



## 2/20/25 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		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		Josephine – Mike Weber	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
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 was proxy
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		Morrow – Robin Canaday		PHAO - Lindsey Manfrin*

\*Member of the Executive Committee

**Public Health Division Staff Present:** Liz Hunt, Andrew Epstein, Danna Drum, Anthony Nickerson, Jamie Coleman, Cessa Karson, Naomi Adeline-Biggs, Tim Noe, Sara Beaudrault, Wendy Polulech, Kate O'Donnell, Kiley Ariail

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

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**Guests Present:** Trey Thompson (Grant), Rockie Philips (Tillamook), Marissa Cade (org?), Teresa Johnson (Providence)

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

**Motion:** Heather moved to approve the January minutes. Martha seconded the motion. 0 nays, 0 abstentions, all remaining present in favor, motion passed.

**Appointments:** Philip made the following committee appointments:

- o A2CPS: Mandy Mattison (Clatsop), Rebecca Collett (Washington)
- o CD: Jill Quackenbush (Clatsop), Mandy Mattison (Clatsop), Austin Close (Tillamook) & Jaime Craig (Tillamook)
- o EH: —
- o EPR: Jill Quackenbush (Clatsop)
- o HPP: —
- o S&I: Jill Quackenbush (Clatsop)

## TOPICS

### **PE 51 Public Health Modernization language and funding- VOTE Jessica Dale, S&I Co-Chair; Andrew Epstein, OHA-PHD**

**Overview:** Jessica provided an overview of Public Health Modernization Program Element 51 language and funding.

- Jessica explained the minor language updates to achieve consistency and remove outdated language. The updates include changing "vaccinations" to "immunization" and removing references to the expired COVID-19 PH Workforce Funding.
- The funding formula was also brought forward with unanimous support from the S&I subcommittee.
- The language and funding changes are effective July 1, 2025.

**VOTE:** Since there was an LPHA Administrator present at the S&I Committee when they voted on this, a motion was set and it was seconded. No abstentions, no opposition. PE 51 changes approved.

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## **Federal Updates Update Danna Drum, OHA-PHD**

**Overview:** Danna Drum provided federal updates, mentioning the continuation of business as usual and the monitoring of the continuing resolution.

- One grant was affected by the funding freeze but it has since been awarded.

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

- Marlene (Tillamook) asked about sanctuary status being impacted and CMS waivers from Medicaid being affected
  - Danna said she hasn't heard anything about the sanctuary status- it's also something that may not be discussed at OHA; for the medicaid funding status, OHA is still at the monitoring phase since nothing concrete has been released
    - HHS has been pretty quiet up until this point, but it may change in the future now that the HHS Secretary position has been filled
    - Danna emphasized the importance of relying on formal, written official guidance.

## **PE 44 SBHC language changes - VOTE - Kate O'Donnell, OHA-PHD**

**Overview:** Kate O'Donnell provided an update on the school-based health centers program element changes (PE 44).

- The changes included updating student health survey data, clarifying PHSE standards, and removing the state-administered patient satisfaction survey requirement.
- The mental health expansion grant requirements were updated to include annual narrative reports instead of progress reports.
- The key performance measures requirements were removed for the next biennium.

**VOTE:** Since there was an LPHA Administrator present at the A2CPS Committee when they voted on this, a motion was set and it was seconded. PE 44 changes approved.

## **PE 03 TB changes - VOTE - Kiley Ariail, OHA-PHD**

**Overview:** Kylie Ariel provided an update on the tuberculosis program element changes (PE 03). The changes included removing an outcome measure and simplifying language to remove stigmatizing terms.

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- The TB program encourages all L PHAs to enroll in the 340B drug purchasing program.
- Performance measures are updated to be consistent with CDC goals, making it slightly easier for L PHAs to meet standards.

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

- Joe (Umatilla) inquired about the rationale behind the CDC's recent metric adjustments, asking whether the changes were due to performance challenges or other factors.
  - Kiley explained that while she could not speak definitively for the CDC, the agency has indicated that these goals remain aspirational yet achievable. She noted that performance on certain TB measures has declined, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic, prompting adjustments to ensure the metrics are both challenging and attainable.
    - Joe expressed concern about lowering metrics at a time when cases of the disease appear to be increasing but acknowledged the alignment with CDC guidelines.

**VOTE:** Since there was an LPHA Administrator present at the CD Committee when they voted on this, a motion was set and it was seconded. No abstentions, no opposition. PE 03 changes approved.

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

**Carrie Brogoitti (OSTPR):** Discussed allocation strategies, including an emerging issues fund for Save Lives Oregon. Noted the OSTPR Board's commitment to its mission despite resource limitations. Thanked the CLHO Board and partners for their support.

**Jennifer Little (LGAC):** The January meeting was canceled; the next meeting is next Friday. Since she will be out of office, Jaime volunteered to attend and take notes.

**Marie Boman-Davis (PHAB):** The Health Equity Workgroup presented draft documents to PHAB, received feedback, and will refine them for an update at the next meeting.

**New Items of Business:** Philip said that he heard from Columbia County and they want to appoint Kirby Kowalski to the S&I Committee.

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### **Group Agreements & Practices Debrief Philip Mason-Joyner, Chair 10:45**

- Martha (NCPHD) wanted to thank Joe (Umatilla) for his comment on the TB changes, and the thoughtfulness behind it when expressing his disagreement with the CDC metric changes.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:11 AM**