

Minutes

CONFERENCE OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 17, 2004 PSOB Room 918 Portland, Oregon

- 1) Meeting called to order at 9:05AM
- 2) Introductions
- 3) A) AOC Spring Conference – vote on lead projects
 - a) access to health care
 - b) prevention
- B) Contracts: meeting to be scheduled. Commissioners won't sign contracts if requested changes have not been made. Contracts in question:
 - a) main public health contract - financial assistance contract
 - b) drinking water
 - c) food service worker/inspection
- C) Commissioners seeking resolution in June
- 4) Caucuses Update:
 - A) PHAO -
 - a) BT funds for videoconferencing discussed
 - b) Secure Wide Area Network (WAN) to connect counties for video conferencing and other uses
 - c) Motion that PHAO organize itself in a fashion similar to AOCMHP and undertake moving toward an Oregon Public Health Improvement Plan – on hold for comments from CLHO
 - B) AOPHNS -
 - a) focus on leadership and skill building
 - b) budget
 - c) new officers
 - C) CHLEHS
 - a) work plan
 - b) food worker rules
 - c) will meet again in September
- 5) Legislative Report – Katy King
 - A) Health Services submitted legislative concept proposals to department of Administration.
 - d) Office of Medical Assistance
 - eliminate Medicaid equivalent eligibility for prescription drug coverage for dual Medicaid/Medicare eligibles
 - e) Office of Mental Health and Addition Services
 - mental health housing definitions
 - budget restrictions
 - f) Office of the State Public Health Officer
 - PHP placeholder
 - Model Public Health Act
 - remove designated slots in Oregon Health Counsel and PHAB boards
 - g) Office of Family Health
 - genetic privacy
 - immunization law changes
 - pediatric immunizations
 - h) Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology
 - special studies statute
- 6) Public Health Institute – Mary Lou Hennrich and Billi Odegaard
 - A) History of PHI
 - B) How PHI would be useful to Oregon
 - C) Evolution of PHI in other state
 - D) Could Community Health Partnership morph into PHI
- 7) HIV – motion to adopt new HIV funding formula

- A) motion to accept new rules/ motion accepted
- 8) Follow up on Healthy Start credentialing
 - Q) How will OCCF assure quality after rollout?
 - A) quality is the purpose of process – peer and state level reviews will be conducted
 - Q) What happens when assurances are not met?
 - A) Panel looks to peer review and state feed back- given time to fix deficiencies
 - Q) How will assurances improve integration?
 - A) Integrate through defining categories- a matrix of how agencies interrelate

Lunch Break

- 9) CHLO Epi – School TB screening
 - A) Background – review to evaluate whether or not to drop TB screening requirement for school entry
 - B) reason for requirement – to prevent transmission and treat existing infection
- 10) Tom Eversole expressed concern for a voice in Governor’s Office. Ray Knapp is the GO’s inter-governmental relations director. He will meet with CLHO representative. He works with local – city and county governments.
- 11) CLHO Legislative Committee
 - A) Limit active support list to 1-3 items
 - B) funding for children’s charter
 - C) Outcomes: sustained funding for public health system capacity support and consolidation of local health systems
- 12) Contracts – Tom Engle
 - A) FAC - amendments can be made to unsatisfactory items
 - B) reduction in Bioterrorism CDC grant
 - C) CLHO members concerned about 50/50 funding split between state and county
 - D) create a forum to discuss 50/50 funding split
 - E) request for non-applicants of environmental health grants to join grant review board
 - F) state assessment of CDC grant upcoming
 - G) Administrative rule amendment upcoming for background checks
- 13) Director’s Office – Sue Nelson
 - A) announced a posting for a public health director – recruitment nation wide. If MD, new director will become state public health officer
- 14) More Contracts - Update
 - A) AG and Commissioners in negotiations – commissioners urging not to sign
 - B) Wheeler, Union, Columbia are slightly different contracts and should be signed to avoid retroactive problems
- 15) Agenda items for next meeting
 - A) Babies First
 - B) Revisit PHI material
 - C) CLHO retreat in September
 - D) CLHO ISSC report
 - E) CLHO legislative report
- 16) Milnes
 - A) assessment of 9 counties
 - B) Milne’s request feedback on assessments
 - C) Milne’s to attend September retreat