



Coalition of Local Health Officials September 18, 2008 Meeting 12:30-2:00pm *DRAFT Minutes*

Agencies Represented:

Charlie Fautin (*Benton*); Marti Franc (*Clackamas*); Joelle Archibald (*Clatsop*); Karen Fox Ladd (*Columbia*); Frances Smith, At Large Rep (*Coos*); Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown (*Crook*); Peggy Kennerly (*Douglas*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Mike McNickle (*Jefferson*); Belle Shepherd (*Josephine*); Marilyn Sutherland (*Klamath*); Karen Gillette (*Lane*); Paula Sampson (*Lincoln*); Pat Crozier (*Linn*); Dave Houghton, Chair (*Multnomah*); Gary Oxman, Health Officers Caucus Rep (*Multnomah*); Jan Wallinder, AOPHNS Rep (*Multnomah*); Lillian Shirley (*Multnomah*); Andy Walker (*Polk*); Genni Lehnert (*Umatilla*); Carrie Brogoitti (*Union*); Lynette Benjamin (*Wasco-Sherman*); Kathleen O'Leary (*Washington*); Karen Koskela (*Wheeler*)
Morgan Cowling (*Association of Oregon Counties*); Gordon Fultz (*Association of Oregon Counties*), Linda Fleming (*Coalition Executive Director*)

PHD: Mel Kohn, Acting Public Health Division Director; Grant Higginson, Health Division; ike Skeels, Interim Public Health Division Director; Katherine Bradley, Administrator Office of Family Health; Tom Engle, PHD/HS Liaison; Bill Coulombe, Public Health Deputy Director; Laurie Smith, PHD/HS; Gail Shibley

Convene:

Dave Houghton, Chair convened the June 2008 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials at 12:35pm.

Agenda Review:

Tom Engle requested an update on the NACCHO Survey be added to the agenda.

Dave Houghton reminded CLHO Members that Genni Lehnert, Treasurer, is following up with administrators of counties who have not yet paid their dues. The Coalition is a dues paying membership and as evidenced in the previous legislative session, the dues help with CLHO's 'presence' in the legislature.

Staff Report:

Linda Fleming reported:

- She has attended many budget/funding meeting this summer
- Attorneys from the County contacts group have requested statutes be reviewed
- The Environmental Health Committee (EHC) is 'up and running'
- 1 person is enrolled in the Public Health Graduate Certificate Program; and 3 additional people have expressed interest to Linda Fleming
- Last year, CLHO entered into an agreement with Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF) to fund strategic planning for counties who requested it. So far, the following counties have either began strategic planning or expressed interest:
 - Wasco-Sherman
 - Coos



- Deschutes
- Clackamas and Tillamook counties are working on proposals
- David Rebanal, Program Officer with NWHF, want to work with CLHO around new funding messaging – he is overseeing a pot of money to help complement the capacity assessment with messaging/social marketing to successfully get the message to legislators & consistency
- There is money in the Coalition budget to develop a CLHO website. Genni is in discussions with a website developer in Pendleton, OR. Linda would suggest forming a 2-3 person committee to discuss what content is needed and wanted on CLHO's website. Ellen Larsen volunteered to work on a Website Committee; **any other volunteers are encouraged to contact Linda Fleming**

CHP Contribution:

Linda reported CHP's 2008 Public Health Genius Event is on October 22nd, last year the Coalition was a table sponsor and Linda recommended being a table sponsor again this year. As a table sponsor, CLHO will receive acknowledgement on event materials and support the work of CHP.

Action:

Genni Lehnert moved and Kathleen O'Leary seconded CLHO sponsoring a table for \$500 at the Community Health Partnership 2008 Public Health Genius Awards.

The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions or oppositions.

Legislative Committee:

Although Dan Peddycord, Chair – CLHO Legislative Committee, was unable to attend today's meeting, he did host a meeting of the Legislative Committee yesterday which featured a very robust conversation around new public health funding. Linda commended this was the best attended Legislative Committee meeting in recent history. Out of that meeting, CLHO's two legislative priorities were identified: Public Health System Improvement and Nurse-Home Visiting.

Linda went on to report she, Genni Lehnert, Dave Houghton and Kathleen O'Leary attended a Spitfire Communications training in June, which was hosted by NWHF on behalf of the Public Health Alignment Workgroup. The meeting had several goals, one of which was trying to develop message around the group's collective legislative priorities.

Linda met with Mike Skeels and Katherine Bradley recently to discuss how to approach Public Health Nurse Home Visiting. They discussed potentially including Nurse Home Visiting in a Public Health System Improvement Policy Option Package (POP). She also discussed with Bruce Goldberg that while a Nurse-Home Visiting POP wouldn't have the 'legs' to stand alone, he would support funding being embedded in a Public Health System Improvement POP.

At the AOC annual conference, there is a concurrent session on Public Health and Linda encouraged everyone who could attend to do so; she also encouraged attendees to have their County Commissioners attend, if possible. Mel Kohn and Dave Houghton have a 1 hour session at the upcoming OPHA Conference on 'The State of Local Public Health'; Morgan Cowling has a breakout session where she will rollout the Capacity Assessment Report.



Capacity Assessment:

Copies of the Capacity Assessment were distributed to CLHO members, Dave Houghton reminded everyone the report is **currently not for distribution**. The formal rollout of this report will be at OPHA.

Morgan reported the report is currently in draft form and she can only correct minor typos/mistakes. The goals of the report are to answer the questions: 'Where are we currently?' and 'How are we doing?'. The survey and subsequent regional capacity assessment summits have been a good opportunity to educate folks around 'Public Health 101' and the 10 essential functions of public health. Morgan gave a brief overview of the report's major findings which were the 6 major themes repeated in every focus group (at the regional summits) and the budget in the report, which reflects the self-assessed needs of all 34 Oregon Health Departments. The completed budget reflects a broad view of what the entire system needs, not individual health departments. Morgan thanked everyone involved in the creation of the report and those who submitted photos for inclusion in the report.

Linda Fleming reported she and Morgan are currently investigating binding options and costs for final copies of the report; the first run will be 300 copies. AOC has been very supportive in the creation of the Capacity Assessment report, 'donating' the time of Morgan, Eric Schmidt and Laura Klelan. Linda added the report is written so a 'non-public health person' can understand it.

CLHO members continued discussion and made suggestions for minor changes to the report's layout and formatting to better communicate the ultimate message behind the Capacity Assessment. CLHO Members thanked Morgan for all of the hard work, time and commitment she has put into this report.

NACCHO Survey:

Tom Engle reported which counties have and have not completed the NACCHO survey; Dave added the completion of this survey helps in advocacy efforts and helps to paint a national picture of public health.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.