5 should remain because it covers all the bases of different arrangements across the state.

Teri Thalhofer motioned to approve the changes to the PE 43 billing standards. Muriel DeLavergne-Brown seconded. No discussion. No objections. Board approved.

CLHO Committee Re-Appointments

At the November meeting the Conference decided to review committee assignments to have a better understanding of who is on the committees. Morgan Cowling added that the intention now is to start a regular cycle of reappointing committee members every two years at the same time as the Conference elections. If an administrator didn't provide feedback on their representation, then all current appointments would be reappointed. This was also an opportunity for people to review where they have three people assigned to a committee. Counties can only have 2 representatives appointed to each Conference Committee.

During the discussion, administrators provided some feedback on additions and reassignments.

Jessica Winegar asked if counties could make additional changes later. Morgan Cowling reviewed the protocols of appointing new people to committees each month. This reappointment process starts a 2 year review process because CLHO Staff often don't know when someone leaves a committee, and there was a reassignment of subject matter with maternal and child health work moving to A2C&PS. Co-chair assignments are up to committee discretion and don't have to be approved by the board, but committees should notify CLHO when there are changes so that there's a clear point of contact and the CLHO website has correct information.



Jocelyn Warren affirmed that the committee assignments are so appointed.

Updates:

- **JLT Meeting:** Jocelyn Warren started with an update about JLT's work to be intentional in reporting back to the Conference. JLT is updating the charter to have that connection and including language around the importance of decision-making at JLT so that Conference members know that their representative is empowered to make some decisions on their behalf. There are times when a smaller decision making group is appropriate, although full Conference consideration is preferable. JLT will share a draft of charter with the Conference.

JLT talked about role and structure of the S&I Committee and their work plan, how they are different from JLT and how they might complement each other. S&I has some specific objectives related to administrative burden, funding principles, 2023 Modernization Plans template, data collection and sharing (also including CCO and health systems). JLT feels the funding principles are a top priority based on recent conversations in CLHO.

JLT also had an update on the TPEP relationships plan. Washington County is developing survey as initial pass for discussing issues in working relationships, followed by key informant interviews to identify next steps for improvement. OHA has hired a contractor to help the efforts. Morgan Cowling added that the survey will go to administrators/directors and TPEP coordinators. The informant interviews will include about 15 people or until saturation is achieved. The survey is a big bucket approach and the interviews will be a deeper dive. Timeline: survey distributed in January, and based on survey results, interviews will be identified but the exact timeline is undecided and depends on how long it takes to get to saturation.

JLT discussed Charlie Fautin and Sara Beaudrault's recent participation in a 21C event with PHNCI. Oregon, Washington, and Ohio started with PHNCI as the 21st century public health departments - there are now 9 states organized around the foundational public health services model. One of the exciting things is that Washington is the most similar to Oregon and CLHO may be able to start more regular dialogue with Washington to keep momentum and continue shared learning with them. In related news, the Public Health Accreditation Board will roll out the 2.0 version soon and PHAB is conducting a review of the 10 essential public health services. There will be more updates in June 2020. An updated version of the 2012 IOM report



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about the future of public health is now available, and JLT will circulate it. 21C meetings will continue with funding until 2022.

- **PHAB:** Carrie Brogoitti shared that PHAB is continuing to get updates on initiatives by regional collaboratives around the state and from OHA about their Modernization work. They also had a presentation on tribal public health modernization and dental health in Oregon. Morgan Cowling reminded the Conference that at the November meeting the board recommended Rachel Banks to PHAB. Tricia Mortell discussed the importance of talking about public health topics within the public health system so that PHAB understands what is happening with an issue at both the state and local levels.

Adjourn 10:20 am