



Conference of Local Health Officials

December 17, 2020

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 9:32am

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; Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane; Tricia Mortell, Past Chair, Washington; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrator of Oregon Caucus

Absent: Jackson Baures, Large County Rep, Jackson; Rebecca Austen, Small County Rep, Lincoln;

Members Present (x if present):

Baker - Nancy Staten	x	Hood River - Trish Elliot	x	Multnomah - Jessica Guernsey
x Benton - April Holland		Jackson - Jackson Baures	x	North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
x Clackamas - Philip Mason-Joyner	x	Jefferson - Mike Baker	x	Polk - Jacqui Umstead
Clatsop - Mike McNickle	x	Josephine - Audrey Tiberio		Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
Columbia - Mike Paul	x	Klamath - Jennifer Little	x	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
x Coos - Anthony Arton	x	Lake - Judy Clarke	x	Union - Carrie Brogoitti
x Crook - Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown	x	Lane - Jocelyn Warren	x	Washington - Tricia Mortell
x Curry - Sheree Ward		Lincoln - Rebecca Austen		Wheeler - Karen Woods
x Deschutes - Nahad Sadr-Azodi	x	Linn - Shane Sanderson	x	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	x	Malheur - Sarah Poe		
x Grant - Jessica Winegar	x	Marion - Katrina Rothenberger	x	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
x Harney - Nic Calvin		Morrow - Darrell Green	x	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
				AOPHNS - Vacant
			x	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin



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Public Health Division:

Danna Drum, Cara Biddlecom, Carole Yann, Rachel Banks, Tim Noe

Coalition of Local Health Officials:

Morgan Cowling, Executive Director; Laura Daily, Program Manager

Guests: Tatiana Dierwechter, Ashley Thirstrup, Stacy Matthews

Motion: Pat Luedtke made a motion to approve November minutes. Mike Baker seconded. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Revision for Program Element 01: Danna Drum and Jocelyn Warren introduced Program Element 01 and the revisions the Joint Leadership Team Plus had made (JLT+ reviewed rather than the CD Committee because of meeting times and the rapid changes to funding options). Danna Drum provided the background on this program element: OHA receives a federal CDC grant for COVID response for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC). Over the last week, OHA has worked with CDC to carve out some more funding for tribes and LPHAs, so this grant is now ~\$22 million. This funding can be used for case investigation, contact tracing, wraparound services, and vaccine distribution. While this puts risk on OHA because OHA has deliverables tied to this funding, this is to bridge the funding cliff until the state/federal action is taken. There won't be any special reporting requirements, and any funding beyond this is unknown at this time. Danna Drum reviewed the revisions the JLT+ team made and the funding formula. Danna Drum also stated that this PE may look different once it is reviewed by DOJ because it was meant to be a biennium



Motion: Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown made a motion to approve this PE. Phillip Mason-Joyner seconded. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section Change Process: Tim Noe presented the changes the HPCDP Section has been working through in the last 6-8 months to create structural change within the unit. There has been an effort to increase transparency, open communication, power sharing, and collaboration. They are also looking to hire an external consultant for change management support. Tatiana Dierwechter and Ashley Thirstrup reviewed the CLHO survey findings earlier this year, how they have implemented those findings in the HPCDP Section, and the plans to continue these changes to build relationships and communication. There will be a TPEP QI Plan Report coming out by the end of the week.

School Exclusion Update: Stacey Matthews reviewed school immunization requirements. There will be no changes to immunization requirements this year. There were extensive reviews and discussions, and OHA heard that there needs to be consistency in the midst of so much uncertainty. If schools anticipate being able to return to hybrid or in-person learning this year, then their immunization requirements and reporting remain the same. The only situation in which this changes is if a school district has decided to remain entirely in distance learning through the end of the school year. Messaging around this has largely been to schools and providers, but OHA plans to issue a press release for parents in January. There were many concerns voiced by CLHO members about LPHAs having the capacity to deliver this messaging while trying to respond to COVID and potentially coordinate vaccine distribution at the same time. Stacey encouraged LPHAs to reach out if help is needed to alleviate the workload.

Vaccine External Advisory Committee Update: Cara Biddlecom reviewed that OHA is working to establish a Vaccine Advisory Committee. They received many responses when the application went out, and they hope to have the members selected soon and to have the first meeting on January 7th. There will be 20-25 people on the committee, and the LPHA representative will be Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown and George Conway.



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Discussion Items: COVID 19 Response, Managing the Surge and Testing: These items will be discussed during Friday's Health Administrator call as this meeting was over time.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58am