CLHO Co-Chairs Summary Reports, October 2025 Annual Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials

**Committee: Health Promotion and Prevention**

**Co-Chairs: Elisabeth Maxwell (Lane) & Gwyn Ashcom (Washington)**

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

The Prevention & Health Promotion committee provides guidance and recommendations to the CLHO board for existing and new areas of work as it relates to collecting and disseminating relevant data; developing plans to address health needs; program element language; funding allocations; service delivery and supports; and training. Social determinants of health and equity underscore all program areas and should be incorporated in all aspects of the work to ensure equitable, upstream approaches. As a Foundational Program in Public Health Modernization (PE 51) Prevention and Health Promotion work is evolving to incorporate areas of focus listed below and may expand to incorporate new areas of need. It is understood that there are areas of overlap that require collaboration with other HHS divisions or other CLHO committees.

*Areas of work that may be addressed by the committee:*

• Tobacco Prevention and Education (PE 13)

• Tobacco Retail Licensing (PE 76)

• Sustainable Relationships for Community Health (PE 04)

• Drug Overdose (PE 62/ Prescription drug overdose PE 27)

• Suicide Prevention/Postvention (PE 60)

• Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education (PE 36)

• Maternal and Child Health (PE 42)

• Adolescent and School Health (PE 44)

• Problem Gambling Prevention/ Gaming Addiction Prevention (Service element 80)

• Climate change adaptation (PE 51)

• Injury and violence prevention

• Sexual Health

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

Yes, we have a charter. It’s working well.

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

We do not have a workplan and seem to be conducting our work effectively without one.

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

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| **Successes** | **Challenges** |
| Regular updates on tobacco funding and legislative priorities. | New co-chair and support from OHA |
| Input on adding an LPHA seat to the ADPC Board | Incorporation of Oregon Public Meeting Law requirements into our meetings. |
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| Input into LPHA involvement in the PHAB HPP accountability metrics |  |

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?*

The co-chairs have worked hard to consistently remind committee members to communicate with their administrators to avoid surprises at big CLHO and to ensure votes are aligned.

In addition, the incorporation of the requirements for the Oregon Public Meeting Law added to our work this year.

We also have a new team in place to manage the HPP committee with a new co-chair and new support from OHA. Things are going well, and we are still evolving as a team.

1. *Is there anything else you’d like to share with the other committees or the CLHO Board?*

Sometimes it is difficult to ensure the full CLHO board is apprised of all issues prior to the meeting simply because there are not representatives from every county (although our committee is large with good representation from all sized counties). We do our best to communicate clearly and follow protocol.

1. *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:
   * This committee needs the following representation (list county names, size, or if administrators are needed): Baker, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Lake, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Wallowa, Wasco, Wheeler
   * Additional Needs: