



Conference of Local Health Officials

CLHO Health Promotion & Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Notes Summary:

- **Federal Changes and Funding Updates:**
 - **Encouragement to Share Concerns:**
 - Participants were encouraged to share concerns about federal changes.
 - A team is monitoring these federal changes closely.
 - Funding is still active and available to continue county and state work.
 - Administrators are encouraged to attend Friday update meetings around federal changes.
 - Access to federal databases is a concern
- **Immigration Changes and Impact on Marginalized Communities:**
 - **Pause on Community Focus Groups:**
 - Immigration policy changes are affecting how counties address concerns within marginalized communities.
 - Focus groups are currently not being held in some counties.
 - **Hispanic Health Committee Updates:**
 - Fear expressed by community members about attending appointments for services like Woman's, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits.
 - Efforts underway to issue benefits directly without requiring appointments, while adhering to necessary guidelines.
 - Legal guidance on what is permissible in public buildings has been provided.
 - [Civil Rights/Sanctuary-Promise](#)
 - [Civil-Rights/Promesa-de-santuario/ \(Spanish version of website\)](#)
 - [Sanctuary-promise/community-toolkit](#) -at the bottom of this site is a form where requests can be made for training



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- **Community Outreach and Support:**

- Some counties are meeting with communities to explain rights, reinforce supportive practices, and offer resources.
- Flyers with messages such as "Be Safe and Be Strong" have been distributed.

Funding Questions:

- **Non-Profit and Equity Coalitions Funding:**

- Questions raised about the future of funding for non-profits and equity coalitions working with counties.
- Concerns about potential disruption of funding and the resulting impact on programs.

- **Funding Stream Status:**

- **Measure 108 & Tobacco:**

- These are housed in the state "Other" category of funding, continuing as usual.

- **General Fund:**

- Operating as usual.

- **Opioid Settlement Funds:**

- Counted as general fund and currently unaffected by federal changes.

- **Immigration Policy and Sensitive Locations:**

- **2011 Policy Rescinded:**

- A policy that limited immigration enforcement in sensitive locations like healthcare facilities, churches, and schools has been rescinded.

- **Rapid Response Protocols:**

- Some counties are developing protocols in response to potential law enforcement presence in facilities.
- Key points:
 - Staff are being trained on how to respond.
 - Patients are informed about their rights and how to respond.



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- Private areas are being designated as such to ensure privacy.
- HIPAA and records request guidelines are being followed.
- Awareness and education campaigns are ongoing to support immigrant populations.

- **Legislative Updates and Advocacy:**

- **Flavor Ban Bill:**

- The statewide flavor ban bill is still active.
 - Commissioners are hesitant to support policy change campaigns without visible traction.
 - Encouragement for counties to share updates when visible traction is seen, allowing the information to be passed onto commissioners.

- **Public Health and Equity Advocacy:**

- **Alcohol and Drug Commission:**

- Discussion on advocating for a public health seat on the commission.
 - Debate over the qualifications required for the board members—should they have CPS certifications or public health degrees?
 - Working on amendments to the definition of primary prevention funds, which public health partners are dissatisfied with and looking to make some amendments.

- **Legislative Cessation Updates:**

- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention section of Oregon Health Authority is acting as the hub for updates regarding legislative actions.

- **Vape Detector Bill:**

- Inquiry raised about possible opposition from Oregon Health Authority on the vape detector bill for schools.
 - OHA generally remains neutral, except on bills identified by the governor. A draft bill analysis is conducted, and problematic bills are flagged for discussion with legislators.



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- This bill was among the bills that were flagged.
- **Governor's Budget and Public Health:**
 - **Budget Allocation for Public Health:**
 - The proposed budget for public health is flat, with no major increase or decrease compared to the last biennium.
 - A smaller modernization package is included.
 - Previous biennium funds will continue to be used until gone.
 - Disappointment expressed due to the 3% allocation, with concerns about its impact on counties and staff.
 - CLHO is working to connect with tobacco and alcohol tax funds for additional support.
- **Nicotine Replacement Program:**
 - **Launch of Program:**
 - A nicotine replacement program has been launched but has had zero participants thus far.
 - Despite no participants, many clinics and physicians have inquired about the program.