



## March 21, 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

Approved April 18, 2024

Chair Naomi Biggs called meeting to order at 11:50 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
	Benton – April Holland	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 -	X	Tillamook – Rockie Phillips
X	Columbia – Jaime Aanensen	X	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
X	Coos – Tim Lynch	X	Lake - Judy Clarke	X	Union - Carrie Brogoitti*
X	Crook – Katie Plumb*	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren*	X	Washington – Folu Adeniyi
	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner	X	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Shelby Thompson
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
X	Gilliam – Hollie Winslow	X	Malheur - Sarah Poe	X	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Trey Thompson	X	Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*
X	Harney – Kelly Singhose		Morrow – Robin Canaday	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*

\*Member of the Executive Committee

**Public Health Division Staff Present:** Danna Drum, Kirsten Aird, Scott Lee, Eric Miller

**Coalition of Local Health Officials Staff Present:** Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Laura Daily, Program Manager; Jenny Rudolph, Public Health Workforce Liaison

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



**Motion:** Sarah moved to approve the February 2024 minutes. Jaime seconded the motion. 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

**Appointments:** Naomi appointed Andrea Hamberg and Augusta Herman (both Multnomah) to the CLHO Workforce Development Committee.

**Group Agreements Prep Questions:** Naomi and Laura reviewed that the Board will work with Felis Peralta at the in-person April meeting to develop group agreements. To prepare, Felis asked us to collect “What is something you value in relationships?” from Board members. Laura shared link to a Mentimeter to collect this and to share with Felis.

**LPHA Input on OHA-PHD Director:** Kirstin Aird (OHA-PHD) and Scott Lee and Eric Miller (OHA Human Resources) asked for input from CLHO members on hiring the new OHA-PHD Directors. First, what are the biggest issues facing public health in Oregon. And second, what leadership qualities do CLHO members want the new OHA-PHD Director to have given those issues? Kirsten asked people to unmute and share or chat Laura (who will share responses with Kirsten).

*Discussion:* Board members discussed the importance of having someone with on-the-ground experience; a rural AND national perspective; experience in leading change at big organizations; understanding of the diversity of experiences and communities across Oregon; a systems perspective and a vision for Modernization; understanding of Modernization and the governmental statutory requirements of LPHAs; and a desire to advocate for public health. Board also discussed the importance of having someone who is collaborative, a good listener, will engage authentically, stands by their decisions when it matters, the courage to make bold decisions, and someone who is data-driven.

Kirsten shared that the position has just closed. She asked how CLHO members want to be involved in the process. PHAB has already suggested that LPHAs be involved in the interview panels.

*Discussion:* Board members asked for clarity around timelines so they know when they can participate. Board also discussed the minimum requirements for the position and the need for this person to understand and have experience in public health practice on-the-ground. Kirsten will compile this information and share it with OHA leadership that is overseeing the process. She left it to CLHO members to discuss and decide who they want from among LPHAs to be involved in the process.



**Legislative Session Update:** Naomi skipped this item for time (updates have been shared via email).

**Budget Modification:** Sarah reviewed two small modifications to CLHO's budget. Neither of these items would require CLHO spend more money than originally budgeted. CLHO is underspent on several line items and can move funds around to cover these costs if the Board approves.

- CLHO received a County Health Rankings and Roadmap grant for \$4900. Laura led a cohort of LPHA, OHA, and CBO representatives through a transformative narratives process, and 5 participants requested reimbursement at \$40/hour for a total of \$1380. The grant will cover this, but Sarah needs budget authority to issue these payments.
- The National Network for Public Health Institutes Conference is in New Orleans in May. CLHO's Healthy Rural Oregon staff will be presenting at the Conference, and the program has interesting workforce development sessions. Sarah reviewed that the cost of the conference is expensive (\$2665), so only Laura would be going – there is still \$1000 left in the National Travel line item, so Sarah is requesting to move \$1700 for the lobbying line item into National Travel to cover the cost of the conference.

**Motion:** Florence made a motion to approve these two budget modifications. Katie seconded. 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

**Public Mental Health:** Jocelyn shared her interest in exploring prevention in mental health and taking a population perspective towards mental health. Examples of programs that touch on this are Nurse-Family Partnership, Family Connects, and a new initiative called Behavioral Health 360 through NACCHO.

*Discussion:* Board members expressed interest in having further conversations about this. This is an opportunity to demonstrate all the unfunded areas of work that public health does intersecting with behavioral health. BH360 is promising (particularly for public health workforce wellness and burnout), but apps can't be the whole solution. A public health approach can help move us from response to prevention to the serious issues in our community.

Recommendations shared for several books: *Weathering* by Arline T Geronimus and works by Bob Doppelt. People who are interested in participating: Jennifer, Jiancheng, Katie, Sarah, Florence, Lindsey, Carrie, Naomi, and Trish. Jocelyn will reach out to schedule something.

**Reminders and Announcements:** Sarah reviewed several important dates for people to mark on their calendars.

- April 18 CLHO Day - Salem



- Sept 16-18 CLHO Retreat – Newport
- Sept 26 - EO Health Equity Conference – Ontario
- Nov 21 CLHO Day – Eugene

*Discussion:* Alternative schedule for April 18<sup>th</sup> moves the Conference and Coalition meetings to late-morning and early afternoon – Laura will update the calendar invites shortly. Laura also sent out an RSVP via email this week for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting – please fill that out to place your lunch order and so we can plan the space.

Pat shared the Health Officer's Caucus is planning to do a get-together at OR-Epi with chocolate, cheese, wine (there will be spit buckets for those who don't want to consume alcohol), and other snacks. He asked for input on which day to do it and invited everyone to attend.

Sarah P. invited Eastern Oregon folks to the EO Health Equity Conference planning meetings. These are held virtually, and anyone in Eastern Oregon is welcome to attend and help with the conference.

Florence asked for time at a future meeting to discuss engagement with OHA and legislative priorities. Naomi and Sarah shared that they are planning this for future meetings so we will be ready once OHA is ready to engage. Joe shared that DEQ has already received direction from the Governor's Office on their budget priorities – Danna shared that the Governor's Office is working through thousands of requests is likely getting to the different state agencies at different times.

Jennifer shared three updates:

- Klamath County's Health Equity Coordinators is hosting a Health Equity Community of Practice. Email Jennifer to get your county connected.
- Jennifer is the CLHO representative on the Local Government Advisory Council (LGAC) and tries to send the minutes out after each meeting. She is happy to take suggestions and questions from people.
- County Health Rankings and Roadmap was released yesterday – they are no longer providing ranks for counties and now have a continuum. Just be aware as you get media requests.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 PM PST.**