



2/20/25

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 10:30 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; 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

Absent: Shane Sanderson, Secretary/Treasurer, Linn; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Members Present (x if present)

X	Baker – Chastity Anderson	X	Hood River - Trish Elliot		Multnomah – Andrea Hamberg
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		Polk – Kari Wilhite
X	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush	X	Josephine – Mike Weber was absent; Janet Fredrickson attended as proxy	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putman
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 was absent; Erin Jolly attended as proxy
X	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner	X	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal		Wheeler - Shelby Thompson
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer		Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin was absent' Bill Michielsen attended as proxy
X	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson		Malheur - Rebecca Stricker	X	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Jessica Winegar	X	Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*



X	Harney – Kelly Singhose	X	Morrow – Robin Canaday	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*
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Public Health Division: Liz Hunt

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager

Guests: Trey Thompson (Grant)

Motion: Jackson made a motion to approve the January minutes. Heather seconded the motion. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

Philip reviewed the shared Group Agreements & Practices and noted that we keep these in mind throughout the meeting.

Agenda Items

NWCPHP Research Request for Volunteers - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: NWCPHP is requesting to see if any LPHAs are willing to be interviewed on the impacts they've noticed for rural LPHAs when it comes to remote work policies impacting rural public health workforce.

- Katie Russell, Trish Elliot, Martha McInnes, Katie Plumb, Bob Dannenhoffer and Jill Quackenbush volunteered to be interviewed.

PHAB Webinar Scheduling - Allison Mora, CLHO PM

Overview: Allison shared that PHAB would like to present on some accreditation impact studies and provide a Q&A session to measure changes regarding health equity reporting due to the federal changes impacting public health funding. Allison held a Zoom poll to find a date that would work for the members. There was a tie for two dates that worked best for everyone, so Allison was going to follow up via email on the finalized date.

Budget Modifications - VOTE - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED



Overview: Sarah reviewed 3 line items for budget modifications; state travel, health insurance and equipment.

- Net impact for state travel and PM health insurance was \$0; equipment was \$3500.

VOTE: Katie motioned to approve. Florence seconded this motion. No opposition or abstention. All in favor, motion passed.

Legislative Committee Recommendations - Discussion & VOTES - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: Sarah provided an overview of the following bills:

- HB 2701: Directs LPHAs to maintain capacity for 120 days when there is a 25% mortality rate; WATCH recommendation
 - Sarah noted it is unlikely to pass due to the sponsor's numerous emergency preparedness bills.
- HB 2943: CAP bill for mandatory ED tests for HIV and syphilis- OPPOSE recommendation (unless it's amended)
 - This bill will most likely die
- HB 2048: Food carts and commissaries bill- has died
- SB 161: Progress on the bill is being hindered by a legislative staffer. The committee chair is attempting to secure Senator Hayden's support by amending the funding to \$2 million and shifting it to OHA as a competitive grant process, which is a common delay tactic. Given these challenges, moving the bill to the House as an HB may be a better approach. Advocacy efforts on this bill are currently paused.

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- HB 3133 (Farm Stands & Prepared Products): Recommendation is to monitor for amendments, as compliance costs for farms could be high.
 - Vote: Unanimously approved at the 2/6/25 Legislative Committee Meeting with LPHA admins present; no oppositions or abstentions.
- SB 366 (Egg Direct Sales): Recommendation is to oppose at Priority 2.
 - Vote: Unanimously approved at the 2/6/25 Legislative Committee Meeting with LPHA admins present; no oppositions or abstentions.
- HB 3525 & 3526 (Landlord & Seller Well Water Testing): Recommendation is to support at Priority 3.



- Vote: Unanimously approved at the 2/6/25 Legislative Committee Meeting with LPHA admins present; no oppositions or abstentions.
- HB 2929 (ADPC Membership): Recommendation is to support with amendments at Priority 2. This is important as three bills propose placing the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission in charge, making LPHA representation valuable.
 - Vote: Unanimously approved at the 2/6/25 Legislative Committee Meeting with LPHA admins present; no oppositions or abstentions.
- HB 3321, 3375, 2502 (ADPC Study/Strategy for Primary Prevention): Legislative Committee (LC) recommends support at Priority 2.
- SB 702 / HB 3437 (Tobacco Flavor Ban): LC recommends en bloc support at Priority 1.
- HB 2528 (Tobacco Loopholes): LC recommends en bloc support at Priority 1. Wendy (Marion) inquired about grandfathered laws for relocating a hookah license.
- SB 42 (Vaccine Financing): LC recommends en bloc support at Priority 1.
 - Vote: Unanimously approved at the 2/6/25 Legislative Committee Meeting with LPHA admins present; no oppositions or abstentions for all bills above.

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- HB 3497 (Multisector Plan for Aging): LC recommends watching/taking no position.
- SB 610 (BM 110 Redesign): LC recommends watching/taking no position. Concerns raised about funding—counties may lose money if additional funding is not allocated. Budgetary issues noted.
- HB 2053, 3559; SB 544, 1020 (Nicotine "Smoke and Mirrors" Bills): LC recommends en bloc opposition at Priority 2.
- SB 690, 691, 692, 693, 1039 (Maternal & Child Health Bills): LC recommends en bloc support at Priority 3.

Votes:

- HB 3497, HB 2053, 3559; SB 544, 1020, and SB 690-1039—Unanimously approved at the 2/6/25 Legislative Committee Meeting with LPHA admins present; no oppositions or abstentions.
- SB 610—Approved with one abstention (Washington County).

Legislative Session Question - Input - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED



- **Overview:** Sarah said that legislators have questioned why public health should receive funding for primary prevention (PP) instead of behavioral health, schools, or local community-based organizations (CBOs).
 - **Bob:** Public health professionals are the subject matter experts (SMEs) on PP.
 - **Wendy:** Public health ensures population-wide reach.
 - **Jocelyn:** Schools lack the capacity to implement PP at a system-wide level.
 - **Jennifer:** Schools are already overburdened, and PP begins before school age. Additionally, schools exclude homeschooled children.
 - **Katie:** Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) is entirely focused on PP.
- **General consensus:** Schools do not have the time or staff to evaluate evidence-based PP curricula.

TPEP/ADPEP History:

- Carrie confirmed that these programs have existed for at least 16–17 years.
- Discussion on the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) timeline: Sarah inquired about its origins—TPEP has been in place since the early 1990s, officially established in 1997 (28 years ago).

Weight Loss Drug letter - Review & possible VOTE- Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: Sarah informed the group that a lobbyist from a pharmaceutical company requested support for a letter advocating Medicare coverage for obesity medications, emphasizing their role in obesity-related disease prevention. She sought input from the group.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Jennifer (Klamath) questioned the long-term safety and efficacy of these drugs, noting public health's historical focus on environmental changes to support healthy behaviors. Her initial stance was to oppose signing the letter.
- Bo (Douglas): emphasizing the limited history of these drugs, their high cost, and the uncertainty of their long-term benefits, particularly for general obesity rather than diabetes. He also noted that the drugs are significantly more expensive in the U.S. compared to other countries. We could reconsider if pricing aligned with global market rates.



- Martha (NCPHD): highlighted that the proposal focuses on tertiary prevention, while public health prioritizes all levels of prevention. She cited a 2023 *New England Journal of Medicine* article estimating that full Medicare coverage of these drugs could cost \$135 billion annually, reinforcing concerns about feasibility and impact.
- Florence (Lincoln): agreed with previous statements, adding that, given current political dynamics, this initiative is unlikely to move forward.

Outcome: The board agreed not to support signing the letter.

CCO 3.0 letter - Review & possible VOTE - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: Sarah explained that CLHO was asked by OHA to provide input on the CCO 3.0 process. The key points CLHO wants to advocate for are:

- Consistent, ongoing funding from CCOs to local public health
- Alignment of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) timelines and processes between CCOs and local public health

Discussion/Q&A:

- Florence (Lincoln) suggested referencing the feedback provided by the Public Health Advisory Board in their previous meetings, as it was very robust.
- Jocelyn (Lane) suggested broadening the language around funding to include other payment models like per-member-per-month funding for primary prevention.
- Heather (Deschutes) cautioned against being too prescriptive, as the relationships and arrangements with CCOs vary greatly across the state. She suggested using more flexible language.
- Philip (Clackamas) wondered if this letter has been socialized with CCO partners, and Sarah Lochner explained that CCOs will likely oppose any new mandates, but the goal is to influence the OHA-driven contracting process.
- Joe (Umatilla) raised concerns about the challenges of aligning CHIPs across a large, multi-county CCO, and whether that is realistic.
- Carrie (Union) shared how she has had difficulty getting a conversation started with her local CCOs and would appreciate some sort of mechanism that can help with engaging conversations.
- Florence and Erin (Washington) provided examples of how some local public health authorities have been able to successfully align their CHIPs with CCOs and hospitals.



- Kim (Clackamas) suggested using more flexible language to capture the diverse payment models and arrangements local public health has with CCOs.

Outcome: The group discussed revising the letter to incorporate the feedback and determining the timeline for finalizing and submitting it. Sarah will keep the board members updated with changes regarding this issue.

Member Announcements - Updates

- Philip (Clackamas) shared that he's now the interim HHS Director
- Trish (Hood River) shared that their county commissioners have decided to combine their Prevention office and Veteran Services Office with the Hood River PHD

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.