



February 15, 2024, Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Minutes recorded by Laura Daily ([video recording available to CLHO members upon request](#))

Reviewed by Secretary/Treasurer Philip Mason-Joyner (3/20/2024)

Approved March 21, 2024

Chair Naomi Biggs called meeting to order at 11:45 AM PST and requested roll call. Vice-Chair Carrie Brogoitti conducted roll call:

Members Present (x if present):

X	Baker – Meghan Chancey	X	Hood River - Trish Elliot		Multnomah – Andrea Hamberg
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures*	X	North Central PHD - Shellie Campbell
X	Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner*	X	Jefferson - Mike Baker	X	Polk – Naomi Biggs*
X	Clatsop – Jiancheng Huang	X	Josephine – Janet Fredrickson		Tillamook – Marlene Putman
X	Columbia – Jaime Aanensen	X	Klamath – Jessica Dale	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
X	Coos – Kathy Cooley		Lake - Judy Clarke	X	Union - Carrie Brogoitti*
X	Crook – Katie Plumb*	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren*	X	Washington – Folu Adeniyi
	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner		Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Shelby Thompson
	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer		Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
X	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson	X	Malheur - Sarah Poe		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Jessica Winegar	X	Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*
	Harney – Kelly Singhose		Morrow – Robin Canaday	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*

*Member of the Executive Committee

Coalition of Local Health Officials Staff Present: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Laura Daily, Program Manager; Kate Szrom, Rural Communications Coordinator

Public Health Division Staff Present: Danna Drum, Tim Noe, Tatiana Dierwechter



Guests Present: Steve Fiala

Quorum established. Naomi reviewed the agenda and requested a motion to approve the January 2024 minutes.

Motion: Mike moved to approve the January 2024 minutes. Jackson seconded the motion. 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Appointments: Naomi made the follow appointments:

Workforce Development Committee: Elizabeth Miglioretto (Lane)

Legislative Committee: Richard Bruno (Health Officer Caucus)

Announcements:

- Shellie Campbell shared that she is retiring 05/31/24. She expressed gratitude for this group and the years she's worked with everyone and will share the job posting once it goes up.
- Sarah shared CLHO's April 18th meetings will be in-person in Salem (AOC has offered us their conference room). The morning will be spent with Felis Peralta to develop group practices for our meetings. We will hold the Conference and Coalition Board meetings in the afternoon with Felis present to help facilitate (we will still be done by 2:30 or 3pm).

Legislative Committee Recommendations: Sarah reviewed recommendations from the Legislative Committee:

HB 4150: Would notify docs regarding patients who overdosed due to a prescription written by said doc issued in the last 6 months. Hearing held on 2/5 and no opposition was voiced. Bipartisan. Recommend Support at a Priority 3 (lowest level of support, would put our logo on a 1-pager). Passed House Floor 59-1. Headed to the Senate.

No discussion at this time.

Motion: The Legislative Committee has made a recommendation to support HB 4150 at a Priority 3 (motion and second). 0 nays, 1 abstention (Malheur), all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

HB 1503: Task Force on Gun Violence and Suicide - -3 amendment posted. Specifies membership and includes OHA. President Wagner/Speaker Rayfield bill, with Sen. Hansell bringing the bipartisanship. Hearing held on 2/7 and quite a lot of



citizens submitted testimony both for and against. Scheduled for a work session on 2/15. Recommend Support at a Priority 3 (lowest level, would put our logo on a 1-pager). Passed out of committee on party-line vote; headed to WM.

Discussion: Taskforce is open to many topics (include rural suicide, youth suicide, protective orders, etc.). Stacy shared that Oregon is one of the few states that has the authorization to use Medicaid dollars to reduce gun violence.

Motion: The Legislative Committee has made a recommendation to support HB 1503 at a Priority 3 (motion and second). 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

SB 1506: Extends Pharmacists' ability to test and treat Covid through 6/30/26. Hearing held on 2/7, no opposition was voiced. Recommend Support at a Priority 3 (lowest level, would put our logo on a 1-pager). Scheduled for a committee vote.

Discussion: Sarah's understanding is that this bill doesn't change anything that is currently happening – it only extend the timeframe.

Motion: The Legislative Committee has made a recommendation to support HB 1506 at a Priority 3 (motion and second). 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Legislative Session Update: Tatianna Dierwechter (OHA) provided an update on primary prevention funding. Tatianna presented to the Addictions and Community Safety Response Committee on primary prevention as they consider BM 110 reforms. The request is for \$12 million annually (which differs from CLHO's request of about \$20 million annually). Tatianna described how OHA arrived at this - HB 5006 was a budget note following the 2023 session to assess all substance use disorder investments across the continuum. OHA has hired a contractor to do this analysis, and they arrived at a funding request based on having an overdose prevention coordinator present in every county/contractor for overdose prevention work (based on county/contractor budgets and workplans – used as a proxy to explain this to legislators). The contractor is still completing the assessment but may release a preliminary report because there is a lot of interest in this.

Discussion: Prevention coordinators were defined as TPEP, ADPEP, and Overdose Primary Prevention for the purposes of OHA's assessment, but TPEP was not considered at part of the funding request because TPEP is funded through BM 108. Board members requested that funding be designated for public health or at least evidence-based funding and how even counties with FTE dedicated to this are struggling under demand. Sarah also advised members to talk with their county commissioners early



Pat Luedtke requested time to discuss HB 4121 – this bill directs the OLCC (in partnership with the State Police) to map cannabis production sites. Pat is interested in having public health connected with this effort (particularly having access to the map and data). Sarah stated this has not come up in the Legislative Committee but she can check with OLCC staff about this bill.

Sarah also reviewed several bills of interest that are moving.

- Nurse-Family Partnership, EMS Modernization, and the pharmacists test and treat extension have all moved out of committee.
- The Medical Examiner’s Taskforce bill brought by Washington County was supported by OSP and passed the House floor yesterday.
- Several bills have become spicier than expected.
 - CLHO supports HB 4093 requiring the OLCC to have at least one member with a public health background, but the alcohol lobby has been on high alert and is pushing back. Sarah asked for anyone with legislators on the Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee to reach out if they are interested in testifying or speaking with their legislators.
 - CLHO also supports HB 4071 which would provide a temporary license to health providers licensed in another state when they move to Oregon to address delays among licensing boards. Several amendments have been introduced: -1 moves this to a taskforce, and -2 and -3 adds Oregon to several state compacts for licensing. -2 and -3 are likely non-starters, but the bill did get a public hearing and work session before the deadline.
- Rep Reynolds is getting ready for 2025 and has put forth a “Mombibus” package that will work on improving prenatal care, substance use disorder treatment, expansion of doula care, increasing culturally specific services, and promoting early relational health. There will be a workgroup to develop this package, and Sarah asked for volunteers to provide the public health lens. Stacy asked if affordable child care is included – Sarah can find that out. Jocelyn Warren and Erika Zoller will participate.

CBO Resolution: Laura presented the revised CBO Resolution developed by a final workgroup in January.



“The public health system in Oregon is a robust partnership that includes governmental public health, community-based organizations, and many other partners. CLHO stands in strong support of a diverse public health system, that includes community-based organizations, leading us towards greater health equity together. With meaningful collaboration, this system builds on strengths to best respond to the unique needs of all communities.”

Discussion: The intent is for this to go on CLHO’s website along with our health equity statement as both a statement of our desire to work with CBO partners and to keep us accountable. It will also pair with work Laura is doing around transformative narratives with a small group of LPHA, OHA, and CBO folks (project funded by CHRR).

Motion: Jackson made a motion to approve the CBO Resolution statement. Pat seconded. 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Workforce Development Updates: Laura provided an update on Workforce Development activities.

- The new Workforce Development Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month – February’s meeting was focused on the CLHO Workforce Report 2.0. The Committee is up to 7 members and is continuing to recruit, and there is a spot in the CLHO library for committee materials (newly approved workplan is available there).
- The Committee is also tracking Public Health System Workforce Workgroup under PHAB. This group is developing the Public Health System Workforce Development Plan by June 2025 (Modernization deliverable for OHA). The workgroup is currently advising WYSAC: Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (UofW) as the contractor conducting the analysis of the existing workforce and capacity. This will be ongoing through September (lengthened timeline). The second phase – the actual development of the plan - will begin in fall. Laura and several Workforce Development Committee members are on this workgroup, and they will keep the committee and CLHO Board updated.
- The Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network (ORPRN) at OHSU is conducting interviews to understand how they can design their MPH program to be accessible to people in rural Oregon. They would like to interview: potential students working/living in rural Oregon and alumni of the OHSU-PSU SPH working/living in rural Oregon. Interviewees will receive a \$25 gift card. Laura asked for this to be shared with LPHA staff who are interested in pursuing an MPH.
- Sarah shared that CLHO has hired a Workforce Liaison and Recruiter through the Kaiser Permanente grant. This person will start next week. This grant also pays for the development of three videos promoting public health jobs in Oregon. The WFD Committee and the CLHO Board will have input into these videos.



CBO Funding Evaluation Focus Groups: Steven Fiala (with OHA-PHD but joining us today as a student of the Health Systems and Policy PhD program) reviewed his dissertation project focused on Public Health Modernization.

- His research question is “*What factors of cross-sector alignment impede or facilitate collaboration among state and local governmental public health and communities to advance health equity?*”
- The aims of the study are:
 - Characterize the degree to which factors of cross-sector alignment are currently fulfilled.
 - Compare similarities and differences in how partners perceive factors of cross-sector alignment.
 - Explore perceived roles of each partner in advancing health equity.
- Design and Methods:
 - Aim 1 & 2 will be achieved through qualitative focus groups based on a “Framework for Aligning Sectors”.
 - Two focus groups per group (OHA-PHD staff, LPHAs, and CBOs) with 6-8 participants each. One LPHA focus group will be focused on rural/frontier counties and the other on urban counties.
 - Aim 3 will be achieved through a quantitative Delphi Survey – this survey series is meant to develop consensus across groups. Survey #1 will generate agreement around general roles of partners, Survey #2 will rate roles by level of importance in advancing health equity, and Survey #3 will allow participants to rank roles for each partner.
- Timeline: Recruitment for the focus groups and surveys will begin in early March-April, and Steven plans to do a session for partners to review findings in June before it goes through final committee review.

Discussion: Steven is only providing information today because IRB is not completed (recruitment cannot begin until then). Board members expressed appreciation for this approach and for this academic interest in public health practice. They also offered to recommend CBO participants. Steven asked people to reach out if they have questions or suggestions on his approach: sfiala@pdx.edu

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 PM PST.