



Conference of Local Health Officials Meeting

February 19, 2009

10:00-11:45a

DRAFT Minutes

Agencies Represented:

Charlie Fautin (*Benton*); Marti Franc (*Clackamas*); Joell Archibald (*Clatsop*); Frances Smith, At-Large Rep (*Coos*); Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown (*Crook*); Georganne Greene (*Curry*); Shannon Dames (*Deschutes*); Scott Johnson (*Deschutes*); Mary Norburg, Health Officers Caucus Rep (*Deschutes*); Peggy Kennerly (*Douglas*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Mark Orndorf (*Jackson*); Jim Shames (*Jackson*); Gary Stevens (*Jackson*); Trisha Sullivan (*Jackson*); Marilyn Sutherland (*Klamath*); Karen Gillette (*Lane*); Paula Sampson, At-Large Rep (*Lincoln*); Pat Crozier (*Linn*); Frank Moore (*Linn*); Anne Peltier (*Linn*); Jan Wallinder, AOPHNS Rep (*Multnomah*); Lila Wickham, Interim Chair – CLHO Legislative Committee (*Multnomah*); Genni Lehnert, Secretary/Treasurer (*Umatilla*); Carrie Brogoitti (*Union*); Teri Thalhofer (*Wasco-Sherman*); Kathleen O’Leary, Vice-Chair (*Washington*); Sue Omel, At-Large Rep (*Washington*)

Morgan Cowling (*Association of Oregon Counties*)
Linda Fleming (*Coalition Executive Director*)

PHD: Mel Kohn, Public Health Division Director; Katherine Bradley, Administrator Office of Family Health; Tom Engle, PHD/HS Liaison; Katrina Hedberg, Interim Administrator for Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; Bill Coulombe, Deputy Director, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services; Mike Harryman, Preparedness Manager; Barbara Progulske, Clinical Epidemiologist Manager, Preparedness Surveillance and Epidemiology, Oregon Acute and Communicable Disease Program

Guest(s):

Bill Layman

A quorum by county representation was established, and the meeting was convened with a quorum of counties.

Convene:

In the absence of Dave Houghton - Chair, Kathleen O’Leary, Vice Chair, convened the February 19,, 2009 meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials at 10am.

Minutes:

Kathleen O’Leary requested a motion from Conference members to approve the minutes from the January 2009 meeting.

Action:

Genni Lehnert and Jan Wallinder seconded the approval of the January 2009 Conference of Local Health Officials minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions or oppositions.

Principles/Process for Budget Cuts:

Linda Fleming reported Bruce Goldberg charged her and Mel Kohn with assembling a committee to draft a set of principles and an implementation strategy in anticipation of budget cuts. The committee includes elected officers of CLHO, Tom Engle and top-level DHS management. All members are in



agreement the intended application of these principles is to the State Public Health System. The set of principles was presented to Bruce Goldberg and all Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) members last week. One of the goals of the principles is to preserve state support for public health, keeping flexible dollars intact. For example, the preservation of programs/services that are performed in all counties take precedence over non-recurring programs/services performed in five or less counties.

Karen Gillette commented the use of 'effective' in the description of programs is undefined. Charlie Fautin questioned if the committee had access to other principles, specifically those developed for mental health programs/services, and if so how congruent are the recently developed principles for ph spending. Linda responded the mental health principles take a local approach, while the ph version is systemic. Shannon Dames asked if Oregon's approach was comparable to how other states are accommodating budget cuts; Mel Kohn responded there is no simple answer as processes are occurring program-by-program. Linda added she believes the State Association of County and City Officials (SACCHO) is surveying state associations of county and city officials to obtain information on the approaches states are taking regarding budget cuts. She will update CLHO with more information as it becomes available. Mel added Co-Chairs of the Joint Ways & Means Committee released cuts for the 2007-09 budget in light of a projected negative revenue forecast; it would be useful to frame a discussion with CLHO members to determine 'what this means for local/state systems.' The largest reduction is \$4m from the AIDS Drug Assistance Account – out of a \$50m general fund budget.

Preparedness Funding Formula:

Karen Gillette reported the Public Health Emergency Leadership Preparedness Team (PHELPT) have worked on the preparedness funding formula for several months, one the a formula was drafted, it was brought to the Funding Formula Committee (FFC) for feedback, prompting the creation of a workgroup to develop a new funding formula. The funding period would be August 9, 2009-August 10, 2010. Jessica Camargo added the FFC voted to pass the proposed preparedness funding formula and it passed by consensus, as there was one dissenting vote.

This has been an involved process involving more than one draft/iteration of the funding formula and Jessica thanked everyone involved in the process.

Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown commented

Action:

CLHO accepted the proposed preparedness funding formula as submitted. Motion passed by consensus, with three nay votes.

Other/Updates:

Linda Fleming reported the State is looking to submit a co-application, with the University of Oregon, for a global change grant. The idea is this will make for a more robust application. Ten federal grants will be awarded for \$300k/yr for 3 years. The grant proposes working with three counties in Oregon and stipulates the selected counties must have pre-existing work around global change they wish to build on. A letter of support and general support has been requested from CLHO.

Members gave Linda support to proceed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.