



## **Coalition of Local Health Officials meeting 1:00pm-2:00pm**

*DRAFT Minutes: February 15, 2007*

### **HB 2243:**

Linda Fleming introduced Pat Allen, the Pat Allen, Manager of Oregon Office of Regulatory Streamlining, Dept of Consumer & Business Services. She explained the Oregon Restaurant Association approached Pat regarding an amendment to HB 2243 – a bill that would allow agencies to spread license renewals throughout the year. The bill is permissive, not mandatory.

Pat Allen reported Oregon's State Building Code Division recently made obtaining a building license an easier process by allowing for it to be done electronically. An individual enters a description of their project among other pertinent information and can print out a building permit. The data and license fee, Pat explained, is then sent to the appropriate jurisdiction. He stated he is working with Gordon and Linda to come up with amendment language that everyone involved can be comfortable with.

Susan Allan stated shifting licensing to a single point – the state – makes a lot of sense. Pat Allen agreed but stressed this electronic, single point licensing is still in the preliminary stages and needs to be thought through more thoroughly.

### **Coalition Legislative Strategy Update:**

Linda Fleming praised the early efforts of Susan Allan, AOC and others in getting public health on the radar. She feels the reception to public health related issues has improved. Linda took the opportunity to stress members to meet with their local legislators – and added the Targeting Public Health gaps document included in the communication kits sent earlier this year would be a helpful tool in those meetings. Martin Taylor of ONA has been meeting with a lot of legislators and will continue to do so as he attempts to get the Healthy Kids Plan (HB 2201) in the budget. Linda reported that in her meetings with legislators, none have argued that Babies First! is not a valuable service for healthy children.

Linda Fleming briefly reviewed CLHO's legislative agenda and noted three of the bills CLHO was supporting in the current legislature:

- HB 2650 – Would set statewide school nutrition standards
- SB 33 – Would require domestic water suppliers that serve more than 10,000 customers to fluoridate their drinking water
- HB 2201 – Healthy Kids Plan

Linda went on to report CLEHS has brought up the issue of outbreaks at senior living facilities. Bruce Goldberg, Director of State DHS, is setting up a meeting to try to decide how to take a more 'public health approach' to this problem. Ellen Larsen added that quality of care, cleanliness and staffing issues are also



problems at senior living facilities, she added people don't know where to go to get these issues dealt with or their questions answered.

Dave Houghton lauded Linda Fleming's work in meeting with legislators to push CLHO's legislative agenda. He went on to strongly encourage other members to meet with their local legislators and stay clear and focused on their message.

**Workforce Development:**

Tom Eversole briefly reported a small group, including state public health division leadership and county administrators met in December 2006 to discuss developing a certification program for Health Administrators. Out of this discussion came five core areas that potential/existing administrators must be certified in, those areas are: epidemiology, biostatistics, health systems, social/behavioral determinants of health and environmental health. The group brainstormed on a number of ways to provide education in the five areas and hope there will be funding for it in the Governor's budget.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.**