



Coalition of Local Health Officials May 21, 2009 9:00-11:30a *DRAFT Minutes*

Agencies Represented:

Charlie Fautin (*Benton*); Karen Ladd (*Columbia*); Frances Smith, At-Large Rep (*Coos*); Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown (*Crook*); Shannon Dames (*Deschutes*); Peggy Kennerly (*Douglas*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Belle Shepherd, Vice-Chair (*Josephine*); Karen Gillette (*Lane*); Paula Sampson, At-Large Rep (*Lincoln*); Pat Crozier (*Linn*); Pam Heilman (*Marion*); Rick Sherman, CLEHS Rep (*Marion*); Jan Wallinder, AOPHNS Rep (*Multnomah*); Lila Wickham, Interim Chair – CLHO Legislative Committee (*Multnomah*); Andy Olson (*Polk*); Genni Lehnert, Secretary/Treasurer (*Umatilla*); Carrie Brogoitti (*Union*); Teri Thalhofer (*Wasco-Sherman*); Kathleen O’Leary, Chair (*Washington*); Sue Omel, At-Large Rep (*Washington*); Karen Koskela (*Wheeler*)

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

PHD: Mel Kohn, Public Health Division Director; Tom Engle, PHD/HS Liaison; Katrina Hedberg, Interim Administrator for Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; Katy King, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison; Jane Moore, Health Promotion/Chronic Disease Prevention Section Manager

Guest(s):

Convene:

Chair, Kathleen O’Leary convened the May 21, 2009 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials at 9:10a.

County Roll Call:

The following eighteen Oregon counties were represented at the May 21, 2009 CLHO meeting:

Benton, Columbia, Coos, Crook Deschutes, Hood River, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Washington and Wheeler.

Agenda Review:

Kathleen O’Leary requested the addition of an agenda item around the CLHO Leadership Committee.

OPHA Report:

Linda Fleming reported Charlie Fautin submitted a request to CLHO to sponsor the 2009 OPHA Conference at \$3k; sponsorships from contributing organizations help OPHA keep registration cost down to allow for more student participation.

Action:

Genni Lehnert moved and Karen Koskela seconded CLHO’s sponsorship of the 2009 OPHA Conference at \$3k. Passed unanimously.



Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Human Services Steering Committee:

Linda reported a majority of discussion at the recent AOC Human Steering Committee meetings have been around a local Mental Health Authority, which is important as it carries implications for a LPHA. In addition, the committee has recently discussed a strategy to ensure the well-being of all Oregonians – adding several PH programs are laced throughout the strategy. Morgan Cowling reported on the recent effort to integrate mental and physical (primary care) health through one management entity, a piece of the proposed OHP Expansion plan – which will be in a budget note only as there is not bill. She added AOC is tracking the activities/outcomes around this very closely; according to Richard Harris, Interim Director of the Addictions and Mental Health Division of the Department of Human Services, this management entity could potentially be a collaborative effort. Gordon Fultz reported that the initial push, via the co-chairs of the Ways & Means Sub Committee, was through private practice. Morgan added the budget note contains no additional dollars to demonstrations, those are to be funded by willing partners only – discussions around this topic have already started, evidenced by the fact that many counties are speaking internally with their Fully-Capitated Health Plans (FCHP) and HMOs.

Members charged Gordon and Morgan with researching and reporting on what role ph could and would play in this effort.

Staff Report:

Linda reported:

- The finalization and dissemination of CLHO's *Capacity Assessment Report* to several groups has resulted in a greater understanding of the 10 essential functions of a fully-functioning ph system;
 - David Houghton, Kathleen O'Leary, Genni Lehnert as well as Linda have presented the report at various, appropriate venues
 - The usefulness and effectiveness of the report is apparent, however, it is up to CLHO members to continue to brainstorm innovative ways to use report
- She has been active on the Public Health Alignment Workgroup (PHAW), and although the group has dissenting voices re: legislative support – all members continue to work toward the common goal (*CLHO reps are Linda, Lila Wickham and Kathleen O'Leary*);
- She is proud of the initiative and hard work of Teri Thalhofer in the formation of North Central Public Health District, the district will offer ph services to Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties.

Gordon reported:

- part of the McKenzie Report (DHS Transformation Initiative) was an initiative around partnerships – in response, a Steering Committee has been formed;
 - the Committee has three main foci:
 - improving the relationship between Commissioners and DHS
 - how to create necessary outcomes
 - administrative burden reduction



Legislative Committee:

Linda thanked Lila for her recent efforts in reorganizing the Legislative Committee – in addition, she recognized the active participation of new members Muriel and Ellen Larsen. The Committee met yesterday for, what appears to be, their last meeting of 2009. Linda then reviewed the Committee's stance on/activities around current legislation:

- HB 2726 – *Menu Labeling*: While Upstream Public Health (UPH) and Community Health Partnership (CHP) are actually the 'leads' on this legislation, as a member of PHAW – CLHO has been supportive;
- HB 2009/SB 856 – *Healthcare reform*: Morgan reported both bills passed out of their policy committees. Of the two bills, only HB 2009 calls for an Oregon Local Health Authority.
- HB 3122 – *Honest Pint*: This bill passed out of the House and has gone to the Senate side – a Senate hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2009. Linda will submit a letter, on behalf of CLHO, but will offer no testimony.
- Co-Chair's budget: Linda reported on cuts in the Governor's recommended budget, specifically cuts to FPEP, Drinking Water and HIV/STI/TB programs in addition to a \$500k decrease in CD testing. There is also a reduction in Babies 1st! funding by \$300k or 33%. Morgan added from her recent meeting with Rep Kotek's staff, she 'got the message' that legislators need to be educated about what Babies 1st! is; in response, Morgan is putting together a fact sheet featuring the difference between this and other home visiting programs, clients served and the possibility of leveraging other funds.

Mel Kohn stated his concerns about HB 2726, explaining he is uncomfortable with some of the compromises made. His concerns are specifically related to the pre-emption piece – the way, in his opinion, the bill undercuts and devalues the Multnomah County policy is troubling. In addition, he is troubled by how pre-emption is so broadly described. He feels bigger issues have gotten lost in discussions. Karen Gillette agreed, stating Mel voiced Lane County's concerns, adding the process feels discouraging. Genni acknowledged that while HB 2726 B-Engrossed is not ideal, it is progress for counties who would not be able to pass a menu-labeling policy without it.

Treasurer's Report:

Genni reported the CLHO budget for YE 2008 is a 'best guess estimate', since the books do not officially close until May 31st. The actual expenses are significantly less than the budgeted amount due in part to the unfilled Program Assistant and Bookkeeper positions.

In response to the request from membership for different dues structures, Genni presented six potential dues formulas, including those where counties would pay a base amount + per capita or a base amount + per capita (*only when per capita exceeds the base amount*); models were presented for each formula using a \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 base. Members were given a document detailing what each formula would 'look like'.

Action: Karen Gillette moved and Ellen Larsen seconded the recommendation of a \$250 base + per capita formula. Motion went down due to lack of support.

Action: Andy Olson moved accepting the formula model with a \$250 base + per capita (*only when per capita exceeds \$250*). Motion carries with 8 nay votes and 1 abstention.



Genni will revise the budget with the newly adopted dues structure and in addition (per Linda's request) she will increase the SACCHO travel line item by \$2k.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50a.