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Proposal: Dissolve the Public Health Supervisors Caucus (previously known as the Association of Oregon Public Health Nursing Supervisors, or AOPHNS)

Context: There are three caucus groups that each have a seat on the Conference of Local Health Officials and the Coalition of Local Health Officials Boards:

- The Health Officer's Caucus
- The Public Health Administrators of Oregon (PHAO) Caucus
- The Conference of Local Environmental Health Supervisors (CLEHS)

Up until 2019, the Association of Oregon Public Health Nursing Supervisors (AOPHNS) was a fourth caucus. A representative from AOPHNS had a seat on both CLHO Boards, and AOPHNS meetings provided an opportunity for nursing supervisors to collaborate, discuss challenges and issues related to public health nursing, and pursue training opportunities. This caucus stopped meeting in 2019 due to lack of capacity and leadership.

In January 2020, the CLHO Board reviewed and approved [a proposal](#) to change AOPHNS to a Public Health Supervisors Caucus open to public health supervisors in all programs. This was understood to be an opportunity for training and development of public health managers. This change was halted in March 2020 as LPHAs began responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in earnest.

Public health administrators reviewed this proposal at the June 2023 PHAO meeting. Administrators present agreed that the perspectives of this caucus would overlap significantly with PHAO. Administrators also agreed that a caucus is not the ideal venue for providing training/development opportunities for public health supervisors. Because PHAO already represents a leadership perspective on the Conference and Coalition Boards and because CLHO is working with partners to develop more opportunities for training and development, PHAO agreed that the Public Health Supervisors Caucus be dissolved (did not take an official vote).

Action Steps Today:

- Motion, second, and vote from the Conference of Local Health Officials to dissolve the Public Health Supervisors Caucus.
 - If approved, CLHO staff will work with the Conference Bylaws Workgroup to remove this caucus from the Conference of Local Health Officials Bylaws
- Motion, second, and vote from the Coalition of Local Health Officials to dissolve the Public Health Supervisors Caucus.
 - If approved, CLHO staff will work with the Executive Committee to remove this caucus from the Coalition of Local Health Officials Bylaws

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