



## Coalition of Local Health Officials May 15, 2008 Meeting 12:00-2:00pm *DRAFT Minutes*

### **Agencies Represented:**

Tom Eversole, Vice Chair (*Benton*); Bill Emminger (*Benton*); Karen Fox Ladd (*Columbia*); Frances Smith, At Large Rep (*Coos*); Muriel de la Vergne-Brown (*Crook*); Georganne Greene (*Curry*); Dan Peddycord (*Deschutes*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Trish Stokes (*Hood River*); Diane Seyl (*Jefferson*); Marilyn Sutherland (*Klamath*); Karen Gillette (*Lane*); Paula Sampson, At-Large Rep (*Lincoln*); Pat Crozier (*Linn*); Rick Sherman (*Marion*); Dave Houghton, Chair (*Multnomah*); Gary Oxman, Health Officers Caucus Rep (*Multnomah*); Jan Wallinder, AOPHNS Rep (*Multnomah*); Genni Lehnert (*Umatilla*); Mark Kubin (*Union*); 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; Katherine Bradley, Administrator Office of Family Health; Tom Engle, PHD/HS Liaison

### **Convene:**

Dave Houghton, Chair convened the May 2008 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials at 12:05pm.

### **Minutes:**

**Action:** Dan Peddycord moved and Muriel de la Vergne-Brown seconded the approval of the April 17, 2008 Coalition minutes.

Motion approved unanimously with no discussion.

### **Staff Report:**

Linda Fleming reported:

- AOC has requested a one page document summarizing the preliminary results of the DHS Transformation Initiative survey. The document will identify areas on concern and will be brief as opposed to an extended analysis; the results may have a significant impact as Bruce Goldberg, DHS Director, is planning to use the results to help build a budget
- The Capacity Assessment timeline was disseminated and Linda is still working with Morgan on the development of a report summarizing the findings of the summits
- In preliminary budget discussions with LGAC, Linda learned the budget forecast isn't great and will be about \$185m less than projections indicated

Gordon Fultz reported:

- AOC is very concerned about the results being released by the McKinsey Group reflecting an accurate representation.
- AOC is holding a meeting room for the January-July 2009 CLHO meetings, as the group prefers to meet in Salem when the legislative session is active



Tom Engle reported, in his opinion, the recommendations for strategic initiatives from McKinsey will have more impact than the accuracy of data. Tom Eversole shared his concern over the 'mixed' results of the survey and asked if CLHO would have the opportunity to endorse it; Dave Houghton replied the opportunity for an endorsement from CLHO was not implicitly stated, however Mike Skeels has pledged to work closely with Dave and Linda in this process. Dave went on to echo Tom Eversole's concern, stating the collection of data is flawed in the terminology used in the survey and lack of clarification, adding the time constraints made feedback difficult.

In the Treasurer's Report, Genni Lehnert reported:

- She is still collecting dues increases from counties
- Per the vote at last year's strategic planning session, the group decided to leave two positions open until further notice: PT Support position and PT Data Analysis position
- The budget reflects the workforce development line as overspent
- According to projections, the bottom line on the Coalition budget will be approximately \$90k.

### **Public Health Alignment Workgroup (PHAW):**

Linda Fleming shared the organizations which make up the PHAW (DHS-Public Health Division, Oregon MPH Program, Northwest Health Foundation, Upstream Public Health, Oregon Public Health Institute, Community Health Partnership and CLHO), stating each of the organizations send 2-3 representatives to each meeting. Tomorrow, the workgroup will begin the process of identifying collective legislative priorities, on behalf of CLHO, Linda stated she is going to submit the importance of adequately funding the state's public health system – including appropriate per capita funding to counties; she will also advocate for Nurse Home Family Visiting.

Dave Houghton suggested, for the upcoming June 20<sup>th</sup> Spitfire training, where the organizations represented in the PHAW will begin discussions on the 'branding of public health', CLHO should send representatives that are invested and plan to be involved with CLHO in the future. Anyone interested should follow up with Dave.

### **Capacity Assessments:**

Linda Fleming reported the Capacity Assessment timeline that was recently sent to CLHO members isn't a final draft, however it provides an overview of activities that have been completed, are in progress or will be done in the future. Morgan reported she would like to have a recommendation from CLHO on the direction of the final report, adding if, after reviewing the document, anyone discovers any missing information to please contact her. She is also seeking approval/endorsement on the nine main findings/themes outlined. One of the themes most consistently brought up was interoperability as was categorical funding. She also requested volunteers to begin submitting photographs for inclusion in the report. Morgan explained the goal of the report is to communicate how to build a fully functional public health system in the state, adding the themes will serve as evidence to why a fully functional system is needed. She also added input from a subcommittee would be helpful as she moves forward in this process; Muriel de la Vergne-Brown, Marilyn Sutherland and Kathleen O'Leary agreed to form a subcommittee.

CLHO membership agreed that, based on the initial draft of the report, Morgan is going in the right direction.



**Oregon Drug Take Back Program:**

Janet Gillespie reported the results of a recent US Geological Survey revealed 80% of streams had notable residue of pharmaceutical drugs. Leftover drugs are sometimes flushed, leading to health hazards. Janet further explained the Oregon Drug Take Back Program has three public health drivers; preventing accidental poisonings, reducing prescription drug abuse and protecting water quality. These three goals have mobilized the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) to initiate the Drug Take Back Program. To help facilitate safe disposal of leftover pharmaceuticals, recommends a disposal system where unused drugs can be returned to pharmaceutical companies, free of charge.

CLHO members agreed to have the organization added as an endorser of the program.

**Climate Change Project:**

Bob Doppelt reported one purpose of this study is to help assess the risk of climate change; a major focus point is climate control. The study, including a soon to be released survey, will hopefully assist local government in preparing for the effects of global warming. Bob explained on behalf of the University of Oregon, he would like to work with CLHO in a three point process: develop a survey on the average knowledge on/understanding of global warming, dissemination of the survey and using the results to provide need information to improve the understanding about the potential health risks of global warming. He asked if this is a process CLHO would be interested in joining; Dave Houghton asked what level of engagement would be required from CLHO to develop the survey. Bob responded CLHO could provide information relating to public health, necessary for the survey; Dave responded this would possibly be an issue for the EH Committee to tackle. Bob Doppelt responded he would follow up with CLHO once the EH Committee has been staffed to inquire about the possibility of working with them.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.**