

This summary highlights program activities, accomplishments and partnerships in the 2015-16 grant period.



Achievements in Planning: The Oregon Climate and Health Resilience Plan

The Climate and Health Program released a new Resilience Plan for Oregon’s public health system. The plan outlines a set of actions that our public health workforce can take to address climate change. These recommendations build on the findings of the 2014 Oregon Climate and Health Profile Report and were developed through the collaboration of over 60 different partners and stakeholders representing local health jurisdictions, community based organizations, state public health programs, partner state agencies and commissions, and academic institutions. The strategies recommended in the plan align with Oregon’s Public Health Modernization priorities and will be evaluated over the next five years of implementation.

Achievements in Policy

The Climate and Health Program:

- Played a primary role in the development of the Public Health Division’s *Healthy Places Initiative*, a new policy framework for addressing emerging environmental risks in Oregon.
- Convened the Public Health Division’s (PHD) Drought workgroup and developed new recommendations for PHD’s role in the integrated drought response annex.
- Joined with Oregon’s Preparedness, Epidemiology and Surveillance Team (PSET) in attending OSU’s Public Health Policy Institute.
- Partnered with Oregon’s Health Security Preparedness and Response (HSPR) program to integrate Climate Resilience strategies into Oregon’s existing Public Health Preparedness Capabilities Assessment tool.
- Joined the state’s Inter-Agency Sustainability Network and now serves as the sustainability liaison for the Oregon Health Authority’s Public Health Division.
- Submitted comments on the State’s draft Cap and Trade study for State legislators.

Achievements in Leadership

The Climate and Health Program:

- Presented the Resilience Plan to PHD’s Strategic Leadership Council as one of the first examples of a planning project completed using Oregon’s new Public Health Modernization framework.
- Received the invitation to join the NW Regional team of authors for the next National Climate Assessment.



“Right now, our public health workforce does not have the capacity to handle emerging environmental risks, like air pollution and climate change, but we are getting a clearer picture of what it’s going to take.”

Lillian Shirley, MPH, RN

Oregon Health Authority – Public Health Division, Director

Achievements in Partnerships

The Climate and Health Program:

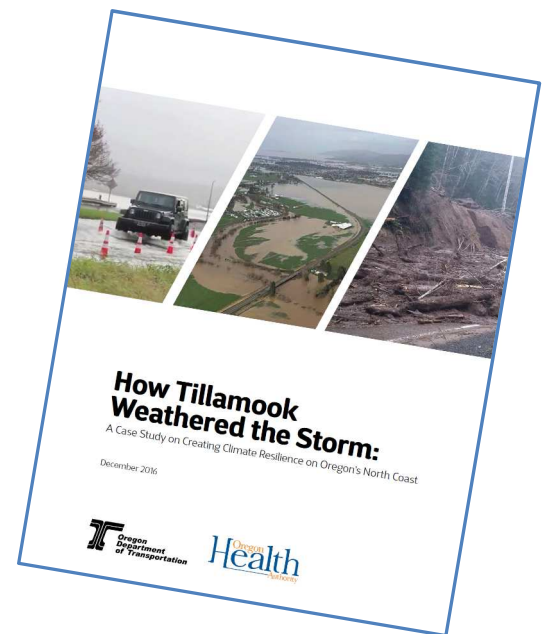
- Joined with the Oregon Department of Transportation to produce a joint case study on the local response to severe storms and floods in Tillamook County.
- Co-Chaired the CRSCI Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Community of Practice.
- Presented at:
 - The Oregon Global Warming Commission
 - The NW Climate Science conference
 - The Oregon Public Health Association Conference
 - The Public Health Institute's Climate Change and Public Health Learning Collaborative
 - The NW Center for Public Health Practice
 - The Columbia Emergency Planning Association
 - The Place Matters conference
 - The Oregon Healthy Climate Partnership
 - Umatilla Climate and Health Community Workshop
 - The National University of Natural Medicine
 - Science on Tap speaker series
- Presented and received input from the Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO) leadership group and sub-committees (Healthy Communities, Preparedness, and Environmental Health).



Achievements in Research and Assessment

The Climate and Health Program:

- Participated in the launch of a new regional collaboration with Washington and Idaho to explore alignment for future assessment and study.
- Convened partners on the subject of wildfire and health (CDC, NIOSH, and PHD program partners).
- Participated in research conversations with the Portland State University, NW Center for Public Health Practice, Oregon State University, Oregon Health and Sciences University, NW Climate Hub, and the University of Washington.
- Participated in ASTHO's climate and mental health study, CDC's Drought Response study, and CDC's Climate Communications study.



Achievements in Communications

The Climate and Health Program:

- Became the first PHD program to use animated explainer videos. The video scripts were reviewed and adapted based on the input from the Office of Equity and Inclusion, the So-Health-E Youth Council, and a Public Health Division focus group.
- Created five case study videos that highlight climate-related work occurring in health departments across the state and are featured on a new Climate and Health YouTube Playlist.
- Published the Resilience Plan as an interactive digital publication, hosted a press conference for the release and distributed the plan through our first social media campaign.



"To support community change we have to be grounded in what the community needs, not just what we perceive they need."

- Charmaine Kinney, MPA-HA
Senior OM Coordinator, Multnomah County
Mental Health and Addiction Services Division