**Climate and Health**

Stakeholder Engagement Plan

*Template*

**Background and purpose**

Draw from your [Statement of Intent](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/CLIMATECHANGE/TOOLKIT/Documents/1-Build-Capacity/Statement-of-Intent-Template.docx) and [Project Plan](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/CLIMATECHANGE/TOOLKIT/Documents/C-Climate-Health-Project-Plan-Template.docx).

**Stakeholder Engagement**

The following table outlines proposed methods of outreach and involvement of [various stakeholders](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/CLIMATECHANGE/TOOLKIT/Documents/D-Stakeholder-List-Template.xlsx) throughout the project:

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| **Method of Engagement** | **Stakeholders** | **Input on…** | **Involvement** |
| Internal Workgroup | Internal staff partners | * Process and methods * Prioritizing risks * Messaging and outreach * Relevance and applicability of proposed strategies | Regular re-occurring meetings |
| Managers | Leaders within the agency | * Scope of planning effort * Strategies relevant to their program oversight | Annual briefings |
| Project Steering Group | Diverse group of Internal and External Experts | * Identify gaps and opportunities for action * Criteria for prioritizing strategies * Aligning climate action with existing efforts | 4-6 meetings |
| Participant Feedback | Various audiences | * Open-ended feedback on health impacts and community solutions | One-time events, presentations, workshops, webinars, etc. |
| Community Listening Sessions | Specific communities that may be more vulnerable to climate risks | * Open-ended feedback on health concerns and community solutions | Ongoing – partnership with existing public health partners |

**Climate Change Workgroup**

The Climate Change Workgroup meets on an ongoing basis throughout the project and advises on the direction of the project. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn about latest climate change research and information applicable to public health practice, and provide an opportunity for workgroup members to give input on what is most useful and needed. The workgroup may invite experts to present or outside partners to share updates and interests.

**Manager Briefings**

Annual briefing sessions with section leaders to present the Climate and Health Profile Report, share our proposed planning process, and gather valuable feedback on the plan’s scope and stakeholder engagement activities.

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| **Section** | **Example strategies from other Climate Adaptation Plans** |
| Drinking Water Protection | * Increase water testing during a drought and develop educational materials about testing water * Monitor for waterborne diseases following floods and storms |
| Food Borne Illness Response | * Explore options for incentivizing improved food storage * Integrate food safety messages into heat response plans |
| Disaster Planning & Response | * Collaborate with school-based health centers and school nurses as outreach mechanisms for risk communications * Work with local planners to integrate climate and health concerns into natural hazard mitigation plans * Work with health care systems to plan for continuity of care following disasters, especially for aging coastal populations vulnerable to disruption from storm surges and landslides |
| Chronic Disease Prevention | * Combine efforts to update institutional purchasing to include both nutritional and sustainability goals * Promote local food system assessments and hunger prevention services * Collaborate with planners and provide health equity perspective on planning advisory committees * Develop an early-warning system for poor air-quality days that notifies asthmatics and other people who suffer from respiratory related illness |
| Injury & Violence Prevention | * Coordinate suicide prevention efforts with populations vulnerable to climate risks, especially in regions affected by drought * Monitor patterns of violence related to heat |

The following table outlines options for scoping the plan and the respective engagement required at each level. The Leadership Circle will be asked to advise us on the appropriate scope for this project.

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| **Scope of planning** | **Approval**  **Required** | **Minimum Stakeholder Engagement** | **Example Strategies** |
| Program | Program Manager | Internal climate change workgroup | * Develop public service campaign * Facilitate targeted trainings * Conduct vulnerability assessments |
| Division | Division Director | + Advisory group + Listening sessions w/ vulnerable populations | * Increase culturally appropriate risk communications during heat waves * Incorporate climate change goals into existing program plans * Develop internal scenario planning to explore shifting chronic conditions |
| Division +Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) + Tribal Health | + Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO) + Tribal networks | + conference calls w/ CLHO leaders, tribal liaisons, and existing LHJ partners | * Establish cooling centers and heat response strategies * Enhance the ability of other local agencies to incorporate health considerations * Update regulations to increase access to healthy, local foods |
| + OHA and Coordinated Care Organizations | + OHA Director | + OHA Division Leaders and CCO Advisory groups? | * Create a tiered response tool for emerging vector borne diseases * Increase health care systems' capacity to staff emergency events * Increase training on climate-related illnesses |
| **+/or**  a subset of other State agencies | Governor’s office | + Agency Stakeholders (past participants in the Oregon Adaptation Framework Workgroup) | * Update building code to discourage new development in disaster-prone areas * Promote prescribed burns for fire-prone ecosystems * Coordinate water conservation initiatives * Assist and educate farmers on best practices |
| + executive branch | Governor’s office | + Governor’s office | * Prioritize climate change investments that have public health co-benefits * Create a cross-agency Climate Change working group that meets regularly to coordinate and align strategies * Support climate-smart economic development in vulnerable communities |

**Project Advisory Group**

The Climate and Health Project Advisory Group will provide high-level input and guidance on the development of Oregon’s Climate and Health Plan. The Advisory Group will bring a diversity of perspectives and expertise, connecting issues and opportunities across programs and sectors.

The Advisory Group will include both internal and external stakeholders from Oregon Health Authority (OHA), local health jurisdictions(s), partner state agencies, state commissions, university partners, and non-profit organizations. We aim for the group to represent a diversity of backgrounds and disciplines.

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| **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Contact** |
| Carol Cheney (Emily Wang?) | OHA Office of Equity and Inclusion | Curtis |
| Collette Young | OHA PSET | Curtis |
| Michael Tynan (Rene Hackenmiller-Paradis?) | OHA Policy and Planning | Curtis |
| Charlie Fautin | Benton County Health Department | Julie |
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| Jeff Weber | OR Dept. of Land Conservation and Development | Brendon |
| Geoff Crook | OR Dept. of Transportation | Brendon |
| Wendy Wiles (David Collier?) | OR Dept. of Environmental Quality | Curtis |
| Jessica Shipley | OR Dept. of Energy | Emily |
| Andrew Yost | OR Dept. of Forestry | Brendon |
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| Angus Duncan (or affiliate) | OR Global Warming Commission | Brendon |
| Ben Duncan (or affiliate) | OR Environmental Justice Task Force | Curtis |
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| Jackie Yerby | Cambia Health Solutions | Emily |
| Katie McClure | Oregon Healthiest State Initiative? | Emily |
| Ben Hoyne | CCO Oregon | Emily |
| John Mullin | Oregon Law Center, Allies for Healthier Oregon? | Emily |
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| Jeff Bethel | OSU, College of Public Health | Brendon |
| Kathie Dello | Oregon Climate Change Research Institute | Julie |
| Kathy Lynn (or affiliate) | U of O, NW Climate Change Tribal Network | Emily |
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| Mel Rader | Upstream Public Health | Emily |
| Jana Gastellum | Oregon Environmental Council | Emily |
| Mikell O’Meally | ABT Consultants | Julie |

The Advisory Group will meet every 4-6 months and will meet a total of 4-6 times. Meetings will be facilitated by the Climate and Health Program team and communication with each of the members will occur between meetings.

**Draft Schedule:**

Winter, ‘15 – Introduce project goals, expectations, etc.

Introduce advisory group members and respective programs, projects

Climate and Health Profile Presentation

Decide on scope and framework

Confirm schedule, participation expectations, outcomes

Spring, ‘15 – Present compiled adaptations/interventions

Seek input on gaps in strategies and in evidence

Capture existing actions, leadership, collaboration, etc.

Decide on criteria used for further analysis/selection by staff

Fall, ‘15 – Review updated list based on further research and analysis

Decide on inclusion/exclusion of any interventions on the fence

Explore any emerging strategies and potential contacts/leads

Feedback on the plan’s overall organization and presentation

Winter, ‘16 – Present final list and organization of recommendations

Discuss evaluation and monitoring

Discuss further alignment with partner activities and initiatives

Confirm each member’s role and contribution

Decide on key findings/messages that align with partner initiatives

Summer, ’16 Presentation of draft plan

Training and feedback on messaging and communications

Input and incorporation of dissemination activities

Feedback on process and for program moving forward

**Participant Feedback**

Following the release of our Climate and Health Profile Report, we will lead a series of presentations to disseminate the report. As part of the presentation we will ask participants to share their solutions and strategies for addressing the Public Health problems presented in the report. Participant feedback and contact information will be captured and analyzed for further research and potential inclusion in the plan.

**Proposed CHPR Presentation Format** *(60-90 mins)*

* CHPR presentation *- 25 min*
  + - Context – *2min*
    - Climate trends & projections – 4 *min*
    - Health Effects in Oregon *– 8 min*
    - Vulnerable Pops – *6 min*
    - Summary & Strategies – *5 min*
* Facilitated dialogue*– 20-30 minutes*

*(small group discussions preferred if possible)*

* + - After hearing about all of the potential public health problems and vulnerable communities in Oregon, what stands out the most? What are you most concerned about when it comes to climate and health?
    - What are some possible strategies for addressing these concerns?
    - How can public health take a leadership role in preparing our communities for the changes ahead?
* Sharing solutions – 10-*20 minutes*
* Next steps and additional resources – 2-10 *minutes*

**Listening Sessions**

A Listening Session plan will be developed to reach vulnerable communities identified in the CHPR and SoVA. The sessions will build off of the Story Project and focus on gathering feedback from new stakeholders about community concerns and solutions. The sessions will allow us to understand how people are currently thinking and talking about climate-related health effects in their communities. It’s also an opportunity to hear about novel approaches or ideas for addressing challenges that specific vulnerable communities face.

The listening sessions will provide us with qualitative information that can be incorporated into further adaptation research and planning. The information will also be helpful in developing future communication and training materials . A more detailed plan will be developed by the end of 2014.

**Next Steps**

**By the end of August**

* Finalize Stakeholder Engagement Plan
* Finalize draft CHPR Presentation
* Schedule Leadership Circle meeting
* Complete outreach to prospective Advisory Group members

**By the end of 2014**

* Meet with leadership
* Decide on general scope of plan and working title
* Schedule first Advisory Group meeting

**By the end of Winter 2015**

* Meet with Advisory Group
* Finalized Listening Session plan
* Complete literature review