



10/16/25 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 a roll call. Vice-Chair Carrie Brogoitti conducted roll call:

Members Present (x if present):

	Baker – Chastity Anderson	X	Hood River - Trish Elliot	X	Multnomah – Kirsten Aird was absent; Andrea Hamberg was proxy
X	Benton – Sara Hartstein	X	Jackson - Jackson Baures*	X	North Central PHD (Sherman, Wasco) - Martha McInnes
X	Clackamas – Kim La Croix	X	Jefferson - Katie Russell	X	Polk – Kari Wilhite
X	Clatsop – Jill Quackenbush		Josephine – Janet Fredrickson	X	Tillamook - Marlene Putman
X	Columbia – Jaime Aanensen was absent; Madison Riethman was proxy	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		Lincoln - Florence Pourtal	X	Wheeler - Sarah Hartenstein
X	Douglas - Bob Dannenhoffer	X	Linn – Shane Sanderson*	X	Yamhill - Lindsey Manfrin
	Gilliam – DaiLene Wilson*	X	Malheur - Rebecca Stricker	X	HO Caucus - Pat Luedtke*
X	Grant – Trey Thompson	X	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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Additional Attendees Present

- **Public Health Division Staff Present:** Naomi Adeline-Biggs, Danna Drum, Andrew Epstein, Anthony Nickerson, Jamie Coleman, Andrea Krause, Tim Noe
- **Coalition of Local Health Officials Staff Present:** Sarah Lochner, Executive Director; Allison Mora, Program Manager
- **Guests Present:** Bill Michielsen, Erika Zoller, Gerald Dyer, Elisabeth Maxwell, Bill Conway, Kaline Chavarria, Laura Turpen (Douglas), Rockie Phillips (Tillamook), Annie Herbert (non-LPHA individual), Carol Morton (journalist), Paula Moynihan (unknown affiliation)

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

- **Motion:** Heather moved to approve the September minutes. Martha seconded the motion. There were 0 nays, 3 abstentions (Marie (Washington), Andrea (Multnomah), and Madison (Columbia) abstained), motion passed.

Committee Appointments

Philip made the following appointments:

- S&I: Tom Kuhn (Deschutes)

Agenda Item Topics

CLHO Elections- Executive Committee | Elections Information & VOTE | Philip Mason-Joyner, CLHO Chair

Overview: Philip (CLHO Chair) introduced the CLHO Executive Committee elections, explained the positions to be filled, outlined the voting process, and facilitated the election.

- Election process and timeline were presented—one vote per county, with ballots to be returned by a set deadline.
- Slate of candidates announced for all offices; opportunities for nominations from the floor outlined.
- Election results were later announced by Sarah Lochner (CLHO ED) (see Election Results Announcement section).

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Annual CLHO Committees Reports | Reports | CLHO Committees Co-Chairs

Overview: Each of the six CLHO committees presented summaries of their annual activities, successes, challenges, and needs for board support.

- Committee reports included: Communicable Diseases (CD), Systems and Innovation (S&I), Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR), Access to Clinical Preventive Services, Health Promotion & Prevention, and Environmental Health.
- Focus areas ranged from program implementation, workforce and funding challenges, governance, charter updates, and modernization work.

Communicable Diseases (CD) Committee:

Overview: Highlighted collaborative successes (e.g., creation of Program Element 81), ongoing challenges with changing guidelines, and proposed charter/membership updates.

- Collaboration led to the establishment of the new HIV/STI Services Program (Element 81).
- Charter revisions and a proposal to allow indefinite member terms.
- Emphasis on self-care and resilience among health workers.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Gerald (Benton): Detailed successes and recommendations for membership.
- Jackson (Jackson): Expressed appreciation for Gerald's leadership.

Systems and Innovation (S&I) Committee:

Overview: Reported on work supporting public health modernization, developing implementation plan templates, and partnering with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- Developed and piloted public health modernization implementation plan templates due Dec. 31.
- Provided ongoing technical assistance and evaluation planning for Program Element 51.
- Co-chairs highlighted effective engagement and feedback from local public health authorities.

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**Discussion/Q&A:**

- Katie (Crook; S&I Co-Chair): Emphasized collaborative, flexible committee work.
- Heather (Deschutes): Thanked the committee for helping develop the modernization plan template and supporting counties.

Access to Clinical & Preventive Services (A2CPS) Committee:

Overview: Erica Zoller (A2CPS Co-Chair) addressed the committee's work on maternal/child health, home visiting, immunizations, and cross-program challenges, focusing on sustainable funding and workforce issues.

- Held a retreat to clarify priorities and strengthen committee focus.
- Identified priorities in advocacy, Medicaid/state reimbursement, staff retention/recruitment, and funding.
- Recognized ongoing onboarding challenges and the need for improved member integration.
- Aimed to share best practices and create efficiency tools with OHA support.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Erica (A2CPS Co-Chair): Discussed retreat outcomes; asked for support in onboarding new members.
- Ann (A2CPS Co-Chair): Highlighted EHR disparities for small counties; called for increased engagement.
- Shane (Linn): Requested that committees specify actionable needs.

Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Committee:

Overview: Bill Conway (EPR Co-Chair) reported on work related to emergency preparedness, the Great ShakeOut drill, and committee process improvements.

- Focused on reviewing and updating the funding formula and PE 12 document.
- Shifted to virtual meetings to comply with public meeting laws.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Bill Conway (EPR Co-Chair): Shared the committee's ongoing work and need for continued funding.
- Meeting paused for participation in the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill.

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Health Promotion & Prevention (HPP) Committee:

Overview: Elisabeth (HPP Co-Chair) addressed the committee's work on tobacco and legislative issues, adapting to new laws and ensuring broad committee representation.

- Regularly updated on tobacco legislation and funding.
- Participated in adapting meetings to comply with public meeting law.
- Noted challenges in maintaining consistent county participation and support staff turnover.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Elizabeth (Co-Chair): Sought clarification on needs for the report; shared about support transitions and public meeting law compliance.
- The board expressed appreciation; no additional questions were asked.

Environmental Health (EH) Committee:

Overview: Kaline Chavarria (EH Co-Chair) addressed regulatory/environmental health guidance, public policy, and climate adaptation priorities.

- Covered topics: water safety, domestic wells, climate, modernization, and lead.
- Acknowledged the need to update membership and increase engagement from climate adaptation leads.
- Adjusted to public meeting requirements.

Discussion/Q&A:

- No challenges raised to the board beyond the need for broader engagement.

Federal Funding Updates | Discussion | Danna Drum, OHA-PHD

Overview: Danna (OHA) provided the latest on federal funding and implications for public health programs, including WIC.

- October funding secured for all programs, optimistic outlook for November due to additional tariff funding.
- OHA's Financial Services Office reports no issues drawing down federal funds.
- WIC clinics remain open, and participants are encouraged to continue using services.

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Discussion/Q&A:

- Heather (Deschutes): Asked if things are all good for all of October and November for WIC
 - Dann (OHA): Confirmed for October and was optimistic about November.
 - Jackson (Jackson): Asked about county reimbursement if local funds are used during a federal shutdown.
 - Danna (OHA): Explained reimbursement depends on federal flow reestablishment; regular updates promised.
 - General bipartisan support for WIC at the federal level is noted.
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Rural Health Transformation Program | Information | Danna Drum, OHA-PHD

Overview: Danna (OHA) described Oregon's application for significant new federal funding to support rural health transformation.

- Oregon could receive up to \$100 million/year if the application is successful.
 - Funding priorities include healthy communities, systems coordination, workforce, and technology/data modernization.
 - Quick demonstration of outcomes emphasized by funders.
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Standing Items: Updates for PHAB, LGAC & OSTPR Board | Information | CLHO Representatives

Overview: CLHO representatives from various councils/boards shared updates from the most recent meetings held.

OSTPR Board, Carrie Brogoitti: Described challenges with opioid settlement fund contracts and retreat planning.

LGAC (Local Government Advisory Council), Jennifer Little:

- Provided updates on discussions with the Office of Rural Health and Oregon Wildfire response.
- Mentioned federal changes affecting programs, including SNAP and WIC.

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PHAB (Public Health Advisory Board), Marie Boman- Davis: Marie was absent, so Sarah Lochner (CLHO ED) and Bob (Douglas) gave a brief overview of what was covered (primarily focused on the MET group visioning session) during the 10/9/25 PHAB meeting.

Group Agreements & Practices Debrief | Philip Mason-Joyner, Chair

Overview: A debrief on meeting agreements and practices, with a focus on reflection and improvement.

- Participants were invited to comment on adherence to group agreements and opportunities for improvement.
- Multiple attendees acknowledged the value of committee leadership and the importance of new member engagement.

Discussion/Q&A:

- **Jocelyn (Lane):** Recognized the importance of committee work and thanked the co-chairs for presenting.
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Election Results Announcement Sarah Lochner, CLHO ED

Overview: Sarah Lochner announced the results of the CLHO executive committee elections.

- Carrie Brogoitti was elected as the new CLHO Chair.
- Heather Kaisner was elected as the new Vice Chair.
- Shane Sanderson continues as Treasurer.
- All standing representatives maintained current seats.

Discussion/Q&A:

- Sara and Philip are to coordinate with the new officers for transition planning.
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Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 AM

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