



Coalition of Local Health Officials March 20, 2008 Meeting 11:50-12:30pm *DRAFT Minutes*

Agencies Represented:

Tom Eversole, Vice Chair (*Benton*); Frances Smith, At Large Rep (*Coos*); Muriel de la Vergne-Brown (*Crook*); Dan Peddycord (*Deschutes*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Belle Shepherd (*Jackson*); Diane Seyl (*Jefferson*); Karen Gillette (*Lane*); Jeff Lang (*Lane*); Paula Sampson, At-Large Rep (*Lincoln*); Pat Crozier (*Linn*); Anne Peltier (*Linn*); Pam Heilman (*Marion*); Rick Sherman (*Marion*); Dave Houghton, Chair (*Multnomah*); Gary Oxman, Health Officers Caucus Rep (*Multnomah*); Jan Wallinder, AOPHNS Rep (*Multnomah*); Kathleen O'Leary (*Washington*); Sue Omel, At Large Rep (*Washington*); .

Morgan Cowling (*Association of Oregon Counties*); Gordon Fultz (*Association of Oregon Counties*), Linda Fleming (*Coalition Executive Director*)

PHD: Katherine Bradley, Administrator Office of Family Health; Tom Engle, PHD/HS Liaison; William Coulombe, Public Health Deputy Director; Rebecca Clark, Public Health Nurse Consultant

Guest(s):

Liana Winett, Oregon MPH Program; Maria Sstrom, Assistant Professor, OHSU School of Nursing

Convene:

Dave Houghton, Chair convened the April 2008 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials at 11:50am with a quorum of the Coalition Executive Committee.

Minutes:

Action: Tom Eversole moved and Jan Wallinder seconded the approval of the April 17, 2008 Coalition minutes.

Motion approved unanimously with no discussion.

Announcements:

Tom Eversole reported he is leaving his position as Administrator of the Benton County Health Department in mid-June to take on a position at Oregon State University. He shared his positions as a representative on the Public Health Advisory Board and CLHO Committees, will need to be filled. He thanked both the Coalition and Conference, stating his time on both has been enjoyable and the experience invaluable. On behalf of both the Coalition and Conference, Linda Fleming thanked Tom for his many years of outstanding service.

Staff Report:

Linda reported:

- She apologized for technical errors in forwarding documents, faulting transitioning to a new computer system;
- There is no Treasurer's Report, as Genni Lehnert was unable to attend today's meeting;
- She has been very involved in the planning of and attendance at the regional capacity assessment summits;



- She recently met with Bob Nystrom where the issue of School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) came up. While she is supportive of the concept of SBHCs, she'd ultimately like to see them funded for sustainability as the current funding framework is already fragile. Hopefully, she will be able to bring a SBHC package to the May Coalition meeting for discussion.

Gordon Fultz reported DHS convened a Health Services Workgroup, which drafted a 'laymen' report on mental health, public health, chronic disease, alcohol & drug treatment and seniors. The report focuses on the sharing of these services between counties and state and explores the funding base. The report is still being fine-tuned, however once a final draft is available Gordon will share it with CLHO.

Proposed Expenditures:

Kathleen O'Leary reported the OPHA Conference Planning Committee is requesting a \$3k sponsorship from CLHO for the 2008 Annual Conference; Linda shared she has discussed this with Genni Lehnert, Treasurer, and both recommend CLHO's approval of this request.

Action: Jan Wallinder moved and Tom Eversole seconded the approval of a \$3k sponsorship towards the 2008 Annual OPHA Conference. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Houghton suggested he'd like to see a Health Equity session. **Anyone with further session suggestions should forward them to Kathleen O'Leary.**

Linda shared the Public Health Alignment Workgroup (PHAW) is planning to move forward on the June Spitfire training to provide insight on how to brand and market public health. The PHAW is taking initial steps on building solidarity to help facilitate the creation of a sophisticated communication tools. She added she is formally requesting \$3k from CLHO as a contribution to this process. Karen Gillette asked if this money would be deducted from the reserve; Linda responded both this and the OPHA Conference sponsorship would be deducted from the workforce development line item in the Coalition budget. Dave Houghton added part of the purpose of this training is to help identify and draft strategic communication(s) when advocating for public health legislative priorities.

Action: Jan Wallinder moved and Tom Eversole seconded the approval of a \$3k contribution towards the June PHAW Spitfire training. Motion passed unanimously

Public Health Certificate Program:

Liana Winett reported the Oregon MPH Program has been working with practitioners to offer a public health graduate level certificate totaling 19 credit hours. The program includes 4 required classes and 1 elective, distance learning is offered as classes are available both online and in classrooms. The certificate program is great for linking academia with practice. Although funding support is being offered by the Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF), they are only willing to fund only LHDA participation; Dave Houghton added the Oregon Public Health Division has also been tapped as a funding source and their financial support is more flexible with who can attend. Katherine Bradley added this is a tremendous opportunity and will help strengthen the public health system at many levels. **Anyone with follow up questions is directed to contact Maria Sstrom, sistromm@ohsu.edu.**



Capacity Assessments:

Morgan Cowling reported a 100% rate of return from LHDs on the self assessment survey and thanked everyone involved in both the survey's completion and submission. NACCHO was very impressed with the rate of return and are interested in seeing how CLHO uses the self assessment tool. The fifth and final summit was held yesterday, and 28/34 (close to 85%) of health departments were represented at the five summits and were very engaged, leading to excellent participation. Morgan stated she plans to follow up with the remaining 6 health departments. At the summits, attendees reviewed the survey results, identified gaps and named resources needed to fill gaps. Morgan reported she plans to spend the next 2 weeks organizing and compiling both the regional and aggregate data; she will come to the May Coalition meeting requesting direction on the final report. Linda added Mel Kohn expressed his willingness to put together county profiles, however he needs to know which data sets to use to make the profiles useful in identifying local gaps and issues. Tom Eversole suggested it would be helpful to select data sets which are uniform in all counties.

Dave Houghton encouraged all present to urge their colleagues to attend the May 15, 2008 CLHO meeting as it is important to have representation from as many counties as possible to make the capacity assessment discussion more robust.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.