

The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials

CLHO Legislative Committee Recommendation to the CLHO Board

Rethink the Drink

Background:

The Oregon Health Authority Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Section (HPCDP) asked CLHO to sign on as a partner for the Rethink the Drink (RTD) Campaign. RTD, launched in June 2022, is a mass media campaign meant "to decrease excessive drinking and the harm it causes individuals, families and communities throughout our state." Multiple LPHAs are currently listed as partners on the website. CLHO and LPHAs have used RTD resources and materials on their social media and other communication channels.

Recommendation

The CLHO Legislative Committee recommends that CLHO support the Rethink the Drink Campaign because alcohol use disorder is a rising concern and requires coordinated efforts across the public health system.

Attendees:

Armando Jimenez, Tom Kuhn, Richard Bruno, Jackson Baures, Elisabeth Maxwell, Madelyn Hiner, Marie Boman-Daivs, Bill Michielsen

Discussion:

The committee discussed the challenges of pushing back against the alcohol industry. However, this campaign is not focused on the alcohol industry - it is focused on individuals' choices around alcohol use. The Committee also discussed the need for public health capacity for this coordinated work on substance use. See notes for more details.

Vote Count

Votes in favor: all Votes against: 0 Abstentions: 0