

September 17, 2025

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 11:45 AM

Executive Members:

<u>Present:</u> 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 3, Crook; DaiLene Wilson, At-Large Representative 4, Gilliam; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Members Present (x if present)

Χ	Baker – Chastity Anderson	Χ	Hood River - Trish Elliot	Χ	Multnomah – Kirsten Aird
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures*	X	North Central PHD (Sherman, Wasco) - Martha McInnes
Χ	Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner*	Χ	Jefferson - Katie Russell	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush	X	Josephine – Janet Fredrickson	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putman was absent; Rockie Philips was the proxy
Χ	Columbia – Jaime Aanensen	Χ	Klamath - Jennifer Little	X	Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara
	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
Χ	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner		Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	Χ	Wheeler - Sarah Hartenstein
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson*		Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin was absent; Bill Michielsen was the proxy
	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson		Malheur - Rebecca Stricker		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*



Grant – Jessica Winegar		Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*
Harney – Kelly Singhose	X	Morrow – Robin Canaday		PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*

Additional Attendees Attendance

- Public Health Division: Liz Hunt, Andrea Krause
- Coalition of Local Health Officials: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager; Kate Szrom, Rural Communication Coordinator; Jenny Rudolph, Workforce Liaison
- Guests: Marty Carty, Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA)

Motion: Katie (Crook) made a motion to approve the August minutes. Martha (NCPHD) seconded the motion. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Agenda Items

Upcoming Elections | Notify | Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Board Chair

Overview: The next round of elections for the Executive Committee will be at the annual Conference meeting on October 16. The Election Committee consists of Philip Mason-Joyner, Jocelyn, and Bob. Elections will be electronic, and proxies must be declared in advance.



Mobile Pharmacy Legislation (OPCA) | Discussion | Marty Carty, Government Affairs Director, Oregon Primary Care Assoc. (OPCA)

Overview: Marty provided an overview of how Community Health Centers have felt the impact of the scarcity of pharmacies.

- Many FQHCs can only operate as closed-door pharmacies due to regulations.
- The Virginia Garcia Health Center mobile program was referenced as an example.
- Only two states broadly allow mobile pharmacy: California and Connecticut, each with different models.
- Oregon currently restricts mobile pharmacy to public health emergencies; an effort is underway to expand this.
- Mobile pharmacy use cases: temporary operations, vaccination events, opioid antagonist training/prescribing, access in emergencies, and filling access gaps.
- Barriers: transportation, disability/accessibility, wait times, stigma, and lack of resources (e.g., shoes).
- Legislative proposal would require mobile units to be linked to brick-and-mortar pharmacies, with clear eligibility, and address security, competition, reporting, and compliance (340B, DEA rules).

Discussion/Q&A:

- Bob (Douglas): Asked about staffing (pharmacist and technician roles)
 - Marty confirmed that it is similar staffing to brick-and-mortar pharmacies.
- Shane (Linn): Asked about primary barriers to implementation (security of product, opposition).
 - Marty confirmed support from pharmacy associations, with minor concerns about competition and place/time restrictions; little is expected opposition due to bipartisan appeal.
- Marty followed up on pharmacy deserts and cited the Oregonian's pharmacy access map, revealing Oregon and Alaska as the most underserved.
- Rocky (Tillamook): Inquired about which FQHCs/pharmacies would be eligible.
 - o Marty said it is likely limited to "critical access" designated by the state.



Legislative Committee Rec: Policy Principles Update (1 delegate present) | Discussion & Possible VOTE | Sarah Lochner, CLHO Executive Director

Overview: Sarah reviewed the updated policy principles document to give advocacy permission to CLHO staff regarding state or federal level policy proposals and regulations, along with a few other edits:

• Foundational capabilities/programs language, WIC/MCH program references, public health workforce prioritization, primary prevention expanded to "across the lifespan", substance use language-modernization, insertion of problem gambling/injury/violence, clarification around authority and controversial topics.

VOTE: Jennifer (Klamath) moved to approve, Robin (Morrow) seconded. No abstentions or oppositions. Motion carried, and revisions approved.

Advocacy Update | Update | Sarah Lochner, CLHO Executive Director

Overview: At the last meeting, the legislative scorecard was approved. In follow-up, Sarah met with the House and Senate Democratic Caucus staff to give them a preview of the scorecard and advocate for loosening the rules around members of legislative leadership being unable to sign on to funding support letters. Sarah also met with the Governor's staff regarding input into the OHA POP and budget process, and was told there will not be a lot of funding to weigh in on. Agencies will all be limited to critical issues only. The Governor does want to keep an eye on federal funding, aware of the potential of "death by a 1000 cuts" to public health programs.

- Sarah also briefed House Republican Leader Drazen on the syringe exchange bill; Sarah and Jessica Pratt (AOC) advocated for limiting the bill to mobile units, with OHA as licensing authority. Drazen is receptive to suggestions, but the legislative process will determine the outcome.
- Discussion about OHA (not counties) doing licensing and possible definitions for mobile units.
- Noted the importance of LPHAs being able to grant exceptions to the "1000-foot rule" for mobile services (Sarah to follow up).



Discussion/Q&A:

- Heather (Deschutes) asked to clarify whether what Sarah was referring to was for the short session or the long session.
 - o Sarah said that both were discussed; details still pending.
- Rockie (Tillamook) wanted clarification on what it meant for mobile units.
 - Sarah said that most counties use mobile/outreach models, so legislation may have broad implications; will follow up with Drazen.
- Kirsten (Multnomah) asked about the proposed exclusion zones (such as 1,000 feet from schools) and who should hold the authority to grant exceptions.
 - Sarah committed to following up with Rep. Drazan to ensure LPHAs retain this authority where required by statute.

Coalition Bylaws Revisions | Volunteers Request | Sarah Lochner, CLHO Executive Director

Overview: The CLHO Coalition bylaws were last revised in 2012, and they need to be updated to reflect current practice. Sarah asked for volunteers who would like to provide input, since the Executive Committee serves as the foundation for the revision group.

- Martha (NCPHD) volunteered.
- Additional volunteers welcome. A poll will be sent to schedule meetings.



Appointments to CLHO WF Development Committee: Kirsten Aird, Multnomah; Jade Dodge, Multnomah; Andreka Ewing, Washington; Kari Wilhite, Polk; Kate Hendershot, NCPHD | Appointment | Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Board Chair

Overview: New nominees for the CLHO Workforce Development Committee were appointed by the CLHO Board Chair:

• Kirsten Aird (Multnomah), Jade Dodge (Multnomah), Andreka Ewing (Washington), Kari Wilhite (Polk), Kate Hendershot (North Central).

West Coast Health Alliance | Information | Melissa Sutton, OHA-PHD

Overview: Melissa shared that a press release went out at 11:00 AM on 9/17/25 and provided an overview of what it entailed

- The Press release on Alliance's 2025-2026 respiratory virus immunization recommendations consisted of: CDC guidelines affirmed; second RSV vaccine for young children noted.
- Effective Sept 18: Pharmacists may vaccinate anyone seven years and older without a prescription.
- Insurers (Medicaid, Medicare, private) will continue vaccine coverage.
- OHA to issue updated orders; access remains a key concern.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Heather (Deschutes): Asked about vaccine access for Medicaid/VFC and reimbursement pathways.
 - Melissa will follow up (A CIP decision pending). This information was shared via email to the CLHO Board after the meeting.
- Rocky (Tillamook): Asked about model standing orders.
 - Melissa confirmed OHA would post updated standing orders that afternoon, and the standing orders were posted that afternoon.



CLHO FY25-26 Q1 Budget Report | Update | Shane Sanderson, CLHO Secretary/Treasurer

Overview: Shane provided a brief overview of the CLHO FY25-26 Q1 budget report.

- Revenue was \$46.25 above plan, and there was \$2,000 in interest income from OnPoint Credit Union.
- The subscription budget line will need adjustment due to account timing (potential vote next quarter), and the overall budget is on track.

Retreat Location 2026 | Discussion | Sarah Lochner, CLHO Executive Director

Overview: Sarah gave an overview of what the parameters are for next year's retreat.

- The Board brainstormed venues meeting group needs (hotel, venue size, pickleball courts).
- Plan A: Ashland; Plan B: Bend; Plan C: Portland Metro/alternate (Dalles, Hood River, etc.).
- Action: Jackson (Jackson) to research Ashland sites. Further research to follow.

Member Announcements | Philip Mason-Joyner, Chair & All

Overview:

- Jamie (Columbia): Madison Riethman has been hired as the new Assistant Director of Public Health, Columbia County.
- Bob (Douglas): Bob is transitioning his Public Health Administrator role to Laura Turpin, and Bob will remain as Health Officer on a part-time basis.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM