



Conference of Local Health Officials

September 16, 2021

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 9:32am

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

Absent: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Rep, Lane

Members Present (x if present):

X Baker - Nancy Staten	X Jackson - Jackson Baures	X North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
X Benton – April Holland	X Jefferson - Mike Baker	X Polk - Jacqui Umstead
X Clackamas – Julie Albers	X Josephine – Shawn Martinez	X Tillamook – Cerisa Albrechtsen
X Clatsop – Margo Lalich	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
Columbia - Mike Paul	Lake - Judy Clarke	X Union - Carrie Brogoitti
X Coos - Anthony Arton	X Lane – Elizabeth Maxwell	X Washington – Marie Boman-Davis
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 - Kimberly Lindsey	X Marion - Katrina Rothenberger	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
X Harney - Nic Calvin	X Morrow – Nazario Rivera	X CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
X Hood River - Trish Elliot	Multnomah – Adelle Adams	X PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

Public Health Division: Danna Drum, Rachael Banks, Angie Albee, and Cate Wilcox

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Morgan Cowling and Laura Daily



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Guests: All invited guests are from OHA.

Minutes: Nic Calvin noted that the August minutes should label Shane Sanderson as the Medium County rep, not the Small County rep.

Motion: Bob Dannenhoffer moved to approve the August minutes. Florence Pourtal seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Appointments: Carrie Brogoitti made the following appointments:

To the CLHO Communicable Disease Committee

- Minarva Craig, NCPHD
- Joanna McCabe, Crook
- Tyra Jansson, Linn

To the CLHO Systems and Innovation Committee:

- Julie Hamilton, Clackamas

CBO-LPHA Workgroup – Rural Representative: Danna Drum reviewed that there is a CBO-LPHA Workgroup that will be meeting every other Monday starting next week for Modernization collaboration and planning. OHA and JLT would like to have more representation from rural/Eastern Oregon and would like to recruit a volunteer. Earlier this morning, OHA and JLT discussed potentially hiring a contractor to represent the rural local public health voice if there is no capacity.

Florence Pourtal asked about the purpose and time commitment. Danna answered that the purpose is to plan how the whole public health system will move forward together with the Modernization funding. The time commitment would be about 1 hour every other week. Sarah Poe and Mike Baker are both interested in participating. Mike Baker also stated that he dislikes the idea of a paid contractor to represent rural public health and has concerns about relying on CBOs to do public health work.



Triennial Reviews: Danna Drum discussed the proposal for a new approach to conducting Triennial Reviews during the pandemic. As cases began to decline early in the summer, OHA began working on getting Triennial Reviews started again but had to halt them with the Delta surge. OHA consulted the Systems and Innovation Committee to get ideas, and S&I suggested to have flexible and customizable Triennial Reviews for each department rather than just holding off on all reviews. This will include virtual formats, reviews of specific programs, extended timeframes, and delayed reports to County Commissioners until all issues are resolved. The exception is that WIC reviews will have to continue due to the FDA waiver. If CLHO members are in support of this, this process will begin in October.

Sarah Poe, Carrie Brogoitti and Margo Lulich all voiced support. No concerns were raised.

BM 109 - Psilocybin Services Act: Angie Albie provided an overview of the Oregon's current work on the BM 109 Psilocybin Services Act (slides available with meeting materials). Oregon Psilocybin Services is housed in the OHA-PHD and is currently in the process of determining regulatory requirements and licensing for providers wishing to administer psilocybin. Psilocybin can only be administered to people 21 or older in a licensed clinical setting for specific conditions. There is a Psilocybin Advisory Board with governor-appointed seats filled by public health professionals, health officer, and medical professionals. OHA will be convening Rules Advisory Committees next year. Local governments may decide to prohibit licenses and cannot pass taxes on these licenses. An important point is that this is not a recreational program – this is a common concern among people contacting Angie.

In the interest of time, no discussion or questions.

Family Connects Update: Cate Wilcox provided an update on Oregon's Universally-offered Home Visiting (UoHV) initiative (detailed slides available with meeting materials). The foundation of the program is to provide supports to all Oregon families and new parents by providing nurse home-visits to offer support and resources. The Family Connects Model is the evidence-based approach that Oregon is using and is based on community alignment, home-visiting, and data/monitoring.

There are 8 early adopters in Oregon; however, implementation has been impacted by COVID and has now been staggered based on local capacity. Since the first county's implementation, 86 families in Oregon have received



an initial visit from the Family Connects program. Looking forward, OHA is looking to add some new internal positions to manage and provide support to this program.

Lindsey Manfrin asked about the timeline from bringing on new Early Learning Hubs. Cate answered that they would like to anchor the early adopters and will likely put out a request for interest in about one year.

Florence Pourtal offered that Lincoln County is an early adopter and has learned quite a bit. The requirements of the program can be heavy, and there have been some challenges with getting private insurance to cover it. There is some confusion over who should be negotiating these things (LPHA or OHA). Shane Sanderson echoed these difficulties with insurance companies and stated that this program needs state leadership in working with insurance companies. Cate responded that OHA is working through these concerns. There have been some recent breakthroughs with insurance companies, and they anticipate being able to get the reimbursement rate up to \$1100.

Sarah Poe stated that the expectations increased Malheur County applied for Family Connects and that the county has barely held on to being an early adopter. She also offered that there seem to be some ways to have exceptions to the strict requirements but that they are impossible for many rural areas to meet because they require having someone with an MD or Masters provide supervision. She also thanked Cate and the OHA team for their work on this program through COVID and is interested to see the program flourish years down the road.

Katrina Rothenberger stated that the community alignment funding coming from the state has been helpful but that it will be challenging to continue once that funding goes away. Marion County can build it into their costs but if visits go down won't be able to pay the ELH for community alignment. Marion County would likely consider taking back the community alignment component if state funding is not available for it.

Cate answered some of these concerns by reiterating that having early adopters give the state a chance to learn and adapt before other counties join and that the OHA team is actively working on addressing the challenges that have popped up.



PE 51: Public Health Modernization Regional Funding: Danna Drum provided a brief update on the bridge funding for regional partnerships for Modernization that the Systems and Innovation Committee recommended and that the Board approved last month. This funding will largely keep the previous fiscal agent and will go through in October amendments.

No questions or discussion.

Public Health Modernization Implementation 2021 -23: Danna Drum provided an overview of the implementation of Public Health Modernization for the 2021-23 biennium (detailed slides available in meeting materials). With the new investment from the Oregon Legislature, LPHAs will receive \$33,484,623 over the biennium, Tribal health authorities will receive \$4,367,000 over the biennium, CBOs will receive \$10,000,000 over the biennium, and OHA will receive \$12,803,623.

No questions or discussion.

CLHO Annual Meeting: Elections and Committee Reports: Morgan Cowling reviewed that the Conference Annual Meeting will be in October. Elections will take place during this meeting. Any member can be nominated (either by someone else or themselves) for any of the positions in the Executive Committee. The exception is that the Small/Medium/Large County Reps must come from a county with the stated population sizes. Ballots will go out by email at the end of September, and CLHO will set up an online form to allow voting during the Annual Meeting if necessary. Nominations should be sent to Morgan though nominations can occur clear up until holding the vote at the meeting.

Committee Reports will also take place during the Annual Meeting. Typically, the co-chairs of each committee provide a written report. To reduce administrative burden, Morgan suggested that co-chairs who are able to attend the meeting and give a verbal report (using the template provided on the website) do not have to provide a written report.

No questions or discussion.



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Meeting Adjourned at 10:57am