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Joint Ways and Means Human Services Sub-Committee
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SUBJECT: April 21, 2025 Committee Questions

Dear Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

Please find below information requested by members of the Joint Ways and Means Human Services Sub-Committee at the April 21, 2025, meeting on the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division's Public Health Modernization Funding Report to the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Federally Recognized Tribes' Participation in Public Health Modernization Funding

OHA honors the government-to-government relationship with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon and recognizes them as individual sovereign nations each with its own health priorities.

OHA offers funding across a variety of programs to each of the Nine Tribes. If a Tribe opts out of funding, such as Public Health Modernization funding, then OHA Public Health Division is willing to work with the Tribe if and when they are ready to engage in Public Health Modernization work in their community. But that individual decision is up to each Tribe.

Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

Funded CBOs have significant reach into their communities and empower community members for better public health outcomes. CBOs held 774 local events, including 261 focused on communicable disease control, 272 focused on emergency preparedness and response, and 298 focused on climate and health. Of these community-specific events, 336 (43.4%) provided community-specific public health programs, services, resources, and supports; 243 (31.4%) provided health education and communication; 58 (7.5%) identified and assessed community priorities; and 23 (3.0%) mobilized communities to participate in and inform health policy priorities.

Public health modernization funding also supports CBOs to develop and maintain important partnership networks. CBOs are a vital partner to governmental public health as they connect people to existing public health services, communicate to communities through trusted messengers and provide resources and information that is responsive to language, culture and context. OHA highlighted successful local partnerships between funded LPHAs and CBOs in [videos](#) and [fact sheets](#) located on the public health modernization webpage.

A few specific examples:

- Micronesian Islander Community of Oregon and Union County Center for Human Development, Inc. partnership to improve vaccination rates ([English/Spanish](#))
- Northwest Family Services and Clackamas County Public Health partnership to build resilience and preparedness for extreme heat and wildfires ([English/Spanish](#))
- Olalla Center and Lincoln County Public Health partnership on pandemic response and tobacco prevention ([English/Spanish](#))

Measuring CBO Progress and Accountability

OHA-PHD measures CBO progress and supports funding accountability in several ways:

- CBOs complete quarterly activity and expenditures reports that include information about populations and geographies served, number of events

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held, and people reached, cross-sector partnerships developed, workforce supported, funding sustainability, and general progress on and barriers to activities in their approved workplans. OHA staff use this information to monitor performance and identify opportunities for training and technical assistance.

- The quarterly activity and expenditures reports are reviewed by OHA staff who use these reports to actively address performance issues.
- OHA-PHD and CBOs are currently evaluating funding impacts on organizational and community health outcomes. The initial evaluation report will be available in May 2025.

Moving forward, OHA-PHD is aligning CBO activities more closely with [public health modernization accountability metrics](#) established by the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB). The 2025-2027 CBO funding will link more explicitly to the public health modernization framework and accountability metrics to ensure alignment between CBOs and LPHAs funded for complementary work in their communities.

Oregon's PHAB began work in 2024 to develop a Public Health Equity Framework. The Framework details the roles of CBOs as they work alongside OHA and LPHAs to fulfill statutory requirements for public health modernization. PHAB and OHA will use the framework to guide decisions about public health modernization funding allocations across partners to achieve health priorities. The Health Equity Framework will be completed in June 2025.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are any further questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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