



Coalition of Local Health Officials August 20, 2009 Meeting 12:50-2:00pm *DRAFT Minutes*

Agencies Represented:

Charlie Fautin (*Benton*); Marti Franc (*Clackamas*); Karen Fox Ladd (*Columbia*); Frances Smith, At-Large Rep (*Coos*); Muriel De La Vergne-Brown (*Crook*); Scott Johnson (*Deschutes*); Peggy Kennerly (*Douglas*); John Combs (*Grant*); Ellen Larsen (*Hood River*); Mark Orndoff (*Jackson*); Tom Machala (*Jefferson*); Belle Shepherd (*Josephine*); Marilyn Sutherland (*Klamath*); Karen Gillette (*Lane*); Paula Sampson, At-Large Rep (*Lincoln*); Pat Crozier (*Linn*); Frank Moore (*Linn*); Pam Heilman (*Marion*); Sheree Smith (*Morrow*); Jessica Camargo, Co-Chair PHELPT (*Multnomah*); Gary Oxman, Health Officers Caucus Rep (*Multnomah*); Jan Wallinder, AOPHNS Rep (*Multnomah*); Barb Schmidt (*Polk*); Andy Walker (*Polk*); Genni Lehnert, Secretary/Treasurer (*Umatilla*); Carrie Brogoitti (*Union*); Teri Thalhofer, (*Wasco-Sherman-Gilliam*); Kathleen O'Leary, Vice-Chair (*Washington*); Sue Omel, At-Large Rep (*Washington*); Karen Koskela (*Wheeler*); Mike McNickle (*Yamhill*)
Morgan Cowling (*Association of Oregon Counties*); Linda Fleming (*Coalition Executive Director*)

PHD: Mel Kohn, Public Health Division Director; Katrina Hedberg, Interim Administrator for Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology; Bill Coulombe, Deputy Director, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services; Gail Shibley, Administrator, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services; MaiKia Moua, Nurse Consultant, Office of Community Liaison; Mike Harriman, Preparedness Director; Steve Modesitt, Information Systems Coordinator; Katy King, Government Relations Liaison

Guest(s):

Akiko Berkman, Medical Reserve Coordinator (MRC), Oregon Public Health Emergency Preparedness; Shannon O'Fallon, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice; Paul Snider, Legal Counsel – Public Safety/Emergency Services and Communications/Labor Relations, Association of Oregon Counties

Convene:

Kathleen O'Leary, Chair convened the August 2009 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials at 12:50pm.

Minutes:

Kathleen O'Leary requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2009 meeting of the Coalition of Local Health Officials.

Action:

Jan Wallinder moved and Belle Shepherd seconded the approval of the June 18, 2009 Coalition of Local Health Officials minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions or oppositions.

MCH Perinatal Summit:

Two years ago, Sue Omel reported, the State and local health departments co-convened the State's first ever perinatal summit, which was a successful event and great process. This year, the State and local health departments are planning a child health focused summit for November 2-3, 2009. To this end, Sue is requested a \$1,000 contribution from CLHO to support health department attendees.



Action:

Paula Sampson moved and Jan Wallinder seconded CLHO support this summit with a sponsorship of \$1,000. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions or oppositions.

Legislative Debrief:

Katy King reported a legislative report will be finalized for dissemination at the next CLHO meeting.

Prior to the beginning of the most recent legislative session, CLHO had a pretty ambitious legislative agenda:

1. Tobacco & Obesity Prevention; and
2. Local Public Health Department funding & capacity building
 - A provision, which was part of the proposed tobacco tax (HB 2122), became very political and the tax did not pass. HB 2650, or the menu labeling bill, passed. The bill requires chain restaurants (with 15+ locations) to supply nutritional information by January 1, 2010 – however, the information must be posted by January 1, 2011.
 - HB 2135, the Oregon landlord disclosure bill, passed. The bill requires landlords to disclose if a rental property is smoking or non-smoking.
 - HB 2136 passed with amendments, and bans tobacco vending machines outside of bars that are not accessible to those under 21.
 - SB 355, the prescription drug monitoring bill, passed with provisions.

In a tough budget climate, Katy explained, public health came out 'okay'. TPEP will have less funding as revenue from tobacco is decreasing.

Shannon O'Fallon reported last year, the Department of Justice worked with the Oregon Law Commission to look at emergency service workers liability; she feels the resulting, revised law is better and clearer than it used to be. One goal in revising the law was to clarify who would fall under coverage. Some practical aspects of how the law will function still need to be worked out in rules, for example, defining 'what it means' to be acting under direction of the public body and how the decision is made.

Per DHS, Emergency Healthcare Volunteers are considered agents of the state only if they are requested and deployed by the Oregon Health Authority. To ensure they are following State law, Shannon recommended counties speak with county councils regarding county-specific 'particulars' of the Emergency Preparedness Act.

Linda Fleming reported the session closed with no increased funding to public health, however, she sent Representative Kotek a prioritized list recommending a 30% across several program areas – while maintaining Babies 1st!. In the letter, Linda specified that both Drinking Water and FPEP could accommodate cuts better than Babies 1st!. The legislature chose to cut \$500k from Drinking Water and salvage Babies 1st! – 'at the end of the day' they did not want to make any cuts to FPEP. She went



on to recommend CLHO work on a PR campaign outlining the full scope of services provided by Home Visiting Nurses.

Morgan Cowling reported on HB 2009 and HB 2116, stating information has been released indicating Dr. Goldberg's intent to oversee both DHS and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in addition to working out how to make two separate (but 'equal') agencies. Specifically, DHS is concentrating on technical, policy and administrative issues around the formation of two separate agencies.

Morgan went on to report the passage of HB 2009 calls for a nine person Board to oversee the OHA; the submission deadline was Friday, August 14, 2009 and 200+ applications were received. The Board member criteria consists of a broad list of considerations and includes no specific roles – including a 'public health specific' slot.

Jan Wallinder asked if most of the February 2010 legislative session will be driven by budget issues and if so (or if not) what does CLHO 'need to plan for'. Morgan responded she hopes the session will look at policy adjustment, adding the 'big issues' will be revenue sources and the resurgence of fallen bills.

Other:

SJan Wallinder reported AOPHNS discussed potential legislation for grant funded home visits. It appears the legislation may be delayed by healthcare reform. She stated the importance of and need to align/strategize around CLHO's advocacy position relating to Nurse Family Partnership (NFP).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.