



Coalition of Local Health Officials March 20, 2008 Meeting 12:55-12:30pm *DRAFT Minutes*

Agencies Represented:

Tom Eversole, Vice Chair (*Benton*); Marti Franc (*Clackamas*); Joell Archibald (*Clatsop*); Frances Smith, At Large (*Coos*); Muriel de la Vergne-Brown (*Crook*); Georganne Greene, PHAO Rep (*Curry*); Peggy Kennerly (*Douglas*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Mike McNickle (*Jefferson*); Diane Seyl (*Jefferson*); Belle Shepherd (*Josephine*); Paula Sampson, At-Large (*Lincoln*); Anne Peltier (*Linn*); Rick Sherman, CLEHS Rep (*Marion*); Dave Houghton, Chair (*Multnomah*); Gary Oxman, Health Officers Caucus Rep (*Multnomah*); Genni Lehnert, Treasurer/Secretary (*Umatilla*); Mark Kubin (*Union*); Lynette Benjamin (*Wasco Sherman*); Kathleen O'Leary (*Washington*).
Morgan Cowling (*Association of Oregon Counties*); Gordon Fultz (*Association of Oregon Counties*), Linda Fleming (*Coalition Executive Director*)

PHD: Mike Skeels, Interim Public Health Division Director; Tom Engle, PHD/HS Liaison; William Coulombe, Public Health Deputy Director

Convene:

Dave Houghton, Chair convened the March 2008 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials at 12:55pm.

Staff Report:

Linda reported:

- She has had two conference calls and several email exchanges with the consultants at McKinsey & Company, to date and she has been successful only in influencing the dissemination strategy of the survey;
- CLHO members should start thinking about a new CLHO-rep on LGAC as Anne Peltier's will be retiring – thank you to Anne for your service on LGAC;
- There is a lot of AOC support on the Capacity Assessment Summits; and
- The recent loss of timber revenue has served to highlight the historical under-funding of ph.

Exec-Exec Meeting Report:

Linda reported the Executive Committee discussed the upcoming regional capacity assessments, stating Mike Skeels has expressed his support of the process. There was also a discussion of a way to amend the current, mandatory two year training period required to become an EH Specialist, the committee felt this was a disincentive in recruiting needed EH Specialists – however, the college requirements should be maintained. The Governor has tasked Claudia Black with putting together a three year plan, including a Wellness Initiative; Linda stated she is still unclear about the substance/value of such an initiative but stressed the importance of keeping ph at the table.

SACCHO Meeting:

Dave Houghton reported he and Tom Eversole recently went to the national meeting, adding thirty SACCHOs were represented. One of the main agenda items at the conference was regionalization efforts. He heard from representatives from Kansas and Massachusetts on their experiences with recent regionalization efforts. Kansas has an urban-rural split with autonomous health departments, similar to Oregon, and began this initiative with a very ground up approach where counties are



deciding to join together to pool resources. NACCHO, as an organization, because discussing regionalization at last year's meeting and currently states/counties are moving forward with 'regionalization by agreement'.

Capacity Assessments: Medicaid Leveraging:

Morgan Cowling reported the self-assessment tool to help shape the discussion at regional summits has been sent out, so far she has received responses from sixteen of the thirty-four Oregon counties. Five dates and locations have been established for the summits, each one will be tailored for 5-7 counties that are similar in their ph service delivery. Morgan will be contacting the appropriate HD employees prior to the summit scheduled for their county, and stressed the importance of attendance; Dave Houghton echoed the sentiment, and added candor is important to identify gaps. The schedule of the summits is:

- April 2: Summit in Bend, Oregon
- April 3: Summit in La Grande, Oregon
- April 7: Summit in Eugene, Oregon
- April 8: Summit in Tillamook, Oregon
- April 16: Summit in Portland, Oregon

Using the feedback gained in the summits will form a much better idea of what is needed from counties and/or the public health division at the State; the goal is to quantify, then prioritize the outcomes. The timeline of the assessments and related follow up work is driven by the legislative cycle and Linda reported she would work with Morgan to create individualized (by county) communication kits. **Any questions or feedback should be forwarded to Morgan and Linda.**

Legislative Committee:

Dave Houghton reported he'd formally appointed Kathleen O'Leary to the Legislative Committee.

Other:

Kathleen O'Leary reported she'd volunteered to be the CLHO liaison on an OPHA Annual Conference planning committee; adding next month she'd ask CLHO to approve a \$3,000 sponsorship to OPHA.

The 2008 Annual meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.