



October 16, 2025

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 11:04 AM

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; Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer's Rep; Jackson Baures, At-Large Representative 1, Jackson; Jennifer Little, At-Large Representative 2, Klamath; Katie Plumb, At-Large Representative 4, Gilliam; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Absent: At-Large Representative 3, Crook; DaiLene Wilson

Members Present (x if present)

	Baker – Chastity Anderson		Hood River - Trish Elliot	X	Multnomah – Kirsten Aird
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures*	X	North Central PHD (Sherman, Wasco) - Martha McInnes
X	Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner*	X	Jefferson - Katie Russell	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
X	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush		Josephine – Janet Fredrickson		Tillamook - Marlene Putman
X	Columbia – Jaime Aanensen	X	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
X	Coos – Tim Lynch		Lake - Judy Clarke	X	Union - Carrie Brogoitti*
X	Crook – Katie Plumb*	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren*	X	Washington – Marie Boman-Davis* was absent, Erin Jolly was the proxy
X	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner		Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Sarah Hartenstein
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer		Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
	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:** Andrew Epstein, Andrea Krause
- **Coalition of Local Health Officials:** Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager; Jenny Rudolph, Workforce Development Liaison/Recruiter; Kate Szrom, Rural Public Health Communications Coordinator
- **Guests:** Bill Michielsen (Yamhill)



Motion: Katie (Crook) made a motion to approve the September minutes. Erin (Washington) seconded the motion. 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Andrea (Multnomah)), all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Group Practices | Overview | Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Board Chair

Overview: Philip Mason-Joyner opened the meeting by explaining the coalition's role, structure, and group agreements to support a productive and collaborative environment.

Elections Recap | Overview | Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Board Chair

Overview: A recap of recent CLHO executive committee elections, highlighting new officers and caucus representatives.

- Newly elected: Carrie Brogoitti (Chair), Heather Kaisner (Vice Chair).
- Re-elected: Secretary-Treasurer: Shane Sanderson; Large County Rep: Jackson Baures; Medium: Jennifer Little; Small: Katie Plumb; Extra Small: Dailene Wilson.
- Caucus representatives also remained the same: Dr. Pat Luedtke (Health Officers Caucus), Lindsey Manfrin (PHAO), and Joe Fiumara (CLEHS).

Discussion/Q&A:

- Philip and Sarah congratulated the new leaders, and Philip expressed confidence in the incoming leadership team.
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Advocacy Update | Update | Sarah Lochner, CLHO Executive Director

Overview: Sarah provided updates on ongoing advocacy, legislative meetings, and state budget concerns affecting public health.

- Sarah is conducting outreach to legislators receiving Public Health Champion and Rising Star awards.
- Legislative visits included engagement on vaccine access, Senate Bill 42, and HR 1's fiscal impact (\$331M state shortfall this biennium).
- Stressed need for a "no cuts to public health modernization" legislative stance.
- Discussed meeting with new Representative Sue Rieke Smith and follow-up on syringe exchange legislation.



Discussion/Q&A:

- Heather (Deschutes) stressed the need to reinforce that modernization cuts threaten essential services.
 - Jocelyn (Lane) warned about resistance in policy circles to framing public health as cost-saving.
 - Other participants urged connecting modernization to immediate, essential functions and short-term ROI.
 - General discussion about maintaining local exemption authority in syringe exchange laws, with participants agreeing on its importance.
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Funding Brainstorm | Discussion | Dr. Pat Luedtke, Health Officer Caucus Chair

Overview: Pat led a brainstorming session on diverse public health funding options, from county and state to federal, Medicaid, and external grants.

- Outlined funding categories and recent legislative changes (e.g., HB 2789 Medicaid nurse billing).
- Highlighted successful county-level strategies for supplementing funds.
- Identified opportunities and barriers in Medicaid billing, CCO partnerships, and utilization of cannabis tax revenues.
- Emphasized the importance of sharing experiences and strategies across counties.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Shane (Linn) and others advocated forming strategic workgroups to analyze funding opportunities.
 - Heather (Deschutes) noted implementation challenges with new Medicaid nurse billing protocols.
 - Jennifer (Klamath) suggested exploring the redirection of existing tax revenues before lobbying for new ones.
 - Kim (Clackamas) proposed using the CLHO Legislative Committee or a new group to prioritize and act on funding opportunities.
 - Martha (NCPHD) and others discussed the administrative burden of MAC (Medicaid Administrative Claiming) and offered suggestions for system improvements.
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ADPC Approach | Discussion | Tim Lynch, Coos County LPHA Administrator & ADPC Representative

Overview: Tim Lynch (Coos) summarized the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission's (ADPC) outreach and plans, including feedback on engagement opportunities.

- The ADPC is conducting a state roadshow to present its 2026–2030 strategic plan.
- Focuses include prevention, harm reduction (recently relabeled risk reduction), youth treatment, and recovery.
- Stigma reduction is a major theme; the plan has limited true community feedback.
- Tim seeks to ensure public health's voice in funding and planning.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Sarah (CLHO) explained historical tensions with certification requirements for prevention specialists.
- Pat (Lane) and Jennifer (Klamath) described how CPS (Certified Prevention Specialist) training differs from formal public health degrees.
- Shane (Linn) encouraged sharing model public health programs for potential wider adoption.
- Tim (Coos) invited collaboration to produce a public health white paper for the ADPC plan.

Vision Partner Open Forum | Discussion | Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Board Chair

Overview: Philip shared updates on the modernization visioning process and sought feedback about partner engagement, especially the role of local public health staff.

- Discussed changes in public health modernization leadership and state-local partnership balance.
- Raised concerns over limited participatory opportunities for local staff in state-level visioning.
- Clarified ongoing discussions with OHA leadership about process improvements and broader inclusion.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Jocelyn (Lane) expressed concern about the shift from a collaborative to a state-directed approach.
- Heather (Deschutes) agreed to carry member messages forward as a PHAB member.



- Danna (OHA) and Naomi (OHA) acknowledged internal staff inclusion concerns and efforts to address them.

Retreat Location 2026, Sept 15-17 | Update | Sarah Lochner, CLHO Executive Director

Overview: Allison Mora and Sarah Lochner updated the group on the 2026 retreat's location and planning.

- Tentatively scheduled for September 15–17 in Ashland.
- Plans include exploring group activities, such as pickleball, and possibly attending the Shakespeare Festival.
- Awaiting venue and lodging confirmation for government rates.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Jackson (Jackson) offered to help identify pickleball options in Medford.
- Martha (NCPHD) advocated for future outdoor retreat venues in The Dalles.
- The board also discussed preferences and logistics for activities and accommodations.

Announcements | All

Overview: Member updates and organizational news were shared in closing.

- Pat (Lane) announced open spots on the governor's Cannabis Commission and related subcommittees.
- Martha (NCPHD) reported the departure of her Finance Director, which added significant workload and challenges.
- Philip (Board Chair) thanked outgoing board members and acknowledged current leadership transitions.
- Jackson (Jackson) and Heather (Deschutes) shared experiences with financial review processes and offered support.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Martha (NCPHD) requested knowledge-sharing and support as she manages finance responsibilities.
 - Philip (Board Chair) acknowledged Martha's situation and offered board support.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM