



May 21, 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; Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Crook, CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair; Charlie Fautin, Benton, CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill; Absent: Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla

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 – 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 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 – Kathy Cooley (interim) | <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 – Proxy: George Conway | <input type="checkbox"/> Linn – Todd Noble | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas – Bob Dannenhoffer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malheur – Sarah Poe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HO Caucus – Pat Luedtke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant – Jessica Winegar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marion – Katrina Rothenberger | <input type="checkbox"/> CLEHS Caucus – Joseph Fiumara |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harney – Jolene Cawlfeld | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morrow – Diane Kilkenney | <input type="checkbox"/> AOPHNS – vacant |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Multco – Adelle Adams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators |

Public Health Division: Danna Drum, Krasimir Karamfilov

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Morgan Cowling, Sierra Prior

Guests:

Agenda Review: No changes.



February and April Minutes

Motion: Teri Thalhofer motioned to approve February and April Minutes. Rebbecca Austen seconded. No objections. Board approved by consensus.

CLHO: A Year in Review

Morgan Cowling reviewed that the May meeting is the annual meeting to functionally approve dues and the budget, but we also take a few minutes to review the work of the organization. Morgan Cowling said that Sierra Prior has stepped up the monthly newsletter feature and has started a new feature interviewing local public health officials. She has also expanded the readership and sends out the monthly feature to legislators.

CLHO Staff worked hard in the 2020 short session to pass Tobacco Retail License (TRL) and kept a Hawkeye on any budget changes. We did a phenomenal job setting up TRL for a future session. COVID-19 will impact decisions we make for legislative priorities in 2021. Since March, Morgan and Sierra have been working to identify where we can fill gaps in advocacy and communications to support the important work local public health is doing right now. As a non-profit organization, CLHO continues to file taxes, and is managing a small retirement fund, and continues to manage the organization's budget in a successful manner.

Muriel DeLavergne-Brown thanked Morgan and Sierra for the work they do to send out information and be the voice for local public health. Danna Drum also thanked them for being great partners during COVID-19. Teri Thalhofer also thanked CLHO Staff and congratulated her colleagues and OHA partners on the call for how we have jumped into the response together. Jocelyn Warren thanked Morgan Cowling for her work, and acknowledged that she is a huge help to the Chair role, especially during this difficult time.

CLHO 2020-2021 Dues

Katrina Rothenberger said we cannot continue this good work without our annual dues. Dues have changed slightly due to population changes, but there have been no changes to the formula.

Bob Dannenhoffer motioned to approve the dues, Mike Baker seconded. No discussion. Board approved.

CLHO 2020-2021 Budget

Katrina Rothenberger thanked the board for approving the dues as they are built into the 2020-2021 budget. The board reviewed the budget in April and it is up for approval today. Morgan Cowling added that Katrina



Rothernberger, Bob Dannenhoffer, and Muriel DeLavergne-Brown reviewed the budget and provided advice. There wasn't a formal meeting, but the small group from the board reviewed the budget and it was presented to Coalition members who attended the April meeting.

Bob Dannenhoffer motioned to approve the 2020-2021 budget, Charlie Fautin seconded. No discussion. Board approved.

Oregon Revenue Forecast

Morgan Cowling provided an update. The House and Senate Interim Revenue Committees reviewed the forecast from the Office of Economic Analysis on 5/20. The budget has a \$2.7 billion shortfall. A lot of attention was paid to personal income and lottery revenue reductions. While there is a shortfall, there is also a large kicker going out to Oregonians, which is additional assistance for families right now. Because tax filings have been extended, there's still some money that hasn't been distributed yet. The whole revenue picture is that Oregon has been saving and building the Education Stability Fund and the Rainy Day Fund. There will still be a lot of attention on this. Waiting for the revenue forecast has been one of the missing puzzle pieces for deciding whether to have a special session. The only action the Governor can take is across the board allotment reductions, and a special session would be required for more tailored changes, which may occur in late May or early June.

Morgan Cowling will continue to monitor the situation.

Teri Thalhofer asked if by law the legislature could convene with social distancing. Morgan Cowling said that in anticipation of a natural disaster there is a provision to allow the legislature to meet remotely, but it doesn't include provisions for ongoing meetings. Details for how to convene a session are under review. The Legislative Days committee meetings are proceeding in a new fashion with committees meeting virtually over an extended period of time.

Special Session & Legislative Session Planning

Morgan Cowling said many people are looking to a special session to make budget reductions more responsive to increasing needs in our DHS and OHA agencies. The 2021 session will also look different. Before COVID-19 Morgan Cowling anticipated our priorities would be Modernization and TRL, but that may be different. The Legislative Committee continues to meet but it has slowed down in preparing for 2021. The global pandemic may also be an opportunity to look at legislation to make sure that our public health system is better prepared.



Morgan Cowling asked for feedback on how to strengthen local public health.

Jocelyn Warren suggested looking forward to reducing roadblocks to widespread immunization for when a COVID-19 vaccine is available. George Conway brought up idea of immunity certificates although it would be a politically fraught scenario to consider. Other countries may be considering this concept. Charlie Fautin said it's important to not drop the concept and the priority of Modernization. During this the gaps have become very apparent to the general public and now perhaps more so the legislators that have been hearing about this. If investments had been increased before the emergency, the state may not have needed to dedicate as many resources during the response. Teri Thalhofer said the Eastern Oregon Modernization collaborative is trying to capture gaps now to be prepared with examples of needed capacity. The Collaborative is working to capture gaps in the moment.

George Conway asked if anyone has heard conversations about restoration of public health after the response. Social determinants of health and health equity issues have been highlighted during this. Sierra Prior shared that it does seem that organizations (like the Children's Agenda for example) are having conversations about the disparities and inequities that have been highlighted during COVID-19 and that they do connect to the social determinants of health.

Morgan Cowling said that CLHO Staff are continuing to work on ways to share information with legislators about the work that local public health is doing in this response.

Teri Thalhofer shared that she feels she has lost some traction with her legislators during this through the push to reopen the economy. It has been a difficult path to walk and it will be a balance to consider in the future. There may be growing concern about public health overreach. Jocelyn Warren said feelings about public health may change as the pandemic evolves so those feelings may change. Bob Dannenhoffer and Charlie Fautin said that potentially going backwards would be more difficult. Trish Elliot said that the information OHA plans to release on reopening criteria, it may put extra pressure on public health because of how it's being reported.

Adjourn Next Regular Coalition Monthly Meeting: June 18, 2020