



June 26, 2025

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 12:30 PM

Executive Members:

Present: Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Chair, Clackamas; Jocelyn Warren, Past CLHO Chair, Lane; Carrie Brogoitti, Vice-Chair, Center for Human Development Union; Shane Sanderson, Secretary/Treasurer, Linn; Jennifer Little, At-Large Representative 2, Klamath; Katie Plumb, At-Large Representative 3, Crook; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep, Lane; DaiLene Wilson, At-Large Representative 4, Gilliam; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla

Absent: Jackson Baures, At-Large Representative 1, Jackson

Members Present (x if present)

	Baker – Chastity Anderson	X	Hood River - Trish Elliot	X	Multnomah – Kirsten Aird was absent; Desha Reed-Holden
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein		Jackson - Jackson Baures*		North Central PHD (Sherman, Wasco) - Martha McInnes
X	Clackamas – Kim La Croix	X	Jefferson - Katie Russell	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
X	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush	X	Josephine – Janet Fredrickson	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putman was absent; Rockie Philips was proxy
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 – Marie Boman-Davis
X	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner	X	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Sarah Hartenstein
	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
X	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson*	X	Malheur - Rebecca Stricker	X	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Trey Thompson	X	Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*
X	Harney – Kelly Singhose	X	Morrow – Robin Canaday	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*



Additional Attendees Attendance

- **Public Health Division:** Liz Hunt, Andrew Epstein, Naomi Adeline-Biggs
- **Coalition of Local Health Officials:** Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager; Jenny Rudolph, Kate Szrom, Rural Public Health Communications Coordinator; Madison Reithman, Janessa Wells, Workforce Navigator
- **Guests:** Jerry Walker (Columbia)

Motion: Kari (Polk) made a motion to approve the May minutes. Heather (Deschutes) seconded the motion. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Legislative Session Update | Informational | Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED; Ryann Gleason, CFM

Overview: Sarah provided a comprehensive update on the ongoing legislative session, focusing on public health funding and policy outcomes.

- The Christmas Tree Bill (HB 5006) included no additional funds for coalition priorities but did allocate \$1.2M for the [LUBGWMA](#) Project in NE Oregon.
- Public health modernization was on the funding list before the revenue forecast, but no additional funds were allocated due to budget constraints.
- Behavioral health and housing were session priorities, but even these areas received only a fraction of the requested funding.
- Positive note: No cuts to public health, and a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was received.
- Policy updates included the passage of a gun control measure (SB 243) and progress on bills related to tobacco and vape regulation (HB 2528, SB 1198, SB 702), with mixed outcomes.

Debrief/Discussion: (following page)



- Discussion on alternative funding sources for public health, such as fuel and cannabis taxes, and the challenges of reallocating these funds.
 - Consideration of alcohol tax increases, with the consensus that significant progress is unlikely until a future long session or via ballot measure.
 - Inquiry about local public health levies; Benton County shared its experience with a health and safety levy.
 - Members discussed the feasibility and political challenges of securing new funding streams for public health.
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Representation on Boards: Opioid Settlement, ADPC LPHA & Comm | Updates, Possible VOTES | Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: The group discussed representation on the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) and the importance of local public health administrators (LPHAs) having a voice.

- House Bill 2929 is expected to be signed, granting a voting seat to an LPHA on the ADPC.
- The ADPC meets monthly, with subcommittees open to staff participation.
- Criteria for the representative: must be an administrator with expertise in communicable disease, harm reduction, and prevention, and not have been at OHA during the 2016 prevention merger.

Debrief/Discussion: There was emphasis on the need for diplomatic representation and healing relationships within the prevention community.

VOTE: Tim Lynch (Coos) was nominated and approved (Tim abstained) to be the representative to the ADPC after a motion and second.

CLHO Retreat Program | Discussion | Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: Sarah reviewed the planning updates for the upcoming CLHO retreat (September 15–17, 2025), with board meetings occurring on the third day, September 17.



- The retreat will focus on public health modernization, with Day 1 dedicated to education and discussion of the modernization manual, and Day 2 focused on visioning and addressing uncertainties.
- Homework assignments include reviewing the modernization manual and evaluation documents.
- The retreat will feature presentations from the Public Health Accreditation Board and small group discussions.

Debrief/Discussion:

- Discussion on the interconnectedness of visioning efforts across groups (CLHO, PHAB) and the importance of a shared vision.
 - Clarification that the product of these sessions (framework, report, or vision) is still being defined.
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OHSU/PSU School of Public Health Workforce Training Input | Update/Discussion | Dean Paul Halverson, OHSU/PSU SPH

Overview: Dean Paul Halverson and Steve Godenheimer presented on the school's efforts to support local public health workforce development.

- The school is celebrating its 10th anniversary and is focused on anti-racism, health equity, and workforce training.
- Initiatives include an online MPH in public health practice, curriculum redesign to ensure foundational public health knowledge, and increased opportunities for internships and practical experience.
- The school is seeking input from local health directors to better align training with workforce needs, including rural health and surge capacity.
- Dean Halverson also shared that there's a new academic health department partnership with Multnomah County.

Debrief/Discussion:

- Q&A covered certification requirements, the need for public health administration training, and the challenges of workforce shortages.
- Suggestions included developing asynchronous Public Health 101 courses and environmental health fundamentals.
- The school is open to further collaboration and site visits to understand local needs.



Member Announcements | Updates | CLHO Board Members

Overview: Member announcements were interspersed throughout the meeting, with acknowledgments of hard work, expressions of gratitude, and updates on local initiatives.

- Recognition of CLHO staff and collective efforts during the legislative session.
- Sharing of experiences with public health levies and workforce development.
- Encouragement for ongoing collaboration and communication between local health departments and academic partners.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM