



August 21, 2024

Craig Pope, Chair
Polk County Board of Commissioners
850 Main Street
Dallas, OR 97338

Dear Chair Pope,

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division (PHD) conducted the triennial review of Polk County Public Health during March 4-29, 2024.

The Interim Local Public Health Administrator, Kari Wilhite, will receive reports for each program area reviewed, any compliance findings, and the corrective actions required to resolve the findings. OHA-PHD staff determined findings based on compliance with federal and state statutes or rules, the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services (PH-IGA), and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Environmental Health Services (EH-IGA).

The review included appraisal of items in the program areas listed below. Program areas that had compliance findings are indicated with an asterisk.

Administrative	Health Officer
Civil Rights	Immunizations*
Communicable Disease*	Public Health Emergency
Drinking Water Services	Preparedness Tuberculosis
Fiscal*	Vital Records
Food, Pool, & Lodging Health & Safety	Women, Infants, Children (WIC)*

Please note that compliance findings are not unusual. For compliance findings, there is an agreed upon timeline for correction. Per a letter of June 3, 2024, to you, we have had specific concerns about fiscal processes and findings. Our expectation is that fiscal findings will be resolved in a timely manner and in accordance with the mutually agreed upon timelines. Once all triennial review findings have been resolved we will send another letter indicating that we have closed the review.

Thank you and your public health staff for your unwavering commitment to serving your community during these recent unprecedented years.

Sincerely,



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