Conference of Local Health

Systems and Innovations Committee Minutes

June 25, 2025 – 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm

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| **Agenda Item** | **Detail** | | **Action Item** | **Presenter** |
| Welcome, Introductions (as needed), agenda review, and roll call | Quorum is 50% +1 of committee membership  Quorum met. | | Roll call Ensure quorum  Review agenda for the day | Co-chairs |
| **Committee Agenda Items** | | | | |
| Approve May Minutes | Florence - motioned to approve, Kari - seconded  No opposed, no abstained. Minutes approved. | | Approve | Co-chairs |
| **Agenda Item** | | | | |
| PH Equity Funding Evaluation | **Preliminary results and recommendations from evaluation of PE 78 CBO passthrough funding and PE 80 CBO mini grants**   * Evaluation conducted by Rede Group * PHD Executive leadership team meeting next week for discussion about future of this work. * These were opportunities to explore two new funding mechanisms for CBOs   + PE78 – Closer connection to CBO funding within your jurisdictions   + PE80 – Funding to address geographic gaps in distribution of CBO funding * Reviewed the three evaluation questions prompted by Rede Group, presented between March and June 2025. * PE78 selection process included asking 1) funded CBOs if they were interested in the funds passing through an LPHA 2) LPHAs given opportunity to opt-in 3) LPHAs initially were required to pass through 100% of funding. 80 CBOs were interested, in areas served by 11 LPHAs; 2 LPHAs opted in with 1 CBO in each of their jurisdictions * Reviewed evaluation findings for PE78 Passthrough Pilot * Administrative burden present at different levels, depending on the staff relaying the information. -Steven will follow up with Rede Group to find out if they were similar roles who replied. * Inquiry if OHA’s expected results were met. -This was a pilot program, trying to meet the expressed needs from CBOs. There were no set expectations. * Do we know the reasons LPHAs opted out? -We will need to review emails from that time to gather that information and will bring it back to this group. * Collaboration highlights – felt like their relationships were strengthened, with one caveat of concerns regarding political ideology of the county commissioners. * PE80 selection process 1) modernization funding formula used to identify gap counties 2) LPHAs given opportunity to opt in to directly fund CBOs with smaller grants 3) four LPHAs opted in to administer mini grants * Evaluation findings interviews noted the funding met ability to address targeted, community specified issue * Administrative burden to LPHAs was reported minimal or worth it * LPHAs commented the short timeframe caused significant challenges * Training was minimal and LPHA stated helping to support them at the things they’re already good at * Comment: Additional context as to why there was a low participation would be helpful to figure out if we should continue to implement. Other thing from Jessica – passthrough pilot to facilitate partnerships, Need continual trainings. Working with vs working in the same space – relationships are necessary * Marco: excited state is doing new things. For his LPHA, everything involved, especially with the contract process, would keep them from joining. Looking for more info on how others take care of the contracting side. Is the passthrough pilot the best way to build relationships or is there another option OHA may be able to offer? Direct relationships are the best for CBO/LPHA. * Laura: Looking forward to building CBO relationships, but contract side is daunting. * Florence: LPHA in partnership with United Way to move money through them & Unite Way takes care of the grant applications, administration. -Willing to have evaluator contact you to discuss? Steven will be in touch with further info. Cognizant in early June grant opportunity through OHA pilot for rural health mobile units – applied with 2 CBO partners and received grants. Now they need to work out the contracts – took a long time, due to capacity. * Next steps: PH Exec Committee will review next week. | | Review and discuss | Jamie  Coleman  & Steve  Fiala |
| Local Public Health Investment Data Collection | **Updated Inclusions and Exclusions Document**   * Local government investment data reports public health spending for possibility to receive matching funds. Matching funds not available this biennium due to lack of additional state investment in modernization. * Andrew reviewed changes to the Inclusions/Exclusions document that were made based on CLHO S&I feedback and questions, including adding “Additional programs” to the title and adding definitions for Foundational Capabilities, Foundational Programs and Additional Programs. * As suggested by a committee member, Andrew will add ORS references for foundational capabilities and programs, to provide further clarification. * Committee members expressed support for the updated version, which will be finalized for use with FY25 data collection. | | Review and discuss | Andrew Epstein |
| Reminder: Community of Practice | **LPHA Modernization community of practice June 26 @ 4 pm**   * Invite will be forwarded to this group; in case it was not received | | Reminder of opportunity to participate | Co-Chairs |
| Wrap-up and next meeting | **Discuss next meeting**   * Please share any topics you would to discuss during the next meeting with Andrew & Katie.   Set goals for what we want to get accomplished | | Discuss and adjourn | Group |
| **Next meeting: July 23, 2025 – 1:00pm to 2:30pm** | | | | |
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**Roll Call:**

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| **County / LPHA** | **Name** | **X if present** |
| Benton | April Holland |  |
| Clackamas | Marco Enciso | X |
| Clatsop | Jill Quackenbush |  |
| CLEHS Rep | Julie Hamilton |  |
| Crook | Katie Plumb (co-chair) | X |
| Crook | Stephanie O’Neal | X |
| Columbia | Kirby Kowalski |  |
| Deschutes | Thomas Kuhn | X |
| Douglas | Sarah Zia | X |
| Douglas | Vanessa Becker |  |
| Jackson | Laura Lui | X |
| Klamath | Jessica Dale (co-chair) | X |
| Lane | Amber Roche | X |
| Lincoln | Florence Pourtal | X |
| Linn | Shane Sanderson |  |
| Marion | Rebecca Chavez | X |
| Polk | Kari Wilhite | X |
| Washington | Alex Coleman | X |
| Washington | Erin Jolly | X |
| Yamhill | Lindsey Manfrin |  |

**OHA present:** Andrew Epstein, Steven Fiala, Jamie Coleman, Valori Fleisher

**CLHO staff present:** n/a