



2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mission:

To ensure that the expertise and leadership of California physician health officers strengthen and shape the practice and structure of public health to protect and promote the health and well-being of people and communities.

CCLHO Strategic Map:

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cclho/Documents/CCLHO_Strategic_Map_03-11-15.pdf

Policy and Priorities

- ❖ CCLHO submitted 14 letters to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other state departments regarding pending legislation. CCLHO provided recommendations on 18 bills. Areas of greatest policy impact include:
 - Vaccine requirements for daycare workers
 - Vaccine exemptions for school children
 - Obesity prevention
 - Tobacco use prevention
 - Workplace health and safety climate change
 - Antimicrobial drug resistance
- ❖ CCLHO considered 74 bills as priority bills, and took positions on 35 of these bills.
- ❖ CCLHO submitted 5 letters of support for grant applications, budgetary requests and programmatic issues of importance for CDPH and partners.
 - Grant Applications - Emergency Preparedness, Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention (2 letters)
 - Programs – Tuberculosis
 - Funding – Health Statistics Special Fund
- ❖ Reviewed and proposed changes in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, regarding the listing and reporting of notifiable communicable diseases.
- ❖ CCLHO Nominations
 - Nominated doctors S. Todd Stolp and Wendel Brunner for the CDPH 2015 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health.
 - Nominated Dr. Robert W. Ryder to serve as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria.
 - Nominated Dr. Richard Johnson to serve as the CCLHO representative on the Commission on Emergency Medical Services.

- ❖ The CCLHO Chronic Disease Control and Prevention and Health Information and Data Committees participated in a CDPH workgroup on chronic disease surveillance.
- ❖ Collaborated with CDPH on Ebola preparedness and readiness for local health jurisdictions and hospitals, including the review of draft policies. Local health jurisdictions received funding in the amount of \$5,341,986 for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Value of Public Health

- ❖ Updated the CCLHO Strategic Map and added two tracks of work.
- ❖ Worked with The California Endowment (TCE), the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), and the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) to implement the Public Health Communications Project. Through this project, each local health department in California is eligible to receive technical assistance from Brown Miller Communications. The project will continue to provide assistance and training to local health departments through 2016, with awards for outstanding communications projects in a variety of categories.

Accreditation

- ❖ CCLHO members participated in the planning committee and attended the 2015 Public Health Accreditation Readiness Conference, “Moving Forward Together: California’s Journey to Public Health Accreditation”.
- ❖ CCLHO members attended the August 7th, 2015, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) workshop on Leading and Championing Performance Improvement: A workshop for Local Health Officials.

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External Relationships

- ❖ Initiated overview presentations at CCLHO Board meetings to increase health officer awareness of specific CDPH programs.
- ❖ Established monthly calls between the Presidents of CCLHO and CHEAC to discuss common goals and foster alignment of activities.
- ❖ Participated in a stakeholder briefing convened by the California Governor's Office regarding Ebola preparedness and planning. (CCLHO President and President-Elect)
- ❖ Continued collaboration with CHEAC on the CCLHO/CHEAC Chronic Disease Prevention Leadership Project, which aims to: promote chronic disease prevention as a higher priority for LHJs; strengthen capacity to address chronic disease, promote policy, systems and environmental change; and promote effective public health practices to prevent chronic disease.
- ❖ Provided feedback to the California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary to assist in the recruitment and selection of the new CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer, including the submittal of a letter with recommendations.
- ❖ CCLHO was actively represented on 29 Advisory Councils and Workgroups on a broad range of issues. Examples of Health Officer participation include:
 - Emergency Preparedness Joint Advisory Committee
 - Public Health Lab Services Working Group
 - Office of Bi-National Border Health Advisory Committee
 - Drinking Water Program Transition Advisory Group
 - SNAP-ED Task Force

- ❖ CCLHO representatives joined two new Advisory Groups, the State Prescription Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention Workgroup and the Oral Health Advisory Committee.
- ❖ CCLHO members participated in regional public health collaboratives including: the Association of Bay Area Health Officials (ABAHO), the Southern California Public Health Officers, and the San Joaquin Valley Public Health Consortium. These regional groups facilitate the coordination of a public health approach in a variety of topic areas, including emergency preparedness, health equity, Ebola response and climate change.
- ❖ A new regional health public health collaborative, comprised of Health Officers in the Greater Sacramento Area, held its first meeting in December 2015.

Health Equity

- ❖ Held the 2015 Fall Semiannual Conference entitled, "Achieving Health Equity through Public Health Practice." The Conference addressed topics on communicating about health equity, taking action to address health inequity, and facilitating binational partnering to improve health equity.
- ❖ Maintained health officer representation on the CDPH Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee.

Leadership Development

- ❖ Provided comprehensive orientation and resource materials to 7 new local Health Officers. Resource materials include: Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California and the Health Officer Core Functions in Small Counties.
- ❖ Provided orientation materials and Executive Committee manuals to 3 new CCLHO Board members.