



February 18, 2021
Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials
Meeting Began: 11:00am

Executive Members:

Present: Jocelyn Warren CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, Crook, CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla

Absent: Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Members Present (x if present)

	Baker - Nancy Staten	x	Hood River - Trish Elliot	x	Multnomah - Jessica Guernsey
	Benton - April Holland	x	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
	Coos - Anthony Arton		Lake - Judy Clarke	x	Union - Carrie Brogoitti
x	Crook – Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown	x	Lane - Jocelyn Warren	x	Washington - Tricia Mortell
x	Curry - Sheree Ward	x	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal		Wheeler – Karen Woods
x	Deschutes – George Conway		Linn - Shane Sanderson		Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
x	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	x	Malheur - Sarah Poe		
x	Grant - Kimberly Lindsay		Marion - Katrina Rothenberger		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
	Harney - Nic Calvin	x	Morrow – Nazario Rivera	x	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
					AOPHNS - Vacant
					PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

Public Health Division: None



Coalition of Local Health Officials: Morgan Cowling, Executive Director; Laura Daily, Program Manager

Guests: None

Agenda Items: Jocelyn Warren made one change. Rather than reviewing recommendations from CLHO's Legislative Committee, the group will review the OLCC's minimum pricing of distilled spirits.

Appointment: No appointments.

Cleaner Air Oregon RAC: George Conway presented on the Cleaner Air Oregon RAC. Oregon DEQ currently has Division 245 (Cleaner Air Oregon Program) and Division 246 (Oregon State Air Toxics Program). The desire is to create Division 247, Air Quality Standards, that pulls elements from both 245 and 246. Public Health has had a presence on the Air Toxics Science Advisory Committee (ATSAC). Division 247 would make the following changes:

- Remove the requirement of consensus or quorum in the ATSAC and instead have DEQ consider recommendations from all members of the ATSAC
- Establish a minimum level of expertise needed to be a part of ATSAC in toxicology/toxicity assessment, environmental/atmospheric chemistry, or epidemiology/biostatistics

The recommendation to CLHO is to keep consensus and quorum requirements and to retain the current expertise in the role since the change could eliminate some of public health's role in participating in the ATSAC (apart from epidemiology/biostatistics). George presented a draft letter summarizing these recommendations to the RAC.

Motion: George Conway made a motion to approve. Bob Dannenhoffer seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

CLHO Website: Laura Daily provided a review of the newly released CLHO website. The major changes are

- Making meeting materials more accessible
- Differentiating between the Conference and the Coalition
- The availability of resource sharing libraries



- Efforts to make the website more dynamic (including Search Engine Optimization, mobile accessibility, and creating a jobs board for public health opportunities)

CLHO staff will also be reviewing all material on the website to make sure it is up to date and useful. CLHO members expressed appreciation for the jobs board.

Legislative Session Updates: Morgan Cowling provided an update on the legislative session. Morgan provides weekly updates from Salem and asked members to email her if they would like to be added to this email list. Morgan reviewed the recent Ways and Means Public Hearing where multiple CLHO members testified on Public Health Modernization funding and thanked all the members and partners who participated.

Morgan also reviewed SB 587 for Tobacco Retail Licensure. Our partners at Association of Oregon Counties are not supporting this bill as an organization, so individual counties will have to support it. The hearing for SB 587 is not until March 1st, so CLHO has more time to gather county support.

The Chairs of the Ways and Means have released principles for 2021-23 to distribute to the various subcommittees for guiding work. This document goes over various things the Legislature knows/doesn't know for funding, such as agency budget rebalance for 2019-21, wildfire recovery, COVID response, potential federal funds, etc. CLHO staff will monitor this and what it will mean for public health.

Legislative Committee Recommendations: Morgan Cowling shared that the Legislative Committee has been meeting every other week for 1 hour in order to give continuous feedback on bills. This has been helpful for suggesting amendments and for focusing on bills that will have the most impact on local public health. There are no legislative committee recommendations this month since the committee spent the last meeting going into a deeper dive on amendments for HB 2327 (supported by Oregon Health Care Association) on communicable disease prevention in long-term care facilities and how to align DHS and OHA rules. Trish Elliott stated she appreciated that effort to align rules because managing outbreaks have been challenging with guidelines from DHS and OHA seeming to conflict.



OLCC Minimum Price for Distilled Spirits: Our partners at the League of Oregon Cities asked for CLHO's support of OLCC increasing the minimum pricing of distilled spirits. This is an opportunity for CLHO to provide their logo in support of increasing this price to decrease consumption. Morgan Cowling asked for feedback on this request.

Jocelyn asked why OLCC is able to set a price threshold when they cannot enact a tax to fund prevention. Morgan stated she is unsure why this differs. Bob Dannenhoffer offered that this minimum price makes logical sense as a public health measure. Jessica Guernsey asked if other jurisdictions have any information on how this affects people who would be disproportionately affected by a tax increase. She stated that it seems like a commonsense strategy and wouldn't hold it up but would be interested in more information on the equity aspect. Jocelyn Warren stated that this pricing increase seems to price out cost-sensitive populations but that doesn't provide the revenue to fund prevention. Joe Fiumara brought up that this increased price would likely just go to distributors/brewers.

Jocelyn Warren asked the group to determine their stance on this request. Morgan Cowling offered that it could be presented to the CLHO Legislative Committee for approval if the CLHO Board wishes.

Motion: Bob Dannenhoffer moved that this request be reviewed by the Legislative Committee for review and approval. Jessica Guernsey seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

CLHO Staff Support: Laura Daily reviewed the current support CLHO is providing to members related to COVID (COVID Daily Brief and the Resource Sharing Library) to ensure these are still useful. Members stated that the Daily Brief is still helpful as it is challenging to attend all meetings, particularly national level meetings. The group also reviewed programs and supports that have stopped due to COVID, such as the Leadership Development Program. Jocelyn Warren stated that it was hard to imagine adding the LDP back in with all the COVID work going on. Restarting programs like this will be an ongoing discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.