



Conference of Local Health Officials

**June 17, 2021**

**Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials**

**Meeting Began: 9:31am**

**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; Jackson Baures, Large County Rep, Jackson; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrator of Oregon Caucus; Shane Sanderson, Small County Representative, Linn; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists  
Absent: Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion

**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	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
X	Clatsop – Margo Lalach	X	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
	Columbia - Mike Paul		Lake - Judy Clarke	X	Union - Carrie Brogoitti
X	Coos - Anthony Arton	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren	X	Washington - Tricia Mortell
X	Crook – Katie Plumb	X	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Shelby Hahn
X	Deschutes – Nahad Sadr-Azodi	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	X	Multnomah – Jessica Guernsey	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

**Public Health Division:** Rachael Banks, Sara Beaudrault, Collette Young, Cara Biddlecom, Ashley Thirstrup, Annick Benson

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



**Guests:** Andrea Hamberg (EH Committee Co-Chair)

**Motion:** Mike Baker moved to approve the May minutes. Florence Pourtal seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

## **Agenda Items**

**Appointments:** The following people are now appointed to the Systems and Innovation Committee:

- Stefanie Krupp (Marion)
- Shane Sanderson (Linn)
- April Holland (Benton)

**OHA-PHD Director Update:** PHD Director Rachael Banks provided an update on the vaccine equity plans. 50% of counties have submitted their equity plans. OHA has appreciated the opportunity to read about what each county is doing to increase equity. These plans are connected to the funding from the Governor's Office via DAS. There has been a smaller group meeting to discuss what "demonstrated progress" on these plans will look like – this demonstrated progress will open the second half of the funding. OHA also hopes to incorporate these equity plans into Public Health Modernization.

Director Banks also discussed the chlorine shortages that will affect water supply around Oregon. OHA is working to find other suppliers and is working with water systems around the state to understand the potential range of the issue and how to adapt. OHA is also working on having communication materials ready in multiple languages for all industries.

Director Banks also discussed that Public Health Modernization has about \$45 million in the OHA budget (HB 5024) right now – this is not finalized yet, but the prospects are good. This is more than the GRB amount of \$30 million and is far more than we have received in previous sessions.



**CDC Grant Letter of Approval:** Andrea Hamberg (EH Committee Co-Chair) presented a letter of approval from the EH Committee to support OHA's application for the CDC BRACE Grant (Climate Change). This funding will bring needed resources to the state and to the local level.

**Motion:** Bob Dannenhoffer moved to support the letter. Philip Mason-Joyner seconded. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

**PE 01-10 Immunization Supplemental Funding:** Collette Young discussed supplemental funding for immunization available through the American Rescue Plan Act. This is an additional \$38 million for COVID-19 vaccine administration with 75% of funds supporting equity initiatives and 60% of funds supporting LPHAs, CBOs and Tribes. The spending period is between 07-01-2020 (so activities in the last year qualify) through 06-30-2024. There are no additional requirements, and these funds are in addition to funds already received. The funds will breakdown to about 63% total is going to local organizations (\$8 million to LPHAs, \$14 million to CBOs, and \$1 million to Tribes), and 37% staying with OHA for state-level initiatives. The CD Committee approved the \$8 million going to LPHAs to be run through the PHM funding formula.

**Motion:** The Communicable Disease Committee brought the recommendation to run the \$8 million for LPHAs through the Public Health Modernization funding formula for disbursement. Jessica Guernsey seconded. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

**CLHO CD Committee Update:** This item was not discussed as person listed to begin the discussion was unable to attend the meeting. Follow-up comments will be send out to the group and posted into the meeting materials.

**PE 51 – Public Health Modernization Discussion:** Florence Pourtal presented the work the S&I Committee has been doing on PE 51. The Committee is leading with PHM Foundational Capabilities and is trying to make the PE as simple as possible. The Committee is also working to make sure existing regional partnerships are honored. S&I hopes to have a completed PE to bring to the Board meeting next month. Lindsey Manfrin (committee member) shared that there is some great energy and enthusiasm around this work.



**OHA Proposal: Implementing Incentive and Matching Funds for 2021-23 and 2023-25:** Cara Biddlecom and Sara Beaudrault presented a proposal from OHA for how to track and disburse incentive and match funds in the 2023-25 Biennium and the 2025-27 Biennium. Oregon PHAB set a threshold of a \$15 million or more funding level to LPHAs to disburse the incentive and matching funds. Matching funds are awarded to LPHAs if they can demonstrate continued/increased local investment.

OHA's proposal is to collect data for matching and incentive funds in the 2021-23 biennium but to not include allocations in the current biennium. OHA would then include payments to LPHAs that meet the criteria, beginning in July 2023. OHA acknowledged that there will be challenges to collecting data since we are recovering from a pandemic, there are many funding streams to track, and PHAB is reviewing and changing the CD and EH accountability metrics. Danna Drum has been working on methods to collect data from LPHAs on this funding. OHA would like to know if CLHO members are supportive of tracking the baseline funding for matching and incentive funds for the 2021-23 biennium and use this data to inform the 2023-25 funding. OHA would also like to convene a workgroup to discuss this further (will likely meet around October).

Tricia Mortell voiced concern that going with the base now could lead LPHAs to hire staff that are not funded in the next biennium if the investment is not present. Bob Dannenhoffer (member of PHAB when matching funds were proposed) shared that the matching funds were meant to keep local governments investing in PH as well. Shane Sanderson asked for further information in the future about the logistics of the matching funds because matching at the state level often disadvantages counties with Boards that do not want to invest in PH.

This will be an ongoing conversation while OHA seeks some clarification on how the base funding is determined and begins convening a workgroup.

**BM 108 Funding:** Cara Biddlecom provided an update on plans for funding from BM 108. OHA went into consultation with the Tribes in spring 2021, and 20% of the revenue will go to Tribes for prevention. OHA has also convened a 20-person workgroup (representatives of RHECs and CBOs) to think through a framework for the remaining 80% of these funds. OHA would like to hear how administrators would like to engage going forward once this framework is developed,



Bob Dannenhoffer asked what LPHA administrators are/are not able to provide for feedback and engagement. Cara answered that OHA is open to discussing any options. Morgan Cowling stated that this will be important work going forward, and it will be important to involve LPHAs and braid this funding into current LPHA programs and initiatives.

Jessica Guernsey shared that she would like to discuss this as an administrator group with all the context of what the preliminary workgroup and Oregon PHAB (and local PHABs) are discussing. Tricia Mortell shared that this seems similar to the need for ongoing conversations with OHA, CBOs and LPHAs at the table so that there are not parallel tracks in our work. Jocelyn Warren stated that this is a great opportunity for the whole public health system to make some big strides in tobacco information. Morgan Cowling requested that OHA share information regularly with LPHAs going forward on when there are opportunities for engagement as this affects her ability to work effectively with tobacco control advocates in the legislature. Marlene Putnam asked about how AOC and other decision-makers will be involved. She reiterated that these are stakeholders who will need to be involved.

Cara finished up the discussion by agreeing to convene a group of LPHA administrators to keep the conversation going.

**TPEP Funding Awards:** Ashley Thirstrup gave a brief presentation on the changes to the 2021-23 Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP). The presentation is available in the meeting materials. Ashley Thirstrup provided her contact information for CLHO members to follow-up with questions.

**Vital Records RAC – CLHO Volunteer:** Morgan Cowling shared that the Vital Records RAC is looking for a CLHO member to sit on the Committee. They are meeting once on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11am. They will be discussing a new rule for \$0 fees for certificates in the event of a mandated emergency. Because this will have an impact on county revenue, they would like a county rep on this meeting. Philip Mason-Joyner volunteered to sit on the committee and requested that CLHO members that have thoughts on this rule change contact him with feedback. Jocelyn asked if Vital Records are represented in one of the CLHO Committees – Morgan Cowling stated that there isn't, and Jocelyn Warren said it could be worthwhile to investigate incorporating it into one of the committees.



**HIV 5-Year Plan:** Annick Benson shared an update about the HIV 5-Year Plan. This plan was developed from a two-year planning process with community in 2015-16. The Integrated HIV/Viral Hepatitis/STI Planning Group (IPG) includes members across various organizations and sectors. About 40% of this group is made up of people living with HIV or at-risk for HIV. This plan was approved by CDC and HRSA as matching with the national strategy. This program is now known as End HIV Oregon and is based on 4 pillars: 1) Testing is easy, 2) Prevention works, 3) Treatment saves lives and 4) Ending disparities. The program releases yearly progress reports which are available on their [website](#). As we are in year 5, End HIV Oregon is working with the IPG and CDC to extend this for another year due to COVID. Some current projects include:

- HIV Early Intervention Services: many LPHAs receive funding for these services, and it has increased testing and outreach across the state. The latest evaluation showed it to effectively connected folks to testing and treatment.
- Partnerships with Familias en Accion to increase outreach among the Latinx population
- At-home testing (implemented about one week before Governor's stay-at-home order).

The program is also always looking for more CBOs and partners to join – an application is on the website if any LPHAs know of community partners who would like to join.

One member asked if there was data on HIV trends for the last 10 years. Annick stated she would share that information with CLHO staff to distribute along with the fliers for onboarding new CBOs.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am**