



Thursday, March 20th 2025

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 11:02am

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 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

Absent:

Members Present (x if present)

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| | Baker – Chastity Anderson | X | Hood River - Trish Elliot | | Multnomah – Andrea Hamberg was absent; Desha Reed Holden was proxy |
| | 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 |
| | Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush | | Josephine – Mike Weber | | Tillamook - Marlene Putman |
| X | Columbia – Jaime Aanensen | X | Klamath - Jennifer Little | X | Umatilla - Joseph Fiumara |
| X | Coos – Tim Lynch | | Lake - Judy Clarke | | Union - Carrie Brogoitti* |
| X | Crook – Katie Plumb* | X | Lane - Jocelyn Warren* was absent; Brian Johnson was proxy | | Washington – Marie Boman-Davis* was absent; Erin Jolly was proxy. |



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| X | Deschutes – Heather Kaisner | X | Lincoln - Florence Pourtal | | Wheeler - Shelby Thompson |
| X | Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer | X | Linn – Shane Sanderson* | X | Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin |
| X | Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson | X | Malheur - Rebecca Stricker | X | HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke* |
| | Grant – Jessica Winegar | X | Marion – Wendy Zieker | X | CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara* |
| X | Harney – Kelly Singhose | | Morrow – Robin Canaday | X | PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin* |

Public Health Division: Liz Hunt

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager; Jenny Rudolph, Workforce Liaison, Kate Szrom

Guests: Bill Michielsen (Yamhill)

Motion: Jaime (Columbia) made a motion to approve the February minutes. Erin Jolly seconded the motion. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all remaining present in favor, motion past.

Agenda Items

Legislative Committee Recommendations | Discussion & Votes | Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: Sarah Lochner (CLHO) gave updates on the following legislative committee recommendations:

- **SB 528 & SB 530: RHEC Expansion & RHEC COLA, Support at P3**
 - **Overview:**
 - SB 528 expands regional health equity coalitions (RHECs)
 - Adds two to three additional coalitions



- Boosts existing coalitions with two full-time staff
 - Provides flexible funding for coalition member stipends (e.g., childcare, transportation)
 - Senate Bill 530 provides annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) for RHECs
 - **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Lindsey Manfrin (Yamhill) raised concerns about communication gaps between new representatives and local public health.
 - Sarah (CLHO) suggested developing better connections and alignment opportunities.
 - **Vote:** Unanimous approval to support at priority three (P3).
- **HB 3730: Low-Proof Spirits in Grocery Stores, Oppose at P2**
 - **Overview:**
 - Allows grocers to sell ready-to-drink cocktails (currently only in state-controlled stores)
 - Potential revenue impact unclear
 - Concerns about making alcohol more accessible to young people
 - **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Katie Plumb (Crook) noted the existing erosion of the state-run alcohol system.
 - Pat Luedtke (Lane) suggested redirecting potential tax revenue to local public health.
 - **Vote:** Unanimous vote to oppose at priority two (P2).
 - Separate motion approved to support potential amendment directing tax revenue to local public health.
 - **HB 2848: Public Meeting Laws for Nonprofits, Support with amendments at P2; remove \$ not required from state, \$1M minimum, TA**
 - **Overview:**
 - Requires nonprofits with \$100,000 annual revenue or 25 employees to:
 - Adhere to public meeting laws
 - Follow transparency and ethics requirements
 - Potential significant administrative burden on small nonprofits



- **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Concerns about onerous public meeting requirements were brought up.
 - Potential impact on CLO's two-person staff needs to be considered.
 - Joe Fiumara (Umatilla) inquired on additional details for the amendments; Sarah (CLHO) shared the following details:
 - Remove money not directly from state
 - Set \$1 million minimum threshold
 - Provide technical assistance for compliance
 - Jennifer Little (Klamath) inquired on the possibility that if the amendments are not approved, would we shift gears to oppose.
- **Vote:** Philip (Board Chair, Clackamas) set the motion to support with amendments at priority two (P2).
 - Klamath, Umatilla, and Yamhill opposed. All remaining in favor of moving forward to support with amendments at priority two (P2).
- **HB 3425: Free school breakfast and lunch for all; Support at P2**
 - **Overview:**
 - Provides free breakfast and lunch for all students
 - Aims to remove stigma of free meals
 - Ensures students have food to concentrate and learn
 - **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Martha McInnes (NCPHD) raised questions about food quality and nutritional guidelines
 - Lindsey Manfrin (Yamhill) noted existing federal school food regulations
 - **Vote:** Unanimous support at priority two (P2).



- **HB 3002: State Data Modernization Task Force (TF); Support with amendments at P3; seat for PH data expert + Tribes**
 - **Overview:**
 - Creates task force to modernize state agency data integration
 - Nine-member panel to:
 - Review current demographic data reporting
 - Analyze existing legislation
 - Recommend improvements to data collection
 - Proposed amendments to add:
 - Public health data expert seat
 - Tribal representative seat
 - **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - There was general consensus that this is a positive initiative.
 - **Vote:** Unanimous support with amendments at priority three (P3).

Advocacy Updates | Discussion | Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

HB 2224: CCO Governing Boards (Amendment)

- **Overview:**
 - Hearing scheduled for March 25.
 - Public health representation remains included.

HB 3916: Public Health Workforce (Formerly SB 161)

- **Overview:** Hearing scheduled for March 25.
- **Discussion/Q&A:** Sarah (CLHO) mentioned that letters of support and written testimony are encouraged.



SB 42: Vaccine Finance

- **Overview:** Hearing scheduled for March 25.
- **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Bob Dannenhoffer (Douglas) will testify in support; he noted it is a short bill.
 - Heather Kaisner (Deschutes) asked about a related committee, and Bob confirmed there is none yet, but discussions with OHA are underway.
 - Sarah (CLHO) mentioned that letters of support and written testimony are encouraged.

HB 2954: Addiction Primary Prevention

- **Overview:**
 - Hearing is expected in April; Sarah will notify the group once scheduled.
 - A panel presentation is being planned.

HB 2943: CAP Bill- Mandatory ED Testing for HIV and Syphilis

- **Overview:**
 - Sarah and Bob met with stakeholders to develop a proposed amendment.
 - The bill includes a pilot program in three hospitals.
 - The bill requests \$4 million to support LPHA efforts.

HB 2929: ADPC Board Membership

- **Overview:**
 - The ADPC Board voted to add an LPHA seat.
 - The ADPC will nominate a representative for the Governor's consideration.
- **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Pat Luedtke (Lane) shared concerns about CPS certification being equated with an MPH when assessing qualifications for public health roles and who could represent for the LPHA seat.



Workforce Report 2.0 | Updates & Input | Allison Mora, CLHO PM

- **Overview:**

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| Identified Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inadequate compensation• Limited recruitment capacity• Absence of diversity hiring goals• Lack of flexible work options• No succession planning in 23 of 33 counties | Preliminary Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase compensation• Strengthen recruitment strategies• Establish diversity hiring goals• Promote work-life balance• Expand training and development opportunities Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft report to be shared during the April CLHO meeting• Public release anticipated by mid-May |
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- **Discussion/Q&A:** Allison asked for volunteers to review the report before it is shared with the board in April; Martha McInnes (NCPHD) and Bob Dannenhoffer (Douglas) volunteered.

Member Announcements - Updates - All

- Trish Elliot (Hood River) shared that they are currently integrating prevention and veteran services into their health department
 - Transition effective July 1
 - Transition challenges include budget integration and staff stress

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.