



Conference of Local Health Officials

April 15, 2021

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 9:30am

Executive Members: Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development, Union; Tricia Mortell, Past Chair, Washington; Nic Calvin, Small County Rep, Harney; Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane; Jackson Baures, Large County Rep, Jackson; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrator of Oregon Caucus; Shane Sanderson, Small County Representative, Linn; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists

Absent: None

Members Present (x if present):

x Baker - Nancy Staten	x Hood River - Trish Elliot	x Multnomah - Jessica Guernsey
Benton - April Holland	x Jackson - Jackson Baures	North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
x Clackamas - Philip Mason-Joyner	x Jefferson - Mike Baker	x Polk - Jacqui Umstead
Clatsop - Margo Lulich	x Josephine - Audrey Tiberio	x 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	x Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	Wheeler - Shelby Hahn
x Deschutes - Rita Bacho	x Linn - Shane Sanderson	x Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
x Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	x Malheur - Sarah Poe	
Grant - Kimberly Lindsey	x Marion - Katrina Rothenberger	x HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
x Harney - Nic Calvin	x Morrow - Nazario Rivera	x CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
		AOPHNS - Vacant
		x PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin



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Public Health Division: Sara Beaudrault, Rachael Banks, Cara Biddlecom

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

Guests: Rob Smith (Lead Vaccine Coordinator, DCBS), Mike Harryman (State Resilience Officer, Governor Brown's Office)

Motion: Jennifer Little moved to approve the February minutes. Trish Elliot seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Appointments: CLHO Board made the following appointments

- Paula Tomczak (Lane) to the Communicable Disease Committee
- Joanna McCabe (Crook) to the Access to Clinical & Preventive Services Committee
- Heather Stuart (Crook) to the Health Promotion and Prevention Committee
- Katie Plumb (Crook) to the Systems and Innovation Committee

PE 51: Florence Pourtal (chair of Systems and Innovations Committee) presented the recommendations on PE 51. The current PE ends 06/30/2021, and the Oregon Legislature has not yet finalized the budget. The proposal from the S&I Committee is for OHA to provide 3 months of bridge funding for PE 51-01 and -02. LPHAs would not need to submit a budget for this time period or funding. Each LPHA and Fiscal Agent for regional partnerships will receive one-eighth (three months) of their total award for the 2019-21 biennium.

Motion: S&I Committee made a motion to approve this proposal. Katrina Rothenberger seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.



FY 22 Funding Carryover: Cara Biddlecom reviewed that General Funds and CARES Act funding need to be spent by the end of FY21 (by 06/30/2021). ELC funds can be carried over into the next fiscal year. OHA is holding budget office hours for Q&A with LPHA administrators. There was a question about additional vaccine funds and whether a budget will be required for this funding. This is uncertain right now.

COVID End-of-Action Reports: Mike Harryman (State Resilience Officer from Governor Brown's Office) provided an update on after-action reports (AARs) for COVID and gave a brief presentation (see meeting materials). An external organization, EM Partners, is contracted to complete this work and will survey and interview key informants (including local public health), review all Incident Action Plans, and review best practices. Oregon currently has four open service order contracts (SOCs) related to COVID-19 in the following areas:

- Review of Personal Protective Equipment
- Oregon's Response to COVID-19
- Oregon's Joint Information Centers
- Re-opening Phase from 06/01/2020 to 12/10/2020

A fifth SOC is in the works to review Oregon's Vaccination Campaign. There will also be separate AARs for the 2020 wildfires and the 2021 winter storms. These reports will be high level, but there may be opportunities for specific organizations to delve deeper into specific COVID-19 response efforts. The complete AAR reports will be shared with CLHO members in meeting follow-up, and the others will be shared when finalized.

CLHO members provided feedback that the surveys they received for the AARs were too long to complete and that the jurisdictions most heavily impacted by events (particularly wildfires and winter storms) should be more involved in the process and targeted for interviews. Mike offered that those surveys were created and sent by EM Partners but that he will take that feedback back to future meetings.

Community-Driven Vaccine Events: Rob Smith with DCBS VOTE (Vaccine Operations Team - Equity) provided an overview of OHA's work to increase community-driven vaccine events (presentation included in meeting materials). The intent of this work is to

magnify relationships between CBOs and LPHAs and equity-based events already happening around the state while also building collaboration in parts of the state that do not have these existing relationships.



There was a question about the timeline for this program since there is a limited supply of vaccines and there have been additional delays (J&J pause). Rob stated that the timeline is staying the same as community partners are at the ready. There was also feedback that many LPHAs already have partnerships with CBOs and are doing equity-based events though they are not widely advertised in order to keep the events open to targeted populations. Members requested that these existing events be uplifted to the Governor's Office. Rachael Bank offered that she has weekly meetings with the Governor's Office and can provide this information, and Rob stated that VOTE will work on a method for reporting these events. There was a question about community partners' ability to administer second doses since Moderna and Pfizer are the two viable options right now. VOTE is working with community partners to make sure they get the correct vaccine (based on faith and age groups and capacity).

OHA-PHD Director's Update: Director Rachael Banks highlighted the work that LPHAs have done this past year and thanked all LPHA administrators and staff for their dedication. She also discussed that OHA is receiving a CDC grant that is meant to go towards modernization and COVID efforts. It will allow OHA to continue working with CBOs for contact tracing, but it will also go towards workforce development and the social determinants of health prioritized in the SHIP. OHA wants to have ongoing conversations around state resiliency and how best to use this funding.

Director Banks and Dr. Dean Sidelinger have been able to meet with multiple Eastern Oregon counties to connect with all parts of the state and to learn about community efforts and struggles. Director Banks offered to keep these one-on-one conversations going if they are helpful. Multiple members stated that the one-on-one meetings are helpful and appreciated, and they would like to set up opportunities for field visits (when COVID allows) and to meet with frontline staff.

Additional Item: Florence Pourtal (co-chair of Systems and Innovations Committee) brought up that the S&I Committee is looking for someone to represent small, Eastern Oregon counties as they believe this voice is missing.

The S&I Committee will be doing a great deal of work around Modernization in the upcoming months, so it is a great time to join.



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Meeting Adjourned at 10:48am