



## 1/16/25 Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

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

**Reviewed & Approved on XX**

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

### Members Present (x if present):

	Baker – Chastity Anderson	X	Hood River - Trish Elliot		Multnomah – Andrea Hamberg was absent; proxy is Desha Reed-Holden
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures*	X	North Central PHD (Sherman, Wasco) - Martha McInnes
X	Clackamas – Philip Mason-Joyner*		Jefferson - Katie Russell	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
X	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush	X	Josephine – Mike Weber was absent; Janet Fredrickson was proxy		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* is absent; proxy is Camille Krueger	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren*	X	Washington – Marie Boman-Davis*
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*
X	Grant – Jessica Winegar		Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*
X	Harney – Kelly Singhose	X	Morrow – Robin Canaday	X	PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*

\*Member of the Executive Committee

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**Public Health Division Staff Present:** Naomi Adeline Biggs, Liz Hunt, Tim Noe, Andrew Epstein, Alison Goldstein, Sara Beaudrault, Alicia Knapp, Annick Benson, Cessa Karson, Anthony Nickerson, Jamie Coleman, Steven Fiala

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

**Guests Present:** Trey Thomson (Gilliam PHD), Patch Adam Perryman (Multnomah County PHD), Laura Turpen (Regional Epidemiologist for Coos, Douglas & Josephine PHDs), Courtney Szper (University of Portland, Nursing), Sierra Canfield (Hospital Association of Oregon), Teresa Johnson (Providence, PMG Access Services Clinical Operations), Todd Noble (Linn County PHD Administrator)

Quorum established. Philip reviewed the agenda and requested a motion to approve the December minutes.

**Motion:** Kari (Polk) moved to approve the December minutes. Jaime Aanensen seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstentions.

- Martha McInnes from NCPHD made a comment and said that they were present for the meeting since they were marked as absent; Shellie Campbell was still listed as the member but she's no longer the LPHA administrator so she can be removed; Martha is the current LPHA administrator.

**Appointments:** Philip made the follow appointments:

- o EPR: Bill Michielsen (Yamhill)
- o HPP: Kari Wilhite (Polk)
- o S&I: Marco Enciso (Clackamas)

**Topics:**

**HIV/STI Funding and Scope of Work - Update & VOTE - CLHO CD Committee Co-Chairs, Alison Goldstein, OHA-PHD**

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**Update:** Jackson introduced Alison Goldstein. Alison went over a presentation (slides available on the CLHO website) and reviewed the following items:

- Allison explained the rationale behind the changes, including aligning with national efforts to end HIV and STIs, and addressing demands for more integrated services.
  - The new HIS program element replaces three existing program elements with one new element, supporting a range of funding for every Oregon County.
  - The funding formula includes a base or floor, health equity measurement, and uses HIV and STI epidemiology data.
  - Three funding options were presented to CLO CD, with option one A being approved for use through June 30, 2027, and option one thereafter.
  - CLHO Communicable Diseases (CD) Committee Voting Process:
    - Alison explained the voting process, noting that the CLHO CD Committee voted 15 in favor of option 1A, 5 in favor of option 2A, and 1 abstention.

#### **Discussion/Q&A:**

- Shane inquired about the state's overall funding allocation and management while Bob inquired on what percentage of the total fund is federally funded.
  - Allison said that the total funding is just under \$13 million, with \$3 million federally funded.

**Roll Call Vote:** The recommendation is for funding formula 1A. Voting was done with roll-call, with all present counties voting in favor of Funding Formula 1A, with no abstentions. Formula 1A was approved.

#### **Upcoming PH Modernization Reports - Update - Steve Fiala (OHA-PHD) & Sara Beaudrault (OHA-PHD)**

#### **Updates:**

Steve provided an update on the Capacity and cost Assessment Report, noting a delay due to data quality issues.

- Philip asked about getting this as a written update to be sent via email to the listserv so LPHAs can share in their respective departments.

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- The Capacity & Cost Assessment Report will be released in March, with a technical work group and webinar to review the findings in February.

Sara provided updates on the public health accountability metrics report, which will be released in March, and the report to the legislative fiscal office, which will include both current investments and future projections.

- OHA is required to submit reports to the legislative fiscal office.
- There will be a large release of reports in March.

### **Discussion/Q&A:**

- Florence asked whether the legislative report should include both current funding use and future forecasting, and if the forecast must align with the Policy Option Package (POP).
  - Sara explained that this report is unique due to its timing and will include both the total funding from the Capacity and Cost Assessment as well as the OHA policy package. Specifically, it will outline how a \$2 million investment in the next biennium would be allocated through the governor's budget.
    - Florence followed up, recalling previous discussions on how additional investments impact workload, noting that \$2 million may primarily cover cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) rather than expanding deliverables.
      - Sara confirmed that the information shared with the governor's office emphasizes maintaining current efforts, particularly in vaccine access and equity. The \$2 million is intended to sustain ongoing work rather than expand statutory responsibilities.

### **Standing Items: Updates for PHAB, LGAC & OSTPR Board - Update - CLHO Representatives: Marie Boman-Davis (PHAB), Jennifer Little (LGAC) & Carrie Brogoitti (OSTPR)**

- **PHAB Updates:** Marie provided a brief summary of the meeting; since she wasn't in attendance, she reviewed the agenda and meeting notes and shared that there were updates regarding the PHAB Workforce Workgroup, the Health Equity Workgroup & changes to the CCO contract.
  - Florence said there were some good conversations regarding the CCO contract and CD case management and other specific public health services.

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- **LGAC Updates:** Jennifer shared that there were discussions on emergency management resilience hubs; Dr. Clark gave some updates about CCBHCs- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and noted that their next meeting is in February.
- **OSTPR Board Updates:** Carrie provided some updates on the Opioid Statewide Treatment, Prevention, and Recovery Board, discussing the governor's request to use funds for Save Lives Oregon and the board's strategic approach to allocating funds.
  - **Q&A/Discussion:**
    - Jill inquired whether there is a connection between the governor's funding request and the current recommended allocation of BHRN funds. She noted that her county's Harm Reduction Program, previously funded through BHRN, faced significant cuts, raising concerns about how harm reduction efforts will continue under the new allocation.
      - Carrie stated that she is unaware of a direct connection to BHRN but confirmed that the governor has asked the settlement board to consider allocating all available funding to the Save Lives Oregon initiative. She emphasized that a strategic process was developed to distribute funds equitably, given the high needs across various areas outlined in Exhibit E.
        - Carrie also reiterated that the board strongly supports harm reduction and has already made substantial contributions to Save Lives Oregon. While harm reduction remains a priority, the board is committed to distributing funds thoughtfully across multiple critical areas.
    - Lindsey raised concerns about the disconnect between major funding systems like BHRN and statewide needs, emphasizing that while harm reduction is important, some communities, like Yamhill County, have more urgent gaps in detox and residential treatment. She urged a more strategic approach to funding and asked where these concerns could be effectively escalated.
      - Carrie acknowledged the importance of harm reduction but emphasized the need for balanced resource allocation. She expressed support for *Save Lives Oregon* while advocating for a broader strategy that includes upstream prevention. Carrie noted that the board is taking a thoughtful approach and recognizes the need to distribute funds strategically across multiple priorities.



### **Group Agreements & Practices - Debrief - Philip Mason-Joyner, Chair**

- Philip wanted to open up the conversation and reflect on how the meeting went:
  - Jennifer wanted to share that during the HSSS funding updates, wanted to acknowledge that the counties that were negatively impacted handled the conversations well
  - Cessa wanted to share that she appreciates how everyone worked through the HSSS voting process collaboratively when there was a process questions/comment
  - Trish shared they are not applying for BHRN funding- there is too much administrative burden.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 AM**