

This summary highlights program partnerships, activities and accomplishments in the 2014-15 period.

PHD's Cross-Division Climate Work Group

Our Internal Work Group meets monthly and includes members from the following PHD programs:

- The Environmental Public Health Tracking
- The Health Impact Assessment program
- Occupational Health
- The Preparedness, Surveillance, and Epidemiology Team
- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention
- Injury and Violence Prevention Program
- Drinking Water Protection Program
- Domestic Wells Safety Program
- Acute & Communicable Disease Prevention
- Health Security, Preparedness and Response Program
- Healthy Waters Program

An evaluation of the Climate Work Group demonstrated that members value the collaboration:

"It's been really helpful to hear what the climate change program and other members of the workgroup are doing; there is a lot of potential for collaboration and it is useful for me to know what the current priorities are."

"The work group is interesting & keeps me connected to PHD programs I don't otherwise regularly interact with."

"I now consider climate change when researching health and environment associations. I think the program is on the right track."

Partnerships with Local Health Jurisdictions

- The program maintains a Technical Assistance list-serve that includes approximately 10 LHJs working on climate and health. This list-serve will serve as the beginning of a new statewide Climate and Health Network.
- We developed a new Resilience Planning toolkit based on the lessons learned by local health jurisdiction partners.
- The program was invited to present and received input from the Coalition of Local Health Official (CLHO) leaders and sub-committees.
- We completed a Social Vulnerability Assessment and developed a set of maps that can be used by local health jurisdictions to communicate climate risks.
- The Program co-leads a Drought Work Group within the Public Health Division and conducted a series of informational interviews with local health partners to identify needs and opportunities.



"As I think about the declaration of drought... and the storms across the country this year, it's so critical we think about our future and our children's future. The changes are happening as we speak, and it should be a call to action."

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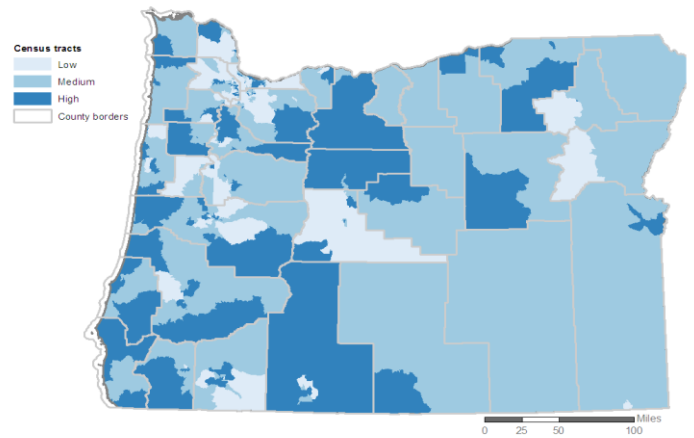
Resilience Advisory Group

The program is currently convening an Advisory Group to develop Oregon's first Health and Climate Resilience Plan. In addition to several public health division managers, external members include:

- OHA's Office of Equity and Inclusion
- OHA's Addictions and Mental Health
- Benton County Health Department
- Washington County Health Department
- Oregon Dept. of Transportation
- Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
- Oregon Dept. of Energy
- Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force
- Oregon Global Warming Commission
- Oregon Environmental Council
- Upstream Public Health
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Center for Diversity and Environment
- CCO Oregon
- OSU College of Public Health
- Oregon Climate Change Research Institute

Statewide Partnerships

- The program manages an e-mail listserv with over 500 members from across the state.
- In the past year, the program has presented to:
 - Oregon Global Warming Commission
 - Oregon Preparedness Conference
 - OPHA Conference
 - NW Environmental Health Conference
 - NW Tribal Public Health Preparedness
 - Allies for a Healthier Oregon
 - NW Tribal Climate Change Network
 - Oregon Healthy Climate Partnership
 - OEC's Healthcare Leaders Forum
 - Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force
 - OPHI's Climate Community Conversation
 - EMO's Earth Summit
 - Oregon Nurse Practitioner Conference
- The program partners with Oregon Climate Research Institute to apply climate data to public health resilience planning.



- We provide social vulnerability data and technical expertise to the Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries and Dept. of Land Conservation and Development.
- We are technical advisors on a climate project of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation.
- Over 50 stakeholders were involved in the development of the Oregon Climate and Health Profile Report. Here is what two participants said:

"I'm relieved that people are working on this issue - how climate change is affecting human health - and I'm grateful for the opportunity to engage"

"I learned a lot more than I realized I would through this process."

National Leadership

- We co-lead a national community of practice on climate communications and stakeholder engagement.
- CDC has requested our partnership in projecting the burden of disease from wildfire under future climate scenarios.
- We collaborated with the Public Health Institute on a national workshop for healthcare leaders.



"Building resilience is vital for all stakeholders including medical providers, patients, health care leaders, organizations and communities, since a true health system transformation cannot simply occur within an exam room."

-Dr. Safina Koreishi, Columbia CCO Medical Director