



Conference of Local Health Officials Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2023

During the Annual Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials in October, the six subcommittees review their work from the past year, discuss future work, and present any needs for support or additional representation.

Co-Chairs: please provide the answers to the following questions in writing and send it to laura@oregonclho.org by October 6th. In addition, please plan on attending the October 29th, 2023 CLHO meeting to provide a brief (~5-minute) summary of this information. If neither chair can attend, please arrange to have another committee member attend to provide this report. Reach out to Laura with any concerns.

Committee: Environmental Health

Co-Chairs: Andrea Hamberg (Multnomah County) and Kathleen Johnson (Washington County)

- 1) What is the purpose of your committee (please include the issues that are within your committee's purview)?

To provide guidance and recommendations for areas related environmental health regulations; licensing and inspections; planning and assessments related to environmental public health; development of environmental public health policy and programs; promotion and outreach around mitigating environmental health risks, and consultation. Including:

- Drinking water
- EH IGA
- Domestic Well Safety
- PH modernization- Climate and Health
- Brownfield assessment and redevelopment
- Lead

- 2) Has your committee met during the last year? If yes, what topics did your committee address?

Yes, the committee meets once monthly. Topics the committee has addressed include:

- HealthSpace and HealthSpace cloud issues
- Remittance letters and fees
- Climate and health adaptation planning
- Water quality including domestic well safety, harmful algal blooms
- OHA program staffing
- Cooling resources from OHA (portable AC units) and ODOE (residential heat pumps)
- Plan review for mobile units
- Statewide EH health indicators and accountability metrics



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- **Legislative issues and policy option packages**

- 3) How has your committee discussed or incorporated Public Health Modernization as it pertains to your committee's objectives?

The committee discusses and reviews non-regulatory areas of work such as Healthy Home programs, lead screening questionnaires and investigative guidelines, climate and health adaptation planning, and water quality issues such as harmful algal blooms and cyanotoxins, to name a few.

- 4) When the CLHO Committees were restructured in 2018, each committee was asked to develop a charter and work plan. How are those materials working for your committee? Are you meeting your work plan objectives?

Co-chairs reviewed the charter the in spring and use it to develop agenda topics. The charter focuses on expanding environmental health work to meet the work outlined in PHM; that has been the focus of committee work for the past year.

- 5) How are you sharing meeting materials with committee members?

OHA support staff sends out meeting materials to the regularly updated committee member email list.

- 6) How are you ensuring the CLHO Board (i.e. health administrators) receive relevant updates from your committee?

Sara Lochner is on our committee email list and gets meeting minutes. We email key items directly to Sara. We ask members to reach out to their health administrators on key issues.

- 7) Is there anything else you'd like to share with the other committees or the CLHO Board?

The CLHO EH committee is a space where local health department staff working in areas related to regulatory EH, climate and health and other non-regulatory EH areas can learn, discuss, and provide direction on current and emerging areas of work.

- 8) Please check the [CLHO website](#) to see if the list of your committee members is accurate. If there are any changes needed, please include those below. Please note if you need any additional members from small, medium or large LPHAs, or Administrators.

☒ The CLHO website list looks accurate.

☐ The CLHO website needs the following updates:

☐ This committee needs the following representation (list county names, size, or if administrators are needed):

Additional Needs:

We ask that any LPHA that has staff that are working on climate change adaptation encourage and support them to participate in this committee.