

Groups related to Oregon Public Health Modernization with LPHA and Tribes Participation

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- This document lists groups related to public health modernization in Oregon that include, or are open to, participation of individuals from Local and Tribal Public Health Authorities (LPHAs and Tribes).
- Groups are categorized based on alignment with foundational capabilities and foundational programs currently prioritized through PH modernization funding during for LPHAs (through [PE 51](#) funding) and Tribes (through [PE 58](#)).
- This list does not include groups focused on foundational programs that are not currently funded through public health modernization (Prevention and health promotion and Access to clinical preventive services).
- Some groups listed may not be explicitly related to PH modernization but serve as resources for modernization-funded work of OHA, LPHAs and Tribes, including work that advances public health accountability metrics. Where applicable, alignment with [accountability metric priority areas](#) is noted.

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Leadership and Organizational Competencies	
<u>Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)</u>	Advises OHA on policy matters related to public health programs, provides a review of statewide public health issues, and participates in public health policy development. Includes designated seats for LPHAs and a designated seat for a Tribal representative.
<u>PHAB Accountability Metrics Subcommittee</u>	Reviews existing public health data and metrics to propose biennial updates to public health accountability measures for consideration by PHAB.
<u>PHAB Strategic Data Plan Subcommittee</u>	Provides recommendations and develops a framework for modernization of public health data in the state of Oregon.
<u>PHAB Incentives and Funding Subcommittee</u>	Develops recommendations for consideration by the Public Health Advisory Board on updates to the public health modernization funding formula used to allocate PE 51 funds to LPHAs, including matching and incentive funding. Meetings are on pause and will resume in 2026.
Tribal Public Health Modernization Community of Practice	Community of Practice to support Tribes funded for public health modernization work (PE 58) and NARA NW (PE 59). This is convened by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, the Oregon Tribal public health modernization technical assistance and training provider. A meeting of Tribal grantees occurs once a month and in-person community of practice gatherings occur 3-4 times/year.
<u>Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO)</u>	Established in ORS 431.330 consisting of each local public health administrator and local health officer. Provides input to OHA regarding establishment of foundational capabilities and foundational programs, adopting and updating statewide PH modernization assessment, developing and modifying statewide PH modernization plan, and developing and modifying plans for distribution of PH modernization funds.

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<u>CLHO Systems and Innovation Committee</u>	Provides guidance and recommendations for the implementation and improvement of system-wide work as it relates to the core functions of PH modernization. Works with OHA-PHD on changes to PE 51 language.
Local Modernization Plans Community of Practice	<p>LPHA-led Community of Practice for LPHA leaders and modernization staff working to develop Local Public Health Modernization Plans that LPHAs are required to complete by December 31, 2025. This is a space for informal sharing of resources, information exchange and learning from each other's experiences as plans are developed.</p> <p>Contact: <u>Andrea Krause</u>, Public Health Systems Consultant, Oregon Health Authority</p>
Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness	
LPHA Rural Health Equity Community of Practice	LPHA-led Community of Practice for Health Equity Coordinators and other LPHA staff doing PE 51 health equity work in rural areas. Tribes receiving PH modernization funding through PE 58 are welcome to participate. To learn more about this group, or if you're interested in participating, contact <u>Caitlin Nemeth</u> , Community Engagement Coordinator at Yamhill County Public Health.
Assessment and Epidemiology	
<u>State Health Assessment Steering Committee</u>	Directs the process of conducting the State Health Assessment, which leads to development of a revised State Health Improvement Plan. The Public Health Division conducts the State Health Assessment to assess the health of Oregonians about every five years and the steering committee provides guidance and recommendations for the SHIP framework. The steering committee represents residents and organizations that improve health in sectors beyond the field of public health.
Public Health Modernization	Assist OHA Public Health Division in co-creating an evaluation of state legislative PH modernization funding. This work includes development of core evaluation domains and questions, respective methodology,

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Evaluation Technical Panel	guidance on data interpretation and analysis, and dissemination review. The Technical Panel is comprised of 10-12 representatives of the public health system including local, state and tribal governmental public health, 1-2 members from the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB), community-based organizations and 1-2 national public health partners. Members have diverse experiences in the areas of communicable disease prevention, planning and response, environmental health and impacts of climate related emergencies, community engagement and measurement of governmental public health agency performance. The Technical Panel meets bi-monthly.
Public Health Modernization Evaluation Working Group	Together with the Technical Panel, the Working Group assists OHA Public Health Division in co-creating an evaluation of state legislative PH modernization funding. This work includes development of core evaluation domains and questions, respective methodology, guidance on data interpretation and analysis, and dissemination review. The Evaluation Working Group consists of 10-12 representatives of the public health system including: Local Public Health, Oregon CLHO, and OHA Public Health Division. The Working Group meets bi-weekly given evaluation needs.
Community Partnership Development	
<u>Oregon PartnerSHIP</u>	Steering Committee made up of community partners for Healthier Together Oregon, the State Health Improvement Plan. The Public Health Division will be convening a new steering committee to guide implementation of Healthier Together Oregon 2025-2029.
<u>Public Health Modernization Chat</u>	Modernization chats are held the first Thursday of each month from 11:00am - 12:00pm. OHA Public Health Division, community-based organizations, Tribal and local public health leaders and staff come together to talk about public health in Oregon and our shared vision for what we are building together as a public health system. Registration link and recordings of previous chats are available on OHA's <u>Public Health Modernization webpage</u> .

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Emergency Preparedness and Response Accountability Metric Priority Area for all groups listed in this section: Increase community resilience for climate impacts on health: extreme heat and wildfire smoke	
<u>CLHO Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee</u>	<p>The Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee provides guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work as it relates to preparing for emergencies, responding to emergencies, and coordinating and communicating before and during an emergency.</p>
Wildfire season briefing hazard-specific check-ins	<p>Hazard specific calls are hosted multiple times a year, usually seasonally or for emerging incident and hazards. These calls are intended for cross-information sharing and updates between LPHAs, OHA programs, and other partners on policy, procedure, plans, available resources, hazard specifics, e.g. weather updates and disease spread.</p> <p>Contact: DeWayne Hatcher/Eric Gebbie</p>
Wildfire smoke protocol	<p>Oregon Health Authority and Department of Environmental Quality jointly host ad hoc calls throughout the wildfire season to coordinate public information and warning for severe smoke events expected to last more than 24 hours with tribal, federal, state and local partners related to wildfire smoke in Oregon. This is an opportunity for partners to receive smoke outlooks from air quality experts to inform smoke responses and messaging, contribute local knowledge, smoke-related community needs, weigh in on smoke advisories and maintain relationships with agencies engaged in smoke response work.</p> <p>OHA Contact: Jamie Bash, Risk Communications Analyst, Health Security Preparedness and Response cell: 503-754-3190 jamie.p.bash@oha.oregon.gov</p> <p>DEQ Contact: Jennifer Horton, Air Quality Planner cell: 503-333-5812 jennifer.horton@deq.oregon.gov</p>
Office hours/community	<p>This call, held every other week (except holidays), is intended to support networking, peer to peer learning, and sharing of resources among public</p>

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of practice for disaster communicators	<p>health and medical crisis and emergency communicators. Others engaged in developing disaster communications are welcome. This casual, come when you can group is hosted by Jamie Bash, the Health Security, Preparedness and Response Program's Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Analyst.</p> <p>Contact: Jamie Bash</p>
Monthly Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator meeting	<p>The purpose of the call is to create space for peer-to-peer sharing, OHA updates on LPHA PE 12 requirements and/or emerging incidents, information gathering, informative presentations from local, regional, state, or federal partners, technical assistance, and more. It is highly encouraged that LPHA PHEPRs attend these calls. Tribes are also invited to attend.</p> <p>Contact: PHEP Regional Emergency Coordinators (RECs)</p>
Healthcare Coalition meetings	<p>Healthcare Coalitions are hosted at a regional level with each region meeting at different cadences. These coalitions consist of a variety of public health, health care, long-term care, and emergency management partners. Coalitions identify and develop regional common operating pictures, plans, conduct exercises and assessments, and receive federal funding to support activities such as purchasing resources, hosting trainings, and more. There is an expectation that LPHA PHEPRs are active participants in their coalition, and they make up one of the key partners of the program, the others being hospitals, emergency management, and emergency medical systems. Tribes are also invited to attend. HCCs also run workgroups that may include Hospital Groups, Access and Functional Needs workgroups, or Clinical Partner groups.</p> <p>Contact: Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) RECs</p>
Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Meetings	<p>The Oregon Tribal Preparedness Coalition meets monthly and is for Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinators and Tribal Emergency Managers to create space for peer-to-peer sharing, OHA updates on Tribal PE 31 requirements and/or emerging incidents, information gathering, technical assistance, and informative presentations from our State and Federal response partners.</p>

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	<p>The Tribal Preparedness Coalition meets in-person at least twice a year.</p> <p>Contact: Carey Palm</p>
Communicable Disease Control	
CLHO Communicable Disease (CD) Committee	<p>The CLHO CD Committee provides guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work as it relates to CD surveillance, disease investigation, prevention and control initiatives, and disease response evaluations.</p> <p>Accountability Metric Priority Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect people from preventable diseases by increasing vaccination rates • Reduce the spread of syphilis and prevent congenital syphilis
Orpheus User Group meeting	<p>Monthly meetings open only to users of Orpheus (Oregon Public Health Epidemiology User System) to share information about items such as electronic reporting, data mart development, REALD and SOGI implementation, training opportunities, and tips and tricks for using data systems to maximize work efficiency. Sessions are recorded for Orpheus users who are unable to attend.</p> <p>Contact: June Bancroft</p>
Orpheus/DUDE training	<p>Monthly training sessions open only to Orpheus users. DUDE (Directory of Useful Databases for Epidemiologists) holds data on reportable infection disease outbreaks, training tools, and infection disease trackers. The Orpheus/DUDE trainings focus on specific topics (e.g. Hepatitis, REALD, Enteric pathogens, H5N1) and is also a venue to ask questions about overall diseases and investigations – the why we are doing the work and how to use our data systems to manage disease information. Sessions are recorded for Orpheus users who are unable to attend.</p> <p>Contact: June Bancroft</p>
Oregon CD/Epi Operations Meeting	<p>Monthly meeting open to staff involved in communicable disease work. Meeting series is intended to provide a space for information sharing,</p>

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	<p>and co-creating resources between OHA, LPHA, and Tribal communicable disease staff.</p> <p>Contact: Amanda Faulkner</p>
<u>Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (HAIAC)</u>	<p>The HAI Advisory Committee (HAIAC) is a multidisciplinary group of partners including healthcare providers, consumers, insurers, and other experts who provide oversight and advises the HAI program regarding HAI surveillance and prevention. This committee meets quarterly via Zoom.</p> <p>Contact: Lex Zhang</p>
<u>Oregon Infection Prevention Collaboratives</u>	<p>Regional infection prevention seminars meet monthly for one hour to discuss emerging strategies, share insights, and learn from peers. All interested healthcare and public health staff are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Contact/sign up: Eastern or Western</p>
Statewide Congenital Syphilis Prevention Meeting	<p>Quarterly discussion of congenital syphilis data, cases and interventions.</p> <p>Contact: Jillian Garai</p> <p>Accountability Metric Priority Area: Reduce the spread of syphilis and prevent congenital syphilis</p>
STI/HIV Orpheus and Case Investigation Trainings	<p>Monthly STD case investigation and Orpheus skills training.</p> <p>Contact: Jillian Garai</p> <p>Accountability Metric Priority Area: Reduce the spread of syphilis and prevent congenital syphilis</p>
TB Quarterly Cohort Review	<p>Quarterly discussion of new topics for TB disease, TB data, case review and interventions.</p> <p>Contact: TB@odhsoha.oregon.gov</p>
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<u>CLHO Environmental Health (EH) Committee</u>	<p>The CLHO EH Committee provides guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work as it relates to EH regulations; licensing and inspections; planning and assessments related to environmental public health; development of environmental public health policy and programs; promotion and outreach around mitigating environmental health risks, and consultation.</p>
LPHA Climate and Health Community of Practice	<p>This LPHA Community of Practice is supported by the OHA-PHD Climate and Health Program. Shares best practices and successes for equitable climate and health adaptation work.</p> <p>Email climate.health@dhsoha.oregon.gov to be added to the email list.</p>

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