



Conference of Local Health Officials

April 16, 2020

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

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

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 checked="" 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 – proxy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coos – proxy- Frances Smith | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curry – Sherrie Ward | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln – Rebecca Austen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yamhill – Lindsey Manfrin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deschutes – Nahaad Sadr-Azodi | <input type="checkbox"/> Linn – | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas – Kristen Wood | <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 – Diane Kilkenney | <input type="checkbox"/> AOPHNS – vacant |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Multco – Adelle Adams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Health Administrators -
Lindsey Manfrin |

Public Health Division: Danna Drum,
Lillian Shirley, Sara Beaudrault, Cara Biddlecom, Jill Snyder, Carole Yann, Andre Oruso, Danna Drum

Meeting Guests: Andy Smith, AOC

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Morgan Cowling, Sierra Prior

Agenda Review



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Jocelyn Warren reviewed the agenda and explained that there was a new agenda item added for PE12.

February Minutes

Motion: Teri Thalhofer motioned to approve February Minutes. Rebecca Austen seconded. No objections. Board approved.

Appointments

Reminder: Participation on Conference Committees must go through Conference appointment process.

Public Health System Response to COVID-19

Jocelyn Warren and Lillian Shirley thanked everyone for their work in the COVID-19 Response.

Lillian Shirley: The Governor's Medical Advisory Committee is aiding in choosing the path to reopening Oregon. They are discussing criteria for restarting non-emergent and elective medical procedures. There's a document posted in CLHO Meeting materials for expanding the response across Oregon. OHA is working with OEM on ordering and distributing PPE, as well as taking advice from epidemiologists about how to distribute equipment and what would work in different settings. OHA has integrated into the ECC is Salem. A big victory has been forming a united approach with DHS and Public Health working together on congregate settings. In the framework that OHA shared for reopening Oregon, Public Health's challenge will be having capacity for contact tracing, testing, and isolation/quarantine. OHA is asking for volunteers to work on the plan, which OHA has been tasked with preparing by April 20, 2020 and presenting on April 21, 2020. OHA has a weekly COVID-19 report now. Many people are concerned about REAL-D data and illness burden on different populations. OHA will be sharing a framework regarding volunteers and working with universities. Governors in Oregon, Washington, California will be working together on plans to reopen.

Cara Biddlecom clarified that volunteers for developing the framework should be from different areas of the state.

Volunteers: Lindsey Manfrin, Tricia Mortell, Muriel DeLavergne-Brown or George Conway (for Central Oregon region), Rebecca Austen, Teri Thalhofer.



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OHA will have something for volunteers to review by Friday night or Saturday morning. Cara Biddlecom said OHA can organize a call to discuss.

Federal Funding for COVID-19

Cara Biddlecom reminded everyone that the following information was sent out on April 10, 2020 after a Joint Leadership Team meeting approved the PE12 supplemental funds and sub-element. Funds will be distributed up front and are good for one year. OHA will provide budget guidance.

OHA Guidance for Current Funding

Cara Biddlecom said OHA sent initial guidance in March and followed-up with additional info in April. There are two purposes: 1) know which PE staff can be used for the response, and 2) what are the minimum work expectations through June. OHA had to weigh what was allowable based on state and federal funding sources with what is needed for public health protection.

Jocelyn Warren requested that the Conference revisit this item at the next meeting. Carole Yann said that it's important to review which staff can be used for the COVID-19 response. Cara Biddlecom said that staff on PE's that can't be used for the response can be compensated from the state general fund and PE12-02 funds for the response.

OHA will make budget reporting as simple as possible while still meeting federal requirements. Budgets will be due 60 days after receiving funds. A community mitigation plan is also required, and OHA will be sending guidance.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness – February Meeting Follow-Up

Danna Drum: OHA's grant is due tomorrow and funds need to be awarded as of July 1, 2020. When we last talked about this there was a need to have a broader system conversation. CLHO had planned to form a small group to review this but that wasn't able to happen because of the pandemic. We have to now make a decision about the funding formula. If CLHO doesn't reach a decision today, OHA cannot guarantee that funds will be available July 1, 2020.

OHA reviewed the funding formula options provided in CLHO Meeting materials, and then asked for questions.



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Jocelyn Warren, Jackson Baures, Bob Dannenhoffer, Muriel DeLavergne-Brown voice support for Option C. Karen Woods reminded the Conference that the refined C was developed based on feedback from the PHEP Committee. Jocelyn asked if anyone wanted to discuss that option and no one spoke up.

Bob Dannenhoffer motioned to approve Option C, Muriel DeLavergne-Brown seconded. No objections. Board Approved.

Questions/Follow-up Needed

Bob Dannenhofer asked for members to direct questions for the Governor's Medical Advisory Panel to him. Teri Thalhofer expressed an urgent need for guidance for migrant and seasonal farmworkers regarding tight living quarters, what to wear while working, etc. Tricia Mortel said Washington County is working with a health care partner on this issue and will go with their guidance if OHA doesn't provide information. Clackamas County also needs this guidance. Cara Biddlecom said OHA is trying to work on this guidance as quickly as possible, and will provide a timeline.

Jocelyn Warren extended opportunity for public health administrators and members of the public to ask questions through the webinar chat box for Lillian Shirley to answer. Question from the public continued for 15 minutes.

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