



December 16, 2021

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 11:06am

Executive Members:

Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer, Marion; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Absent: Nic Calvin, Small County Representative, Harney; Shane Sanderson, Medium County Representative, Linn

Members Present (x if present)

x 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	Josephine – Janet Federickson	Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
Clatsop - Margo Lalach	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 – Marie Boman-Davis
x Crook – Katie Plumb	x Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	x Wheeler – Shelby Thompson
x Deschutes – George Conway	Linn - Shane Sanderson	x Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
x Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	x Malheur - Sarah Poe	
x Grant – Jessica Winegar	x Marion - Katrina Rothenberger	x HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
Harney - Nic Calvin	Morrow – Nazario Rivera	x CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
Hood River - Trish Elliot	x Multnomah – Jessica Guernsey	x PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

Public Health Division: Danna Drum

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Laura Daily, Program Manager

Guests: Betty Bekemeier and Megan Rogers, NorthWest Center for Public Health Practice



Non-Agenda: Jocelyn Warren introduced Sarah Lochner as CLHO's new Executive Director and asked everyone to go around and share something they are looking forward to in the near future.

Motion: Florence Pourtal made a motion to approve the November 2021 minutes. Katrina Rothenberger seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion past.

Agenda Items

Appointments: None

PH WINS: Betty Bekemeier and Megan Rogers (NWCPHP) discussed the Public Health Workforce Interest and Needs Survey (PH WINS). This is a national survey going on right now through De Beaumont Foundation. The NWCPHP has been advocating to include medium and small health departments in this survey, and Region X is a pilot region for including smaller departments. Laura Daily shared that the deadline for the survey has been extended to January 14th. Betty shared a dashboard showing Oregon's progress – only two counties have met the benchmark so far to receive an individualized report. Megan reviewed that counties that have not met the benchmark will be grouped with other counties.

Jennifer Little asked which counties would be grouped together. Megan answered that it will depend on the end results of the survey but will likely be by county-size. Betty added that the NWCPHP can work with De Beaumont to tailor the regions in a way that will be the most helpful to Oregon and that the NWCPHP may be able to pull apart the data to be more helpful for LPHAs because of an existing MOU with De Beaumont.

Joe Fiumara asked about the timeline for results since the survey deadline has been pushed back – Megan said it would likely be in March. Betty also offered to come back in May or June to present on the results and analysis.

1115 Medicaid Waiver: Laura Daily presented an overview of the recommendations from the Legislative Committee for the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Application (both the draft recommendation letter and the presentation are included in the meeting materials). Laura briefly reviewed the new focus areas, goals, and strategies proposed in this application – there is a strong focus on advancing health equity by having CCOs contribute money to new Community Investment Collaboratives (CICs)



and by revamping the Quality Incentive Program to include a restructured Health Equity Quality Metrics Committee (which will chose what metrics are incentivized) and a set of upstream metrics.

Everything in this application is in line with public health values, but LPHAs are not named as a partner in the implementation of this work. This is concerning considering the crossover into public health work and the presence of multiple funding streams going into communities for health equity work without alignment. The recommendations from the Legislative Committee are to support the goals and strategies but request that CCOs and OHA collaborate with LPHAs during the implementation of these strategies. Specifically, the recommendations are to:

- Include LPHAs on the Community Investment Collaboratives to align efforts for investing in health equity
- While restructuring the Health Equity Quality Metrics Committee, add a seat for an LPHA representative

Several members asked about how people in custody would access coverage. Sarah Lochner answered that those in long-term custody would be able to reactivate OHP 90 days prior to release. Pat Luedtke asked about the methods for billing Medicaid and how he has some concerns over that with private entities who are contracted to manage county jails. Katrina Rothenberger added that it is very important for CLHO to watch this application and offer feedback because CLHO has done this historically and because CCOs are important partners.

Motion: The Legislative Committee has made a motion that these recommendations on the 1115 Medicaid Waiver be submitted to OHA. Jessica Winegar seconded. Unanimous vote, motion past.

After Action Report Legislative Concept: Sarah Lochner provided an overview of the Legislative Concept that Senator Steiner Hayward is putting forward for the 2022 Legislative Session. This bill would commission a COVID-19 After-Action Report on the local public health system that would be conducted by a third party. The initially proposed timeline for this was very tight, but Sarah met with Senator Steiner Hayward and managed to have this timeline extended to the end of 2022 – this allows the LPHA system more time and provides the Senator with a report on which to take action in the 2023 session. Sarah did not review the specific language of the bill because there are some suggested revisions already – a cleaned up version will go to the Legislative Committee in January. Sarah stated that it is important to consider the fiscal impact of this AAR on local public health authorities. Some of the larger counties may already be doing AARs which will make it a simple matter of handing the third-party this information. For smaller counties, this might be a heavier lift. Jackson Baures offered that it will mostly take up some staff time which shouldn't be too much of a financial burden.



Marie Boman-Davis asked about the timeframe for this AAR – is it looking at the time from the Emergency Declaration onward? Danna Drum answered that this is not yet laid out in the Legislative Concept.

Jennifer Little brought up the concern raised on the Legislative Committee with a third party conducting the AAR because they wouldn't be familiar with Oregon's public health system. She suggested that the bill require an advisory committee to help inform/guide the third party on the specifics of Oregon's public health system.

Danna Drum is the lead on getting the RFP out for this project and offered that the goal is to get the RFP in motion ASAP so that it can go out as soon as the bill is passed. Danna also brought up that different contractors might cover different aspects of the AAR because the scope is broad. Danna also addressed that Jennifer's idea of an advisory committee could be added into the scope of work.

Katrina suggested that we take our time with this report because the premise is that the LPHA system was not prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic. She also stated it will be interesting to see what comes of the AAR in the 2023 session.

Equity Conversation Check-in: Jocelyn Warren asked for a temperature check on the conversation around equity goals during the Conference.

Bob Dannenhoffer stated that it still felt vague and that he still wants a measure for health equity.

Katie Plumb added that the health disparities in her county are rooted in socioeconomic inequities more so than in race. Jocelyn Warren added that it's important for all LPHA administrators to be on the same page about leading with race. Katie Plumb agreed that leading with race is important but that health equity is complex and that it is helpful in rural counties to consider the full spectrum of health equity.

Sarah Poe added that she agreed with Katie and that it is very challenging to lead with race in her community because it can come across as blaming/shaming. Sarah stated that she is very open to additional training on how to address this. Jocelyn agreed that just approaching it with data can come across as blaming, and Marie Boman-Davis added that re-distributing power when it comes to data is important here and shared that the tri-county metro region just released a report as part of their Modernization work about how communities view working with governments as the dominant institution. Marie also asked about the multiple work groups and advisory committees in Oregon's public health system that are doing different



aspects of equity work and if it would be possible to map out how CLHO is connected to these committees. Danna Drum jumped in to say that there aren't connections to CLHO with all of these committees but that she can begin looking at that.

Jennifer Little asked about stratifying data by race/ethnicity and rural/urban to jumpstart some of this work. She also added that many rural counties do not have Epi capacity and tend to rely on OHA for this data. Katrina Rothenberger asked about using a learning collaborative model for advancing equity work and learning about power-sharing and data. Jocelyn closed out the meeting by saying that this will be an important ongoing conversation, and Danna stated that people would hear from her soon about a meeting time in January to continue this conversation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm.