



Conference of Local Health Officials

February 17th, 2022

Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 9:32 AM

Executive Members: Present: Jocelyn Warren, CLHO Chair, Lane; 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: 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 – Philip Mason-Joyner	X	Josephine - Janet Fredrickson		Tillamook - Marlene Putnam
X	Clatsop – Margo Lalich	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		Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Shelby Thompson
X	Deschutes – Nahad Sadr-Azodi	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Malheur - Sarah Poe		
X	Grant – Kimberly Lindsay	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	X	Multnomah – Adelle Adams	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin

Public Health Division: Danna Drum, Sara Beaudrault, Anthony Nickerson, Tim Noe, Nadia Davidson, Sarah Wylie, Kate O'Donnell

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



Guests: Meenakshi Rao and Tim Wollerman, Department of Environmental Quality)

Motion: Katrina Rothenberger moved to approve the January 2022 minutes. Jennifer Little seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Appointments: Jocelyn Warren made the follow appointments:

- Sara Herd (Lincoln): Health Promotion and Prevention Committee

SBHC Program Funding: Kate O'Donnell shared some edits to PE 44 regarding the SBHC program. Recent ARPA funding revealed that it would be helpful to add additional language for one-time funding. Kate and Danna Drum worked on this language and borrowed from the immunization program to say that SCHC program will issue specific guidance when one-time funding is provided. The SBHC program is also interested in creating a workgroup made up of stakeholders (SBHCs providers and LPHAs who oversee local SBHCs) in order to review items like this.

Joe Fiumara asked if this was a change in practice or just a change in procedure. Kate clarified that this is a procedural change since this is essentially what the program has been doing and these PE changes are just formalizing it.

Jocelyn Warren asked about the timeline for the workgroup formation. Kate answered that this would happen in May or June when the school year is coming to a close.

Nahad Sadr-Azodi stated that Deschutes County is a pass-through county and asked if this means Deschutes County is eligible for one-time funding. Kate answered that pass-through counties typically have the contracted medical sponsor that would work with the LPHA to submit an application. Nahad also asked about if this one-time funding would be available to the LPHA to build up direct clinical services – Deschutes County might want to become more than pass-through since the pandemic showed how challenging it is for LPHAs to not have clinical services. Kate clarified that there is no one-time funding right now and that this is just planning for future, and she also stated that LPHAs have the first right-of-refusal which means there could be possibilities for the LPHA to use this funding.



Motion: Jessica Winegar made a motion to support the changes to PE 44. Philip Mason-Joyner seconded. Unanimous vote, motion passed.

Department of Environmental Quality Letter of Support: Tim Wollerman and Meenakshi Rao with DEQ discussed that they submitting to grant proposals for the EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring in Communities Grant program (due March 25th, \$20 million available for 50-70 grants). The goal is to leverage existing air quality monitoring expertise while also giving the community a voice in monitoring air quality and recommending solutions and to build a foundation of trusting relationships. DEQ looked at Oregon's air quality, including communities at highest risk for PM2.5, air toxics cumulative cancer risk, and air toxics emissions with acute risks and noxious odors. One of the proposals is to host lending libraries of low-cost air quality sensors, and the other proposal is to create a moveable air quality monitoring station. DEQ hopes to use this grant to partner with agencies and community for the community engagement and collaboration piece and plans to convene a community monitoring advisory group that will help shape the process and determine what the steps are once we have data. Bill Emminger (EH Committee co-chair) added that this is an opportunity that the EH Committee fully supports.

Katrina asked about radon monitoring and if that is part of this program. Meenakshi answered that OHA monitoring indoor air quality for hazards like radon while DEQ focuses on outdoor air quality.

Jennifer Little asked about how DEQ will decide who is able to get the sensors. Meenakshi stated that this is part of advisory group's role – they hope to lean on the experience and thoughts of this group to determine where the sensors may be best used.

Jocelyn asked if DEQ needs a letter of support from CLHO or from individual departments. Tim stated that a letter of support from CLHO as an organization is helpful but that individual departments could show local buy-in and strengthen the grant.

Shane asked about if this is looking at PM2.5 or all of the six air quality hazards. He also added that some counties might be hesitant to welcome the grant activities – they might enjoy the idea that DEQ will set up air monitoring but will be worried that it will lead to additional regulations. Tim and Meenakshi answered that this is focused on PM2.5 and that they understood local hesitancy. Their hope is that the advisory group made up of local stakeholders will help in this regard.

Motion: The Environmental Health Committee has made a motion to provide a letter of support to the Department of Environmental Quality for this grant application. Jennifer Little seconded. Unanimous vote, motion passed.



Tobacco Retail Licensure: Jocelyn Warren began this conversation by acknowledging that some of the tension around TRL might be coming from the confusion around BM 108 tax revenue and whether or not/when LPHAs will be receiving funding. She stated that JLT had a conversation about this – once OHA has reviewed and awarded funding to CBOs, there will be additional discussion around how/when LPHAs will receiving funding.

Sarah Wylie provided some more information on the process for TRL. Right now, Oregon is in the first step of policy implementation and support. The next step starts on 7/1/22 when enforcement begins. The default arrangement on 7/1/22 is that OHA provides all of the enforcement in locations without local TRLs. To calculate the remittance presented at the January meeting, OHA first reviewed local TRL fees and then determined how much OHA would need to retain to sustain the structure of the program. Sarah reviewed OHA's budget for the 18 months remaining in 2021-23 Biennial Budget for this program. The largest budget item is for personnel to ensure OHA has enough capacity to conduct all the inspections needed.

Sarah present some scenarios where counties opt-in and submit a budget rather than a standard reimbursement fees. In all scenarios, the overall licensing fee that retailers would pay would increase in order for LPHAs to receive a higher remittance. Local jurisdictions could impose additional fees to cover the cost of the program if desired. Sarah stated that one option would be to identify which counties would opt-in to local enforcement if the PE was acceptable and to convene workgroup to discuss this. Danna Drum shared a poll to gauge interest in opting in if the PE was acceptable (results: 5% yes, 35% not sure, 60% no).

Sarah Lochner added that the early adopter counties helped provide the Oregon Legislature with the foundation to pass a statewide TRL. Raising the cost of the fee could potentially damage our ability to work with retailers in the future.

Joe Fiumara stated that a previous local proposal was much lower than the current state fee, and the county and city governments still thought it would be too high. With this in mind, it would not be possible to add an additional local fee particularly when rural places with 1-2 retailers are worried that these retailers would close entirely rather than just stop selling tobacco products.

People who are interested in participating in a workgroup to explore options for this should contact Sarah Wylie:
SARAH.A.WYLIE@dhsosha.state.or.us



Healthier Together Oregon: Christy Hudson shared information about the Healthier Together Oregon (HTO) State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) developed in 2020 (slides in meeting materials). HTO is an alignment tool for OHA's 2030 Equity Goal, to reduce silos, and to be a communication tool. Jennifer Little is the LPHA liaison and helped identify some of the key strategies to begin the work. Christy also reviewed the HTO website. There is a page specifically for CHA/CHIPs, a GIS map tool of all the CHAs and CHIPs in Oregon, and a spreadsheet showing alignment of the CHAs/CHIPs in each area. She also shared resources and learning events available to LPHAs in developing their CHA/CHIPs.

Jocelyn Warren stated that she is eager to return to work on the CHA/CHIP work with some of the COVID work falling off. Members were also appreciative of the HTO website and the resources it offers. No other comments or questions at this time.

Public Health Modernization Funding Formula Survey: Sara Beaudrault shared an update on the PHM Funding Formula Survey. The response rate has been very low, and the survey closes at COB 2/18/22. Response rate from small counties have been very low. Bob Dannenhoffer stated that he is on the PHAB Incentives subcommittee and asked LPHAs to offer input to guide the committee's work. Sarah Lochner shared that raising the floor (one of the top suggestions so far) is a very viable way to increase LPHA capacity. Sarah Poe stated that she thinks the PHM funding is sufficient but that she is unable to hire people because the county won't increase pay and that her county leadership thinks that PHM funding is not permanent. Laura Daily shared that the challenge with raising pay is a major finding of the CLHO Workforce Report that will be discussed during the Coalition meeting shortly along with recommendations and potential solutions CLHO can pursue. Danna Drum also stated that OHA can work on communicating the stability of PHM funding to commissioners.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 AM