



CLHO Communicable Disease Committee Minutes


Friday, July 12th, 2024

10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item	Detail	Presenter	Action
Welcome and Roll Call	Quorum is 50% +1 of committee membership Quorum met	Jackson Baures	
Approve minutes	Discuss any needed changes. Move to approve. North Central moved to approve the June minutes Multnomah County seconded.	Jackson Baures	Minutes approved
Health Officer Back Up	<p>Health Officer Backup – Strategies for finding HO backup support from other counties and/or OHA</p> <p>There was discussion centering on how counties handle covering for when their health officer is out. Some strategies other counties have turned to included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The health officers from the tri counties provide back up for each other through a contract allowing the authorization of the three counties. • Jackson Co. has some liability issues but does have a backup deputy HO in place. • Cessa (OHA Director's Office) noted that OHA cannot provide health officer coverage, and that counties must make arrangements themselves to cover for the absence. Cessa can assist with problem-solving in these cases. • North Central lost their HO last year, so they hired a deputy HO and the Hood River HO. The deputy trained for a year, and is now transitioning to HO. They are working on a reciprocity agreement so each jurisdiction can provide back up to the other. • Some neighboring counties have HOs with widely varying degrees of involvement. They would like to see improved standardization regarding the HO and consideration for allowing nurse practitioners to help in that role. It is also difficult to secure an MD as a HO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cessa noted this requirement is legislated. The Oregon Revised Statute for health officers is 431.418 • Marion works with Benton county for coverage. • Lane has an Associate Medical Officer. • Polk County has the same HO as Marion • OHA and the epis have been great to work with. 	Rita Bacho	
Viral Hepatitis Team survey	<p>Viral Hepatitis Team Technical Survey</p> <p>Ann would like feedback on what kind of technical assistance OHA can provide to support the counties. She shared a link to submit a short survey. It is a one-time survey, and she will get back to counties with the results and to discuss opportunities, implementation.</p>	Ann Chakwin, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator, OHA	Jackson Baures: Send out survey link to CLHO-CD members.

	<p>Please complete it by the end of July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson will be send out the link to CLHO-CD members. • Can staff do the survey? This would result in more that one response per county. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jackson will follow up with Ann. <p>*update July 15: Ann responded that multiple individuals from a county could complete the OHA Viral Hepatitis Technical Assistance Survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/22PNTT6).</p>		<p>Follow up with Ann if staff can complete the survey*</p>
Multi-jurisdictional outbreaks	<p>Multi-jurisdictional outbreaks or cases in multiple jurisdictions (such as measles), confirmation about who would take the lead (LHD vs. OHA), cadence of meetings, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abigail reported that this topic came up at a regional meeting. They would like standardization on how calls are conducted, setting agendas, cadence, etc. They would also like minutes or action items for the county/OHA and standardization of how those are done, similar to ICS structure, followed by an after-action report. • This came up recently with the shellfish intoxication and measles outbreaks. • Dr. Paul Cieslak (OHA) responded that the Outbreak Investigative Guidelines outline the roles of LPHAs and on page 9 there is an algorithm for who takes the lead and when. Ideally there is a lot of collaboration between state and county. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGCOMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGGUIDELINES/Documents/outbreak-investigations.pdf • In terms of cadence of meetings, that can be determined at the onset of each outbreak investigation, as some require more frequent meetings than others. • Alison Goldstein noted that her team does surveillance for HIV/STI. In the case of outbreaks, they contact the counties, share information, determine what response is needed, and follow the outbreak plans. The IMT structure is a last resort. Resources are available to assist at the local level. • Lee Peters noted some outbreaks are more time sensitive in Acute and Communicable Disease (ACDP), and necessitate acting more quickly, so the response time and action timeline might look different which may impact the cadence of meetings. Improvements could be made around the facilitation of meetings, documenting action items and who is responsible across the different counties. Turning to an ICS is last resort as it uses a lot of resources. 	Abigail Gray	
HAI update	<p>Infection Control Break</p> <p>Lex reported that the Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) program has been working with Legacy and Providence on an infection control breach that is tied to one anesthesiologist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appeared in the news July 11th. Both healthcare systems have released public statements. • Also on July 11th, Lex sent out a script to all counties that they can use if they get phone calls. In addition, Lex and her team will 	Lex Zhang, Healthcare Associated Infections program manager, OHA	<p>Contact Lex Zhang for the script or for more assistance: alexia.y.zheng@oha.oregon.gov</p>



	<p>follow up with individual counties who may have patients who are receiving notification letters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please contact Lex if you have any questions or need more assistance.• If you did not receive the script, let Lex know and she will get it to you.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lincoln county did not receive the script○ Columbia county would like the script			971-271-0017
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Next meeting: August 2, 2024 10:05 – 11:00 am				
Co-Chair: Jackson Baures		Co-Chair: TBD		
Public Health Division HST: Alison Goldstein, alison.goldstein@odhsosha.oregon.gov Immunization: Rex Larsen, rex.a.larsen@oha.oregon.gov ACDP: Lee Peters, lee.r.peters@oha.oregon.gov Administrative Support: Jennifer Brown, jennifer.l.brown@oha.oregon.gov				

Roll Call:

County/LPHA	Name	X if present
Benton	Gerald Dyer	
Benton	Sara Hartstein	
Clackamas	Anna Summer	
Clackamas	Michelle Mattison	
Clatsop	Lisa McClean	
Columbia	Lillia Rodgers	X
Columbia	Jerry Walker	X
Crook	Joanna McCabe	X
Deschutes	Rita Bacho	X
Deschutes	Michelle Ashby	
Douglas	Bob Dannenhoffer	
Douglas	Laura Turpen	X
Hood River	Trish Elliott	
Hood River	Lindy McCasland	X
Jackson	Bonnie Simpson	X
Jackson	Jackson Baures	X
Lincoln	Callie Lamendola-Gilliam	X
Malheur	Rebecca Stricker	
Marion	Rachel Posnick	X
Marion	Dana Finch	
Morrow	Sarah Rea	X
Multnomah	Sara McCall	X
Multnomah	Chris Hammel	

NCPHD	Marta Fisher	X
Polk	Emily Brateng	X
Umatilla	Alisha Lundgren	
Washington	Folu Adeniyi	X
Yamhill	Abigail Gray	X

OHA Staff present: Zintars Beldavs, Jennifer Brown, Ann Chakwin, Paul Cieslak, Alison Goldstein, Sheri Hearn, Cessa Karson-Whitethorn, Sarah King, Rex Larsen, Mimi Luther, Lee Peters, Angela Phan, Orion McCotter, Meagan McLafferty, Lex Zhang

CLHO Staff Present: