



5/15/25 Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

Minutes recorded by Allison Mora (video recording available upon request)

Reviewed & Approved on TBD

Chair Philip Mason-Joyner called the meeting to order at 09:30 AM PST and requested a roll call. Vice-Chair Carrie Brogoitti conducted roll call:

Members Present (x if present):

	Baker – Chastity Anderson	X	Hood River - Trish Elliot		Multnomah – Kirsten Aird was absent; Desha Reed-Holden was proxy
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures*	X	North Central PHD (Sherman, Wasco) - Martha McInnes
X	Clackamas – Kim La Croix	X	Jefferson - Katie Russell	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush		Josephine – Michael Sellers		Tillamook - Marlene Putman
	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
	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson*	X	Malheur - Rebecca Stricker		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Trey Thompson	X	Marion – Wendy Zieker was absent; Katrina Griffith was proxy	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*
X	Harney – Kelly Singhose	X	Morrow – Robin Canaday		PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*

*Member of the Executive Committee

Additional Attendees Attendance

- **Public Health Division Staff Present:** Liz Hunt, Naomi Adeline-Biggs, Jamie Coleman, Andrew Epstein, Andrea Krause, Andre Ourso, Josillia Johnson, Sara Beaudrault, Jessica Beltran and Stefanie Murray

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- **Coalition of Local Health Officials Staff Present:** Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager
- **Guests Present:** Brita Meyer, Finance Manager (NCPHD); Laura Turpen, Regional Epidemiologist (Douglas)

Quorum established. Katie (Crook) moved to approve the April minutes. Kari (Polk) seconded the motion. All present in favor, motion passed.

Committee Appointments

Philip made the following appointments:

- A2CPS: Susan Pinnock (Washington)
 - HPP: Leslie Moguil (Washington) and Laura Bivens (Yamhill)
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Agenda Item Topics

Federal Updates | Updates | Naomi Adeline-Biggs, OHA-PHD

Overview: Naomi gave a brief overview of the latest federal updates.

- Naomi discussed ongoing uncertainty about federal public health funding, with pending litigation on terminated grants and OHA awaiting the 2026 federal budget negotiations.
- OHA is also actively monitoring potential impacts and collecting ground-level information from local public health authorities.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Shane (Linn) raised concerns about \$620.5 billion in Medicaid cuts
 - Discussion around the need for detailed information on potential program impacts
 - Naomi (OHA) emphasized collecting ground-level information from local public health authorities to support advocacy efforts
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Public Health Equity Grant- LPHA Involvement | Discussion | Josillia Johnson, OHA-PHD, Jessica Beltran, OHA-PHD

Overview: Josillia and Jessica provide updates on the Public Health Equity grant process, including updates to the RFGA project plan, eligibility criteria, and application review process.

- Jessica highlighted the importance of LPHA participation in the RFGA process and the need for specific language in the application to ensure alignment with community health improvement plans.
- Jocelyn discussed the application projections for cohort three, estimating around 400 applications, and outlined the timeline for the application review process, including orientation and training sessions in September.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Martha (NCPHD) expressed interest in participating but acknowledged capacity constraints
- Heather (Deschutes) asked about support for new CBOs wanting to apply
- Rebecca (Malheur) inquired about requiring CBOs to connect with LPHAs
- Some counties expressed interest in being involved in the review process: Jennifer (Klamath), Heather (Dechutes), Florence (Lincoln), Marie (Washington), Katie (Jefferson), Shane (Linn), Kari (Polk), Rebecca (Malheur), Sara (Benton), Jocelyn (Lane), Trish (Hood River) and Martha (NCPHD)

PE 44: SBHC Changes | Updates, VOTE | Stefanie Murray, OHA-PHD

Overview: Stefanie introduced the changes to program element 44, which includes the school-linked telehealth pilot program and the school-linked mobile unit pilot program.

- Stefanie provided an overview of the current grantees and funding allocations for the telehealth and mobile unit programs.
- The proposed changes include operating criteria and a funding formula for the telehealth grant, and the addition of the school-linked mobile grant to allow LPHAs to apply for funding.

Discussion/Q&A:

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- Katie (Crook) questioned the effectiveness of mobile and telehealth services
 - Stefanie shared success stories from specific communities like Gresham
- Stefanie also discussed the challenges of service delivery without on-site staffing
 - Anticipating around \$400,000 available for grants

VOTE: Since an administrator was present when this PE was discussed during the most recent A2CPS Committee meeting, we can proceed with approving it. All present in favor. SBHC changes approved.

Health Equity Framework Updates | Discussion | Vanessa Cardona, OHA-PHD, William Blackford, OHA-PHD

Overview: Vanessa and William provided updates on the health equity framework.

- **Framework Highlights:**
 - 1.5-year collaborative project
 - 15-member work group including CBOs, tribal members, and local health authorities
 - Developed 99 complementary roles for public health collaboration
- **Key Objectives:**
 - Create companion document to Public Health Modernization Manual
 - Define roles for CBOs and tribes in health equity and community partnerships
 - Document collaboration strategies learned during COVID-19
- **Main Ask- Gather LPHA Feedback On:**
 - Document usefulness
 - Potential improvements
 - Structural readability

Discussion/Q&A:

- Marie (Washington) suggested potential connection to CBO grant applications
- Sara (OHA) noted alignment between framework and grant requirements

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Vanessa and William mentioned they are seeking LPHA feedback throughout May

Public Health Accountability Metrics | Discussion | Sara Beaudrault, OHA-PHD

Overview: Sara discussed the upcoming accountability metrics report, focusing on public health goals to reduce syphilis, increase vaccination rates, and protect against extreme heat and air quality events.

- The report includes a flowchart and tables detailing local public health authorities' (LPHAs) progress on immunization rates, particularly for two-year-old vaccinations and adult influenza vaccinations.
 - Sara also emphasized the need for resources and proposed three work groups to refine process measures and address gaps, aiming for diverse state representation.
 - Interested parties were encouraged to volunteer for these groups to improve metrics and strategies by 2030.
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Standing Items: Updates for PHAB, LGAC & OSTPR Board | Updates | CLHO Representatives: Marie Boman-Davis (PHAB), Jennifer Little (LGAC), and Carrie Brogoitti (OSTPR Board)

PHAB Updates: Marie Boman-Davis

- Marie had no updates to share.

LGAC Updates: Jennifer Little

- Jennifer provided a brief overview of what was discussed in the most recent LGAC meeting, including discussions on permanent supportive housing, operating cost studies, and federal updates.

OSTPR Board Updates: Carrie Brogoitti

- Carrie provided a brief overview of what was discussed in the most recent OSTPR Board meeting, including the allocation of research funding to two projects.
 - The projects focus on improving post-release engagement and enhancing SUD outcomes, and creating and evaluating an Addiction Medicine Champion Program at OHSU.
- Carrie also discussed the ongoing work in subcommittees and the upcoming allocation of funds for the next biennium.

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OHA Staffing Updates | Updates | Naomi Adeline-Biggs, OHA-PHD

Overview: Naomi shared some recruitment updates for equity leaders, indicating there are some vacancies now with interim leaders in place until the positions are filled.

Group Agreements & Practices | Debrief | Philip Mason-Joyner, Chair

- Sarah (CLHO) gave OHA kudos for the transformational accountability piece in incorporating LPHA feedback with the CBO grant-making process.
- Kari (Polk) gave kudos to Katie (Crook) for approaching the meeting with a curious and kind approach and asking great questions.
- Philip gave thanks to the Joint Leadership Team for their help in getting the OHA/CLHO MOU finalized.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM.