

## **CCLHO Chronic Disease Control Committee**

The Chronic Disease Control Committee meets quarterly in person and by Webex and/or teleconference, typically on the Thursday afternoon after the CCLHO Board meeting, and communicates between meetings via e-mail as necessary.

Chronic disease is the leading cause of premature death and disability in the 21st century, and a major factor in health disparities/inequities in California. The CCLHO Chronic Disease Committee has taken a leadership role in engaging Local Health Departments, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Chronic Disease Programs, and non-profit organizations around issues of chronic disease policy, environmental change and program approaches to improving health in our communities.

Committee membership includes Health Officers or designees, including 20-40 attendees from local health departments (LHDs) around the State at each meeting, plus representatives from CDPH, and the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC). Any interested Health Officer or designee may join. Over the last few years the Committee has addressed WIC/Nutrition/Obesity, Asthma Programs, Injury Prevention, Network for a Healthy California activities in the State and LHDs, Built Environment, Violence Prevention, Community Transformation Grants, Sugar Sweetened Beverages and Sodium in the diet.

CCLHO and the Chronic Disease Control Committee will continue to:

- Focus on policy and organizational changes, with significant attention to the impact of the increasing amount of state legislation related to chronic disease prevention.
- Work with non-governmental organizations and state partners to ensure that the important role of Health Departments is understood and included in all collaborative efforts to address chronic disease.
- Work with CDPH and other partners to develop and implement statewide approaches and solutions to chronic disease control, including upstream root causes to address health inequities and the impacts of climate change.
- Identify the need for legislation or proposed legislation that supports CCLHO goals and objectives.
- Advise CDPH and other appropriate organizations.

Examples of projects and issues we are continuing to work on include:

- Implementation of the CCLHO/CHEAC Joint project to address chronic diseases.
- Identifying the lessons learned from the Communities Putting Prevention to Work and the Community Transformation Grant projects around the state, and to help incorporate those lessons into the practice of LHDs in California.
- Addressing the impact of Sugar Sweetened Beverages and dietary sodium on population health.
- Providing technical assistance on legislation to remove toxic Halogenated Flame Retardants from household furniture.