CLHO Co-Chairs Summary Reports, October 2024 Annual Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

**Committee: Environmental Health**

**Co-Chairs: Kathleen Johnson (Washington County), Kaline Chavarria (Lincoln County)**

1. What is the purpose of your committee (please include the issues that are within your committee’s purview)?

**To provide guidance and recommendations for areas related environmental health regulations; licensing and inspections; planning and assessments related to environmental public health; development of environmental public health policy and programs; promotion and outreach around mitigating environmental health risks, and consultation. Including:**

* **Drinking water**
* **EH IGA**
* **Domestic Well Safety**
* **PH modernization- Climate and Health**
* **Brownfield assessment and redevelopment**
* **Lead**
  1. Do you have a charter? How is this working for you?

**Yes, the committee has a charter. The committee reviews the charter annually, and we will review at our next meeting in November. Co-chairs use it to develop agenda topics. The charter focuses on expanding environmental health work to meet the work outlined in PHM; that has been the focus of committee work for the past year.**

* 1. Do you have a workplan? How is this working for you?

**No we do not have a workplan.**

1. What challenges and successes has your committee faced in incorporating Public Health Modernization into your committee’s objectives?

**The committee discusses and reviews non-regulatory areas of work such as Healthy Home grant program, lead screening questionnaires and investigative guidelines, climate and health adaptation planning, and water quality issues such as harmful algal blooms and cyanotoxins, to name a few.**

1. What challenges and/or successes has your committee experienced in sharing meeting materials and information with committee members? With other committees (as relevant)? With the CLHO Board? **OHA support staff sends out meeting materials to the regularly updated committee member email list. Sara Lochner is on our committee email list and gets meeting minutes. We email key items directly to Sara. We ask members to reach out to their health administrators on key issues.**
2. Is there anything else you’d like to share with the other committees or the CLHO Board?
3. Please check the [CLHO website](https://oregonclho.org/conference/about-the-conference) to see if the list of your committee members is accurate. If there are any changes needed, please include those below. Please also note if you need any representation from CLHO Board Members/Administrators or from small, medium or large LPHAs.
   * The CLHO website list looks accurate (Yes/No/Other):
   * The CLHO website needs the following updates:

**Updated list of committee members, meeting schedule, and co-chairs.**

* + This committee needs the following representation (list county names, size, or if administrators are needed): **The committee needs more climate and health adaptation planning leads attending meetings**.
  + Additional Needs: