**Conference of Local Health Officials**

**Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2020**

**Committee:** Access to Clinical (and) Preventive Services

**Co-Chairs**: Pamela Ferguson (Deschutes) & Kim La Croix (Clackamas)

1. **Is the committee currently meeting?**

Yes, the committee is currently meeting every third Wednesday of every month. The committee switches between short business meetings and longer committee meetings.

1. **How has COVID interrupted the work of the committee?**

The committee didn’t meet for the first few months of the pandemic because many members were involved in the local COVID response. The committee reconvened in July but had to cancel the September meeting because of the wildfire response.

1. **How is the committee incorporating equity into the committee's work?**

Generally, members use an equity lens for committee discussions and actions such as approving program elements. However, there is no formal adoption of equity practices in the committee’s work. The committee chairs are committed to racial health equity and will continue to looks for opportunities to incorporate equity into future committee work. In February, Kim presented a SBHC Spot Light that focused on using Health Equity Zones (HEZ). HEZs are 10 distinct geographic regions in the county where the LPHA can examine the specific factors that impact the health of those living within the zone. HEZs allowed CCPH to identify health inequities so community members could take action to strengthen the social conditions that influence their health. The outcome was a more informed school board that voted unanimously to approve dispensing of contraceptives at SBHC in high risk areas.

1. **Do you need new members? New Co-Chair?**

Yes, we would welcome new members. We would love to have representation from every LPHA. Currently we have 16 LPHAs represented on this committee. No, we do not need a new co-chair. Kim and Pamela will continue as co-chairs, with Kim taking over facilitator responsibilities in Jan 2021.

1. **Anything else you'd like to share or discuss with Big CLHO?**

The maternal child health focus area transitioned into A2CPS at the end of 2019. This transition has strengthened committee membership and led to agendas that are more comprehensive.