



**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials**  
**Meeting Began: 11:15am**

**Executive Members:**

Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Katrina Rothenberger, Secretary/Treasurer and CLHO Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Marion; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Absent: Shane Sanderson, Medium County Representative, Linn; Nic Calvin, Small County Representative, Harney; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep

**Members Present (x if present)**

X	Baker - Nancy Staten	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures	X	North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
	Benton - April Holland		Jefferson - Mike Baker	X	Polk - Jacqui Umstead
X	Clackamas - Philip Mason-Joyner	X	Josephine – Janet Fredrickson	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
	Clatsop - Margo Lalach	X	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
	Columbia - Mike Paul	X	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
	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Malheur - Sarah Poe		
	Grant - Kimberly Lindsay	X	Marion - Katrina Rothenberger		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke
	Harney - Nic Calvin	X	Morrow – Nazario Rivera	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara
X	Hood River - Trish Elliot	X	Multnomah – Jessica Guernsey	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

**OHA Public Health Division:** Danna Drum

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



**Guests:** Betsy Boyd-Flynn (OAFP)

**Motion:** Philip Mason-Joyner made a motion to approve the December 2021 minutes. Marie Boman-Davis seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion past.

### **Agenda Items**

**Appointments:** Jocelyn Warren made the following appointments:

- Shannon Gima (Marion) to the Legislative Committee

**Oregon Academy of Family Physicians:** Betsy Boyd-Flynn (Executive Director of OAFP) introduced an opportunity where a cohort of OAFP physicians will be funded to work on a small project with their local public health authorities and health officers. The intent is for the physician to co-create a program with the HO and LPHA – this cohort of physicians will begin with loose ideas and collaborate to create a full project. The program will kick off next month, and physicians should be selected by March. Betsy offered to answer any questions or feedback.

Jocelyn Warren asked if Betsy has connected with the Health Officer's Caucus. Betsy says she has not but would love to be connected – Jocelyn will connect Betsy with Pat Luedtke.

Philip Mason Joyner and Jennifer Little both expressed interest and excitement in this idea. Jessica Guernsey added that she would be interested in focusing on COVID follow-up with this project.

George Conway stated that the counties that will benefit the most are likely the ones without much HO capacity. Jocelyn Warren asked if this was intended to be focused on the HOs or HAs as well. Betsy clarified that the intent is to connect with the whole agency. Betsy also addressed that this is their first attempt at this and that there will be a learning curve. Betsy added her email to the chat and asked for folks to reach out with questions or interest: [bbf@oafp.org](mailto:bbf@oafp.org)

**Legislative Committee Updates:** Sarah Lochner first shared some updates about the session. It will be largely virtual for lobbyists, and committee meetings will also be largely virtual. Sarah and Laura Daily then reviewed a series of recommendation from the Legislative Committee (slide deck in meeting materials). The Legislative Committee is



recommending:

- Support of LC 00097: This is Senator Steiner-Hayward's bill to contract with a third party to conduct a COVID After-Action Report. This bill has three major deadlines
  - Nov 1, 2022: Efficacy of PH response, coordination, resources, coordination, enforcement, messaging, health disparities. How modernization helped or hindered response.
  - April 1, 2023: Larger system analysis - roles of hospitals, LTC, LPH. Epi data, covid metrics. Workforce challenges.
  - Sept 1, 2023: Final findings and recommendations
- Support of the Family Connects Rate Change: OHA was seeking public comment on the medical component and bundled rates for services provided under the Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Program effective January 1, 2022. The Legislative Committee voted to support this at the 1/1/6/22 meeting, and the Executive Committee voted to support these comments via email since comments had to be submitted by 1/17/22. No action needed from the Board on this item.
- Support of the 2022 Early Childhood Coalition: This Coalition has 5 legislative concepts on their agenda and requested partners to indicate the general support, level of support for each item, and how important they believe the LC is for advancing racial equity.
  - Protect Child Care Providers in Rental Homes
  - Relief Nursery Wage Parity: Complete the Investment
  - Wage Parity for Healthy Families Oregon
  - Grow Early Childhood Equity Fund
  - Expand Access to Culturally Relevant, Inclusive, Developmentally Appropriate PreschoolThe Legislative Committee generally supports the agenda, supports but will not be actively involved in any of the concepts (though CLHO might offer support on the Childhood Equity Fund bill later in the session should capacity allow), and indicated that all of these concepts advance racial equity.
- Support the 2022 Children's Agenda: This coalition of partners has 12 concepts on their agenda. All partners are automatically signed onto the full agenda, but Our Children Oregon asked partners to indicate opposition or additional support for each individual concept.



- Protecting Oregon Workers from Climate Hazards and Disasters
- Protect Child Care Providers in Rental Homes
- Child Care For Oregon
- Homeless Youth Services Expansion & Homelessness Prevention
- Protecting Families from Foreclosure
- Healthy Families Oregon Wage Parity
- Racism is a Public Health Crisis
- Emergency Heat Relief
- Oregon Child Abuse Prevalence Study: Youth Voice
- Universal Representation
- Relief Nursery Wage Parity
- Invest in Community Violence Intervention Programs

The Legislative Committee generally supports the agenda, does not oppose any concepts, and indicates that CLHO might offer additional support and advocacy for three items that align with Public Health Modernization work: Protecting Oregon Workers from Climate Hazards and Disasters, Racism is a Public Health Crisis, and Emergency Heat Relief.

- Joe Fiumara commented that the Emergency Heat Relief bill will be very complicated and would be a heavy lift. Laura and Sarah clarified that CLHO does not have to offer additional support if capacity does not allow for it and large coalitions of organizations are supporting these concepts and will not go under if CLHO cannot offer support.
- Support Rep. Prusak's co-prescribing of naloxone bill: This requires pharmacists to offer naloxone to consumers who are filling opioid prescriptions.
- Support Rep. Schouten's Revision to the Indoor Clean Air Act: This increases no-smoking buffer from 10 feet to 25 feet

George A Conway asked if there were any chances of recommending resuscitation of HB 3063 (removing the philosophical and religious vaccination exemptions for school-aged children). Sarah Lochner stated that the vaccination bill isn't coming back this session but likely will in 2023.



**Motion:** The Legislative Committee has made a motion recommending that the Board support the above concepts. Florence Pourtal seconded. Unanimous vote, motion past.

**CLHO Quarterly Budget Review:** Sarah Lochner and Katrina Rothenberger (CLHO Treasurer) reviewed CLHO's quarterly budget balance. There are no major changes or surprises – CLHO is underspent in travel which is expected with CLHO staff not traveling to visit LPHAs. These documents are in CLHO's library: <https://oregonclho.org/member-library>

No other questions of comments from members.

**Workforce Report Overview:** Laura Daily provided an overview of the Workforce Report (slides in meeting materials). This report came from interviews from summer 2021 where CLHO staff asked about FTE, pay scales, and challenges and strategies for recruitment and retention. The purpose of this report changed over time and is now intended to establish a baseline for Oregon's LPHA FTE prior to Public Health Modernization investment, shed light on pay scales for Oregon's LPHA staff, document challenges and strategies in recruiting and retaining staff, and make recommendations for policy platforms and workforce development directions. Laura is currently verifying FTE, pay scales, and quotes with everyone via email. The next steps are to have several folks review the report to get a final draft (4 folks volunteered at a previous meeting), send out a final draft to members for review, convene a workgroup to help come up with recommendations, and approve the report for release at the February Coalition meeting. After that, CLHO has a number of partners with whom to share the report. Laura asked for questions, feedback, and volunteers for the workgroup.

Jennifer Little and Shane Sanderson previously volunteered for the workgroup via email. Florence Pourtal, Jessica Guernsey, Jocelyn Warren, and Stefanie Krupp all volunteered to be part of the workgroup during this meeting.

Danna Drum mentioned that the PHD MCH program is in midst of similar work with the Oregon Center for Nursing and that that can be a good place to integrate.

Philip Mason Joyner asked if this work will be leveraged to inform Senator Steiner Hayward's bill. Sarah Lochner answered that it likely won't inform that bill but can inform recommendations and legislation for the 2023 long session.



Florence Pourtal asked about working with public health academic institutions. Laura answered that this report will be shared with OHSU-PSU and OSU SPHs.

Danna Drum, Florence Pourtal, and Jocelyn Warren all stated that they are excited to read this report, and Marie Boman-Davis thanked CLHO for leading this effort.

**HRSA Public Health Workforce Development Grant:** Sarah Lochner reviewed a grant opportunity available through HRSA for rural public health workforce development (overview slide deck in meeting materials). This grant is ~\$1.5 million over a 3-year period. The purpose of this grant is to:

- To expand public health capacity by supporting health care job development, training, and placement in rural and tribal communities.
- To enhance clinical and operational capacity in order to adequately address the population health needs of rural communities.
- To address need for a trained public health workforce.
- To create or enhance educational opportunities, like certificate programs, to ensure the workforce is properly trained.

There are 4 main tracks for this grant – applicants can identify multiple tracks in their grant application.

- Community Health Worker Support
- Health IT
- Community Para-medicine
- Case management or Respiratory Therapists

The grant application is due March 18<sup>th</sup>, so this would be a fast turnaround time for CLHO. It also best to hire a contractor to help with the grant application because the Legislative Session is in February and both CLHO staff are already working at capacity. Sarah and Laura met with a contractor whose rate would be about \$6000 to complete the application. Sarah asked the group if they thought CLHO staff should pursue this opportunity or not, whether to hire a contractor if CLHO is pursuing this, and if anyone is willing to join a workgroup to support this application.

Joe Fiumara stated that Umatilla County reviewed this application and felt that it was more geared towards clinical and health care staff rather than public health.



Marie Boman-Davis saw how the CHW track would be applicable and would be willing to support the grant application. Florence Pourtal agreed and stated that Lincoln uses CHW a great deal. Jennifer Little also agreed and stated that Klamath has considered bringing CHWs on for WIC, clinical services, and health promotion work.

Katrina Rothenberger stated that Salem Hospital is one of the busiest hospitals in the state, and there are 100s of people unable to discharge because of lack of support and infrastructure. She agreed that the CHW track and the entire opportunity has some great community benefit and that she is excited for the opportunity.

Jocelyn Warren stated that she also saw some crossover with Leslie Gregory's work around mobile clinics in the paramedicine track and that this could be an opportunity to operationalize equity across public health departments. Jennifer Little agreed and stated that EMS folks are a major need in Klamath – the health department has leaned on them during COVID and they also participate in the county's infant mortality prevention work.

Katie Plumb offered that the OSU Center for Health Innovation may be doing some work on this and would be great partners.

Florence Pourtal stated that this is a big opportunity for Oregon and would prioritize this work.

Nahad Sadr-Azodi stated that \$1.5 million can be spread thin once distributed and that the group should think about how to leverage this into additional funds. Sarah Lochner offered that this funding could be a starting point and that CLHO can have a good foundation to advocate to the Oregon Legislature for additional funds in the 2023 session.

The group generally agreed that this is a good opportunity and that CLHO should apply. Nahad Sadr-Azodi, Florence Pourtal, Jocelyn Warren, Katie Plumb, Philip Mason-Joyner, and Jennifer Little all support having a contractor doing this work.

No motion or vote needed – CLHO staff will continue pursuing this and meet with the contractor again to formalize some plans. The contractor recommended having a go/no-go date of February 7<sup>th</sup> – CLHO staff will keep in touch about progress and whether plans are proceeding like they should by that date.

**CLHO Retreats:** Sarah Lochner and Laura Daily briefly discussed the CLHO retreats with the group. First, CLHO cancelled the virtual mini retreat scheduled for 1/12/22 due to the Omicron surge and LPHA capacity – CLHO staff would like to know if this should be rescheduled for February or if should be cancelled since our March spring retreat is coming up. Multiple people



were in favor of cancelling, and no one spoke up in favor of rescheduling. CLHO staff will not reschedule and will continue plans for the March retreat.

Next, Sarah Lochner reviewed some of the potential agenda items for the March 30-31<sup>st</sup> in-person retreat in Hood River. Some of the ideas are:

- Workforce Report Presentation and Next Steps
- Creative Staffing Solutions Panel / Discussion
  - Moving away from Nurses for non-clinical things
  - Using NACCHO ratio recommendations & creative funding for FTE
- Breakouts by county size or similarities around Modernization
  - Budgeting/Financials
  - Regional planning
  - Goals
- CHRR Grant Activities
  - Shared learning session on health equity strategies (1-2 hours)
  - Equity data gathering - how to

Florence Pourtal stated that she liked the way this potential agenda looked. Danna Drum reminded that there might be some program elements that need approval during the 31<sup>st</sup> Conference meeting and stated it would be good to encourage Conference subcommittees to take care of PEs in February if possible to lessen the load in March. CLHO staff will continue with planning the retreat with this agenda. Sarah also asked folks to email her their upbeat, motivational song for 2022 to create a playlist for the retreat.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.**