



Conference of Local Health Officials

**November 18, 2021**

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

**Meeting Began: 9:32 AM**

**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):**

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| X Baker - Nancy Staten            | X Jackson - Jackson Baures      | X North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell |
| X Benton – April Holland          | Jefferson - Mike Baker          | X Polk - Jacqui Umstead                |
| X Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner | X Josephine – Janet Fredrickson | Tillamook - Marlene Putnam             |
| 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 – Brian Johnson          | X Washington – Marie Boman-Davis       |
| X Crook – Katie Plumb             | X Lincoln - Florence Pourtal    | X Wheeler - Shelby Thompson            |
| X Deschutes – Nahad Sadr-Azodi    | X Linn - Shane Sanderson        | X Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin            |
| X Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer      | Malheur - Sarah Poe             |  |
| X Grant – Jessica Winegar         | X Marion - Katrina Rothenberger | HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke                |
| X Harney - Nic Calvin             | Morrow – Nazario Rivera         | X CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara        |
| X Hood River - Trish Elliot       | X Multnomah – Adelle Adams      | X PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin               |

**Public Health Division:** Rachael Banks, Danna Drum, Sara Beaudrault, Sarah Wylie, Kusuma Madamala, and Margaret Braun

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



**Guests:** Ben Wood and Brittany Chen (Health Resources in Action)

**Motion:** Katrina Rothenberger moved to approve the October 2021 Conference minutes. Jennifer Little seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

## **Agenda Items**

**Appointments:** Carrie Brogiotti appointed the following people to Conference Committees:

A2CPS: Rylee Wetmore (Benton), Melissa Dorsey (Klamath), Martha McInnes (NCPHD) and Carole Boliou (Marion)

EH: Nicole Bailey (NCPHD) and Paula Grendel (NCPHD)

HPP: Kristen Slatt (NCPHD), Morgan Linder (Umatilla) and Susan Pinnock (Washington)

S&I: Shellie Campbell (NCPHD) and Alex Coleman (Washington)

**Health Resources in Action:** Sara Beaudrault introduced Ben Wood and Brittany Chen from Health Resources in Action (HRiA). HRiA is a non-profit public health organization focused on providing health equity support and capacity building to public health organizations across the country. They have been contracted by OHA to work with the Public Health Advisory Board for advancing health equity. Ben and Brittany provided a presentation (available in meeting materials) on HRiA's work in Oregon and their approach to health equity. HRiA is working with the OHA-PHD and PHAB and are planning to work with LPHAs next. HRiA is seeking do interviews with CLHO members in January and February. They would come back to the February CLHO meeting to present their findings and then develop and hold capacity-building sessions in April-May (based on feedback from CLHO members).

Florence Pourtal, Jennifer Little, and Lindsey Manfrin volunteered to be interviewed by HRiA. If others wish to be part of these conversations, Sara Beaudrault will connect them with HRiA.

**Survey Modernization:** Kusuma Madamala and Margaret Braun provided an overview of OHA's current survey modernization work (presentation available in meeting materials). This work is an attempt to move away from depending solely on Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and to incorporate other actionable and meaningful measures. This new approach uses Public Health Modernization foundational capabilities as a



framework and includes significant and meaningful collaboration with communities (with an emphasis on collaborating with Pacific Islander communities that are underrepresented in Oregon data). The goal is to have a plan for an update adult survey system by June 2021.

Bob Dannenhoffer asked if Oregon would still be able to get data from the Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings if Oregon is not using the BRFSS data. Margaret stated that the goal is not to get rid of the BRFSS entirely but rather to supplement BRFSS with additional data gathered from different models.

Philip Mason-Joyner asked if county-level epidemiologists and data analysts have opportunities to be involved since they would be able to provide the best feedback and can dig deep into the data better than administrators. Kusuma, Danna Drum, and Sara Beaudrault offered that the Conference meeting is likely not the best format for additional presentations on results and that they will schedule separate meetings and involve the appropriate local staff.

**Tobacco Retail Licensure:** Sarah Wylie provided an overview of the process for implementing statewide tobacco retail licensure (TRL) based on SB 587 which passed in the 2021 Legislative Session (presentation available in the meeting materials). TRL will go into place 01/01/2022 and will require all tobacco retailers to have a license either with the state (or with the county if there was a TRL in place prior to the statewide TRL). OHA will have 2 inspections a year – one that is educational and one with an undercover person under 21 attempting to buy tobacco products. OHA will be doing the bulk of the enforcement, but counties can opt into enforcing the TRL laws if desired and can enact additional protective measures (for example, Washington County passed a flavor ban this month). Department of Revenue (DOR) and OHA have both completed their rules advisory committee processes. DOR will begin issuing licenses in December 2021, and OHA/LPHAs will begin providing outreach and education. OHA and LPHAs will continue to collaborate into 2022 (a subcommittee has already been formed) and will work with CLHO to develop a program element to guide the process for counties who wish to handle enforcement. The rollout process for TRL has been complex with multiple RAC processes and multiple communication streams. Sarah asked if there were particular methods of communication LPHAs preferred for receiving updates about the TRL process.



Bob Dannenoffer asked about the funding from BM 108 and how that will factor in. Sarah Wylie stated that the TRL process and the funding from BM 108 will remain separate. Danna Drum also offered that there was a good conversation this morning at the Joint Leadership Team (JLT) and that JLT expressed a desire to continue conversations about the BM 108 funding and to wait on the CBO RFGA process so that they can see the landscape of this work and engage with community effectively.

Florence Pourtal asked for clarification on local enforcement. Sarah stated that OHA will handle the enforcement unless LPHAs opt-in but that the specifics/process are to-be-determined. \$953 is the current fee - \$230 will go to DOR and \$723 will go to OHA to maintain the program.

Due to time, other questions and feedback can be sent to Sarah at [SARAH.A.WYLIE@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:SARAH.A.WYLIE@dhsosha.state.or.us)

**2023-2025 Biennium Planning:** Sara Beaudrault discussed the planning that needs to go into the policy option packages (POPs) and legislative requests for the 2023-25 Legislative Session. This work starts with PHAB which will set the overall direction – this will start within the next couple of PHAB meetings. Once this is done, OHA will work with LPHAs to develop the more granular pieces. OHA will convene a JLT+ group to do this work as has been done in previous years. OHA will also be engaging with the CBO Advisory Board and the federally recognized tribes. This process should occur released in the first quarter of 2022 as OHA typically submits draft POPs in the spring..

Sara Beaudrault also discussed the Public Health Modernization funding formula. PHAB will be updating this funding formula, and the public health system needs to take a look at it to ensure that it is achieving our goal of eliminating health disparities and moves our indicators in the correct direction. This was discussed at JLT this morning and will be a continuing conversation.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 AM**