



January 16th, 2025

Meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials

Meeting Began: 11:15 AM

Reviewed and Approved on XX

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, Gilliam; Joseph Fiumara, Coalition of Local Environmental Health Specialists, Umatilla; Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Administrators of Oregon, Yamhill

Absent: Katie Plumb, At-Large Representative 3, Crook

Members Present (x if present)

	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	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush	X	Josephine – Mike Weber		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*
	Crook – Katie Plumb*	X	Lane - Jocelyn Warren*		Washington – Marie Boman-Davis* was absent; Erin Jolly was proxy
X	Deschutes – Heather Kaisner	X	Lincoln - Florence Pourtal		Wheeler - Shelby Thompson
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin; Bill Michielsen was proxy until Lindsey arrived later during the meeting
X	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson	X	Malheur - Rebecca Stricker		HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Jessica Winegar		Marion – Wendy Zieker	X	CLEHS Caucus - Joseph Fiumara*



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

Coalition of Local Health Officials: Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager, Kate Szrom, Public Health Communication Coordinator

Guests: Trey Thompson (Grant PH)

Motion: Heather made a motion to approve the November minutes. Trish seconded the motion. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all remaining present in favor, motion past.

- Note: An update needs to be made to the November minutes to indicate that NCPHD attended and that Martha is the current member.

AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS

Appointments

There were no appointments to make.

Reschedule June Board Meetings - In Meeting Poll - VOTE - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Context: Sarah discussed the rescheduling of the June 2025 board meeting due to Juneteenth falling on the regular meeting date.

- Three options for the rescheduled meeting were presented: Wednesday, June 18, Thursday, June 26, and Tuesday, June 24.



- A Zoom meeting poll was used to determine the preferred option, with option two (Thursday, June 26) being the winner for the rescheduled June 2025 board meeting.

Executive Committee Election: At Large Pos 4 - VOTE - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Context: Sarah announced the need to fill the CLHO executive committee position (at-large representative 4) left vacant by Megan Chancey.

- Counties that are eligible are: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Maleur, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa & Wheeler
- Volunteers: DaiLene Willson from Gilliam County was the only member that volunteered.

Vote: Kari set the motion that DaiLene Wilson becomes the new At-Large Representative for Position 4. Jessica seconded the motion. No abstentions, all approved. Motion passed.

Legislative Committee Recommendations - Discussion & Possible VOTE - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Context: The Public Health Modernization budget ask is set at \$25 million to support the entire public health system. On December 12th, a unanimous vote was recorded with 13 members present, including one administrator. OHA has improved the funding process, emphasizing input, coordination, and alignment with the current modernization stage.

- Proposed Allocation Amounts:



Proposed Allocation Amounts Derived from OHA POP 410 proposal				
	Total %	OHA POP	CLHO Ask	Current \$
LPHAs	46%	\$2.3m	\$11.5m	\$50m
Tribes	9%	\$.45m	\$2.25m	\$10m
OHA	22%	\$1.1m	\$5.5m	\$24m
CBOs	23%	\$1.15m	\$5.75m	\$26m
Total	100%	\$5m	\$25m	\$110m

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- **Discussion/Q&A:**
 - Florence expressed discomfort with the proposed allocation, suggesting a larger percentage for LPHAs and a reduction for CBOs, citing a lack of demonstrated progress from CBOs.
 - Bob noted that at a recent PHAB meeting, it was clarified that this request does not increase the government budget. He also confirmed that an amendment could be proposed before the final vote.
- **Vote:** Heather motioned to amend the proposal to ensure at least 50% of funding goes to LPHAs while maintaining support for the entire system. Florence seconded the motion. No objections or abstentions. Motion passed.

Legislative Session - Update - Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Context: Sarah provided updates on the legislative session, including the start date, committee assignments, and key bills.

- The importance of the addiction primary prevention bill and the workforce bill was highlighted, with specific legislators and committees mentioned.
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- Sarah also discussed the development of a legislator scorecard to motivate and support public health champions in the legislature.
- The need for input for fiscal impact surveys for bills like House Bill 2943 (HIV and syphilis screening) and House Bill 2701 (mortuary refrigeration) was emphasized:



- **HB 2943 & Fiscal Impact Survey:** The CLHO Legislative Committee received a preliminary overview of House Bill 2943 from Cascade AIDS Project. The bill mandates HIV and syphilis screening for individuals undergoing blood tests in emergency departments (EDs) unless they opt out.
 - **Key Considerations:**
 - Potential Impact: Based on preliminary estimates, identified cases could increase by 20–50%, leading to higher workloads for public health departments.
 - Funding Concern: The bill currently does not include additional funding, despite the expected increase in service demands.
 - Next Steps: The legislative committee will advocate for attaching a fiscal note to secure necessary resources.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - A survey will be developed to assess the fiscal impact on local public health programs.
 - Volunteers were requested to help refine the survey, ensuring all associated costs are captured. Input can be provided via email or a brief 30-minute meeting.
 - Martha, Bob & Florence volunteered to help give input.
- **HB 2701 & Fiscal Impact Survey:** Sarah provided an overview of a bill from Rep. Evans requiring counties to maintain 120-day capacity for essential services, holding rooms, and mortuary refrigeration based on a 25% mortality rate during a pandemic, natural disaster, or similar emergency. She expressed concerns about the feasibility of implementation for some counties and sought clarification on the bill's intent and impact.
 - **Key Concerns:**
 - The 25% mortality rate appears unrealistically high, raising questions about its basis and assumptions.
 - The short turnaround for fiscal impact statements (typically 1–2 days) makes it difficult for counties to provide accurate cost estimates.
 - There may be misconceptions about the role of public health in emergency response and the bill's practical implications.
 - **Next Steps:**



- A fiscal impact survey will be developed to assess cost implications for counties.
- Volunteers were requested to help refine the survey.
 - Florence (Lincoln) and Lindsey (Yamhill) volunteered to assist in drafting the survey.
- The team will continue discussing the bill's intentions and potential impacts.

New PH Professionals Learning Community - Recruitment - Jenny Rudolph, CLHO Workforce Liaison

Context: Jenny introduced the new public health professionals learning community, funded by a Kaiser Permanente workforce grant.

- The pilot program aims to support newer staff with monthly meetings, guest speakers, and networking opportunities.
- Registration is open, with over 20 people already registered, and the first meeting is planned for February.
- The program is open to anyone hired in the last two years, and Jenny encourages counties to register new employees and share the opportunity with their teams.

Member Announcements- Updates- All

Heather announced the upcoming retirement of Janice, the current health services director, and the need for a new health services administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.