



March 18, 2021
Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials
Meeting Began: 11:10am

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

Absent: None

Members Present (x if present)

x Baker - Nancy Staten	x Hood River - Trish Elliot	x Multnomah - Adelle Adams
Benton - April Holland	x Jackson - Jackson Baures	x North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
x Clackamas - Philip Mason-Joyner	Jefferson - Mike Baker	x Polk - Jacqui Umstead
x Clatsop - Margo Lalich	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
Curry - Sheree Ward	Lincoln - Rebecca Austen	Wheeler - Karen Woods
x Deschutes - George Conway	x Linn - Shane Sanderson	x Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
x Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	Malheur - Sarah Poe	
x Grant - Kimberly Lindsay	x Marion - Katrina Rothenberger	x HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
x Harney - Nic Calvin	Morrow - Nazario Rivera	x CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
		AOPHNS - Vacant
		x PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin



Public Health Division: Rachael Banks

Manager

Guests: None

Motion: Joe Fiumara made a motion to approve the February minutes. Trish Elliot seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion past.

Agenda Items

Appointment: No appointments.

CLHO Budget: Katrina Rothenberger (CLHO Treasurer) reviewed CLHO's Budget and Income Statement. Two LPHAs have not yet paid their dues for this year, but Morgan is in communication with them. CLHO has underspent in the travel category because of the pandemic, and CLHO's savings that the organization has been spending down will be exhausted in 4-6 years. Morgan Cowling discussed that this can be a good time to discuss a small dues increase and requested some members to volunteer for the budget committee to review line items and dues increase. Phillip Mason-Joyner, Pat Luedtke, and Jennifer Little volunteered to join Katrina in reviewing this.

Funding for Ongoing COVID Case Investigation and Contact Tracing: Morgan Cowling discussed the need for ongoing case investigation and contact tracing funding. In Fall 2020, CLHO surveyed members and found that an estimated total of \$8 million per month (for all LPHAs) was needed for this work. CLHO Legislative Committee wanted a discussion around this so CLHO can be prepared for funding needs that might not be addressed and to have specific asks for OHA ready. Pat Luedtke asked if there were line items in the American Rescue Plan to support state and local public health - past funding has gone to academic research and other entities with little coming to the local level. Morgan offered that this is relatively unknown as everything about the American Rescue Plan has been presented in high level summaries. There was some discussion around how counties are unable to make plans for funding until the funding is certain and how that can cause LPHAs to miss out on it as other entities



apply for any available funding. This conversation will continue in months to come to ensure LPHAs do have their funding needs met for required work.

CLHO Annual Retreat Planning: Morgan Cowling began a discussion of the annual retreat.

CLHO's 2020 retreat was virtual because of the pandemic. CLHO staff would like to begin planning for either an in-person or virtual retreat. Several people requested an in-person meeting due to the number of new administrators, and one offered that public health officials set an example last year by meeting virtually and can set an example of confidence in the vaccine this year by meeting in person. One member brought up that it is easier to switch to a virtual meeting after planning for in-person if there are concerns while it is not as easy to do it the other way. Morgan offered that it would be challenging to do a mix of in-person and virtual and would want to be sure that everyone could travel if they wanted to come. Most agreed that in-person was preferred this year. The Hood River Best Western has been the location for past years, and most members were in favor of this. CLHO Staff will begin planning for this and make sure there are allowances to move to virtual instead if needed.

Bob Dannenhoffer offered that having the monthly CLHO meetings virtually has been very helpful since attending the full day of meetings is easier without the travel, and George Conway agreed. Jocelyn Warren stated that the format of this monthly meeting should be a continuing conversation.

Legislative Session Updates: The Healthy Kids Learn Better Coalition requested CLHO's endorsement of several bills. CLHO staff is recommending that the CLHO Board approve supporting all of these bills (list included in the meeting materials).

Motion: Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown made a motion to approve supporting these endorsements from HKLB. George Conway seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Morgan Cowling also provided an update on the legislative session. For Public Health Modernization (HB 5024), the current conversation is around why the Legislature should invest \$69 million rather than \$30 million and what Oregon gets with that increased investment. CLHO Staff are working on visuals for this and have contacted some counties to put together case studies. Morgan has had promising conversations with several legislators, though many are interested in a detailed breakdown which is challenging to provide with the way the Public Health Modernization Framework is set up. Jocelyn Warren asked if RWJF has any information on how other states are



advocating for foundational programs and capabilities. Morgan offered that Washington State has priced out many of these things and CLHO staff might use this.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.