Motion for consideration from the CLHO PHEP Budget subcommittee

***Background on discussion on base:***

* It was agreed upon that equity was a core value.
* It was further decided that enough money to support at least a part time staff was needed for PHEP planning infrastructure in every size county, even the smallest. Therefore, a base large enough to do this was decided upon.
* There is also a need for counties with more of the population to have increased support for planning for the needs and challenges of the larger counties.
* Although the CLHO committee has a reference division of county sizes of Small (under 50,000) Medium (50,000 – 140,000) and Large (over 140,000), the various CLHO committees are not bound to follow those divisions, and most do not.
* A variety of different proposals were examined and discussed, but in each variation the counties hardest hit were those who were deemed large in the current definition that would drop to small under the proposed definition. Eleven counties were negatively affected.

**Recommendation of the group was that we would propose to leave the current county size divisions of Small (under 10,000) and Large (over 10,000).**

**Recommendation to leave the funding formula as is.**

***Background on counties regionalizing and receiving multiple bases:***

* It was agreed upon that equity was a core value.
* Approximately 10 years ago, when North Central District decided to band together, it was determined that they would receive the base awards for all counties, partially in the hopes that more counties would follow this path. This has not happened.
* Because a prominent feature of having a relatively high base was to support infrastructure in the county, awarding two or three bases (or more) to one entity did not follow through on this premise. More basic infrastructure is not required.
* Under the current funding formula, North Central (with 30,475 people, or 0.748% of the population) receives $143,662, which is the roughly the same award as Marion County ($146,599) which has a population of 333,950. Malheur County, at a population (pop. 31,705) similar to that of the combined North Central region, receives about half of that award, at $72,196.

Equity and supporting all counties is at the core of the CLHO PHEP budget discussions. We do not wish to single out one regional program, and do support counties banding together to increase efficiency and effectiveness of their programs, especially in this climate of uncertain and dwindling funding for PHEP.

However, the situation outlined above does not support the values of equity, and it is our recommendation that those counties which regionalize are not awarded the bases for all involved counties, as two or three infrastructures are not needed. Several alternative proposals:

1. Regionalizing counties be awarded the base for the combined population, along with a per capita for that combined population.
2. Regionalizing counties be awarded the base for the largest county in the region, along with half of the next largest base. Per capita will be awarded by combined population.
3. Other?