**CLHO Communicable Diseases Committee Minutes**

**Friday, May 10th**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| **Agenda Item** | **Detail** | | **Action Item** | **Presenter** | **Time** |
| Welcome and roll call | Quorum is 50% +1 of committee membership, ask for any additional items | | Ensure quorum | Co-chairs | 5’ |
|  | Local:   * Nikki Morford Canwell, Columbia * Anna Summers, Clackamas * Florence Pourtal-Stevens, Coos * Karen Yeargain, Crook * Kathy Christensen, Deschutes * Lauren Taurpin for Dr. Dannenhoffer, Douglas * Stacy Gregg for Andrea Krause, Jackson * Cindy Morgan, Lane * Jeremy Hawkins, North Central Public Health District * Wendy Zieker, Marion * Lisa Ferguson, Multnomah * Kathleen Rees, Washington   State:   * Paul Cieslak * Zints Beldavs * Josh Ferrer * Andrew Epstein * Jillian Garai * Shannon Allain (notes) | | Quorum not met, but no voting scheduled for today. |  |  |
| Review of minutes | Review minutes from last meeting, make any corrections | | Approve | Co-chairs | 5’ |
|  | * One change noted: March 9th was a Saturday. | | Approval of last meeting’s minutes is deferred to the next meeting when attendance is higher. Let Kathleen know if you have any concerns. |  |  |
| Coastal Region County Updates | Any county changes, updates or news | | Provide updates | Clatsop, Columbia and Coos | 15’ |
|  | Florence Pourtal-Stevens for Coos:   * Looking to fund a part-time epi/data analyst to enable Coos to dig into the data. * Conducting surveys on how Coos can make CD reporting easier for providers and labs; providing education on reporting requirements. * Established an AFIX collaborative of all VFC clinics in Coos to discuss how to work together, share best practices. * Using standardized booklets of vaccination educational messages for parents. Videos shot in the community will discuss HPV, meningitis, and herd immunity; videos will be played in pediatrician lobbies. * STD rates and HIV incidence are going up. A CDC Public Health Associate Program position will dig into the data, identify clusters, and work with partners to build a strong response and develop public health education and promotion. | |  |  |  |
| Gonorrhea | Provide update, solicit any feedback | | Provide feedback | Jillian Garai | 5’ |
|  | These draft guidelines have significant revisions and are not for LPHA staff distribution until approved.   * Expanded section on medication allergies. * Included updated EPT protocol (please note that this protocol has not been implemented yet, these guidelines are drafts). We may refer people to the EPT guidelines and policy instead. * Included PrEP for MSM with rectal GC and women with GC. * Expanded section on extragenital testing – will be reviewed by OSPHL. * Updated section on antibiotic susceptibility testing and the SOP in the appendix. * Updated Orpheus information and internet partner services information. * Added section in “managing special situation” regarding delays in completing dual therapy treatment, how to proceed when only one medication is given. * Included guidance in Appendix about when to report a lab as a new case/deduplication and contact and disposition codes. | | Please review and provide Jillian with feedback within two weeks. |  |  |
| Chlamydia | Provide update, solicit any feedback | | Provide feedback | Jillian Garai | 5’ |
|  | These draft guidelines have significant revisions and are not for LPHA staff distribution until approved.   * Included updated EPT protocol (please note that this protocol has not been implemented yet, these guidelines are drafts). We may refer people to the EPT guidelines and policy instead. * Removed the section about random sampling of chlamydia cases. Patient interviews are still neither required nor expected. LPHAs may choose to pursue case investigations for special subsets of chlamydia cases, but there is no expectation that counties will undertake these investigations. * Limited inclusion of lymphogranuloma venereum in disease description and treatment section. * Included PrEP for MSM with rectal CT. * Expanded section on extragenital testing – will be reviewed by OSPHL. * Updated Orpheus information and internet partner services information. * Expanded section on managing out-of-jurisdiction cases and contacts. * Included guidance in Appendix about when to report a lab as a new case/deduplication and contact and disposition codes | | Please review and provide Jillian with feedback within two weeks. |  |  |
| Syphilis funding | Discussion among counties about how handling syphilis funding for pregnant women – What systems in place for tracking/reimbursement? | | Ask questions and share | Co-chairs | 5’ |
|  | Discussion regarding operationalizing the reimbursement opportunity deferred as the funding is not yet in place.  This was discussed at the larger CLHO meeting; no concerns were raised, and it was voted on. | | Funding will be in place on July 1. Please see the attached brief and FAQ for more information. |  |  |
| HCV screening | CDC supplemental opportunity for HCV screening and linkage to care | | Provide update | Jude Leahy | 5’ |
|  | We are applying for a competitive 1-year supplement of $500K for the current CDC grant “*Improving Hepatitis B and C Care Cascades: Focus on Increased Testing and Diagnosis*”. This supplement would fund screening and linkage to care, especially in rural settings.  With an equity and modernization lens, eastern rural and frontier counties were identified as the planned focus area; OHA has a list of counties to approach.  This would add a “Hepatitis C Treatment Access Coordinator” position alongside the existing Hospital-based Peer Navigator Programs funded through House Bill 4143.  Grant activities include:   * Conduct testing of Hepatitis B (HBV) and C (HCV) among persons who inject drugs in Emergency Departments or hospitals within areas of the state determined to have a high burden of hepatitis C infections or at-risk for HCV outbreaks; * Link persons who inject drugs with hepatitis B or C infection to appropriate medical care; * Link or refer persons who inject drugs tested to viral hepatitis prevention services recommended for PWID. | | This application is due on June 3rd.  If your county is not in the focus area, the activities will be thoroughly documented in an intervention manual to share best practices. |  |  |
| Harm Reduction Manual | Update on final draft of manual | | Provide updates | Jude Leahy | 5’ |
|  | We are responding to feedback received from the Health Officers at OR Epi and the stakeholder group; the final version will be sent out soon. Thank you for all your comments!  A website with downloadable resources is in progress. | | Stay tuned for the final version coming soon! |  |  |
| Open Discussion | Other questions or concerns | |  |  |  |
|  | The Orpheus meeting yesterday discussed changes to Orpheus reporting. | | Orpheus reports are staying and we will be adding new visualizations. Feedback was requested at the Orpheus meeting for which reports are routinely run so these visual enhancements are prioritized. |  |  |
|  | Cindy Morgan attended the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) stakeholder meeting in central Oregon that discussed Standing Orders. | | Please consider attending the next OSBN stakeholder meeting in Pendleton to share how Standing Orders affect access to care. |  |  |
|  | Florence asked for clarification regarding the changes made to the syphilis Investigative Guidelines, now live. | | Jillian will send Florence a copy highlighting the changes. |  |  |
|  | Anna Summer asked for clarification on Bicillin distribution guidance for LPHAs that don’t provide clinical services. | | Board of Pharmacy provided additional guidance this morning. Jillian will coordinate a separate call to discuss with Clackamas, Jackson, Douglas and Marion. |  |  |
| **Next meeting: Friday, July 12th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** | | | | | |
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