



June 17, 2021

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 11:11 am

Executive Members:

Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Shane Sanderson, Medium County Representative, Linn; Nic Calvin, Small County Representative, Harney; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Absent: Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep

Members Present (x if present)

	Baker - Nancy Staten	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures	X	North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
	Benton - April Holland	X	Jefferson - Mike Baker	X	Polk - Jacqui Umstead
X	Clackamas - Philip Mason-Joyner	X	Josephine - Audrey Tiberio		Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
	Clatsop - Margo Lalich	X	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
	Columbia - Mike Paul		Lake - Judy Clarke	X	Union - Carrie Brogoitti
	Coos - Anthony Arton	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren	X	Washington - Tricia Mortell
X	Crook - Katie Plumb		Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Shelby Hahn
X	Deschutes - George Conway	X	Linn - Shane Sanderson	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Malheur - Sarah Poe		
X	Grant - Jessica Winegar	X	Marion - Stefanie Krupp		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
X	Harney - Nic Calvin	X	Morrow - Nazario Rivera	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
	Hood River - Trish Elliot		Multnomah - Adelle Adams	x	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

Public Health Division: None

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



Guests: Sunny Lin and Steven Fiala (OHSU-PSU School of Public Health)

Motion: Mike Baker made a motion to approve the May minutes. Katie Plumb seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion past.

Agenda Items

Appointments: None

NIH Survey: How LPHAs receive COVID-19 data from healthcare providers

Dr. Sunny Lin shared their background in health information communication and technology and their current study to understand how state and local health departments are receiving COVID-19 health data. This is supported by an NIH grant, and Dr. Lin would like to get some feedback on the survey questions. They requested some volunteers to spend about 30 minutes to review the questions.

Jocelyn Warren, Joe Fiumara, Bob Dannenhoffer, and George Conway all shared that LPHAs are often reporting COVID-19 data to OHA but do not always get it returned to them. For example, LPHAs are not able to pull reports from all systems, such as Alert, and must wait to receive that information from OHA. Multiple CLHO members were very interested in this topic and stated that it was an important issue that needs to be addressed. Bob Dannenhoffer, George Conway, Sarah Poe, and Stephanie Krupp offered to help review the survey. CLHO staff will connect them with Dr. Lin.

Local Public Health Workforce Data and Support

Morgan Cowling and Laura Daily shared some of the ideas for workforce development as Oregon moves into recovery from the pandemic. To have accurate and detailed information that will help us with strategizing, CLHO staff are conducting one-on-one interviews with administrators to ask about type of licensed staff, FTE, and pay scales to gather a picture of the workforce and challenges to hiring and retaining staff. CLHO also would like LPHAs to participate in PH WINS and can offer support if administrators/staff do not have the capacity. In addition, CLHO staff are working to restart the Leadership Development Program and are looking to start up an internship



program to connect graduate students with LPHAs. CLHO staff asked for feedback from members to see if these are the correct projects to pursue and if there are other ideas.

CLHO members are supportive of CLHO staff pursuing these avenues. Sarah Poe and Joe Fiumara both voiced that internships can be valuable for rural health departments where it is challenging to get skilled staff. Jocelyn Warren asked about paid vs. unpaid internships and stated that offering paid internships can be a way to address equity and attract diverse students who might be unable to participate in an unpaid internship. Multiple members also voiced that they would like to recruit interns at all levels of education, not just the graduate level. Tricia Mortell also brought up that we should consider ways to keep on bi-lingual/bi-cultural staff that LPHAs have hired during COVID. Utilizing and building up Community Health Workers cut across multiple of these topics.

CLHO staff will continue to work on these ideas and present proposals to members at the CLHO retreat in September.

CLHO Retreat – recruit volunteers

Morgan Cowling discussed the upcoming CLHO retreat in September. Because of holidays, members decided in a previous meeting to hold the retreat from Wednesday the 22nd through Thursday the 23rd. The retreat typically has topics planned by CLHO members and staff on a full-day Wednesday and then holds the CLHO Board meeting on the half-day Thursday. Morgan asked for volunteers to help with planning.

Jennifer Little and Sarah Poe offered to help plan topics. Sarah Poe also asked about a longer retreat so that the people traveling from far away are not traveling just as much as time as they are spending at the retreat. Members discussed having a social activity available on Tuesday evening, and Shellie Campbell offered to help plan that since she lives in Hood River. CLHO staff will follow-up with those that volunteered.

1115 Medicaid Waiver Recommendations

OHA released draft policy concept papers on the 1115 Medicaid Waiver in 4 key areas. Laura Daily reviewed them and drafted a letter with recommendations for CLHO members to review and edit (available in meeting materials). The main theme of the recommendations is for OHA and CCOs to partner with LPHAs in every step where there is overlap with public health to avoid duplication. CLHO members will review these papers and the



draft letter and provide feedback by this next week so CLHO Legislative Committee or Executive Committee can review it and approve. Once this is done, CLHO will work on submitting this letter either in partnerships with AOC and other counties or as a standalone letter.

SBHC Letter of Support

Laura Daily presented a letter of support for federal appropriations for school-based health centers. The Health Kids Learn Better Coalition asked for Oregon organizations to sign on. This was presented at the last Legislative Committee meeting, but that committee could not vote because quorum was not achieved. The members present at that Legislative Committee meeting were supportive of signing on and bringing it to the full board to approve.

Motion: Bob Dannenhoffer made a motion to sign onto the letter. Joe Fiumara seconded. Unanimous vote, motion past.

Legislative Session Update: Morgan Cowling provided an update on the 2021 Legislative Session. The OHA Budget (HB 5024) had a work session in the Human Services Subcommittee on 6/16, and preliminary numbers show Public Health Modernization getting \$45 million (most likely on top of the previously invested \$15.6 million). Tobacco Retail Licensure was also passed through a committee work session yesterday with bipartisan support, which is a big win for public health years in the making. Morgan will be working on compiling an End of Session Report after Sine Die to distribute to members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm.