

CCLHO Health Information and Data Committee (HID)

The Health Information and Data Committee meets quarterly in person and by Webex and/or teleconference, typically on the Wednesday morning preceding a CCLHO Board Meeting, and communicates between meetings via e-mail as necessary.

Membership includes Health Officers or designees from about 15 counties, plus representatives from the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), and the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC). Any interested Health Officer or designee may join.

The CCLHO Policy Platform states that “One of the core responsibilities of public health is to collect and analyze data on health outcomes and disseminate that information to inform and empower individuals and community partners. Public health information provides the basis for understanding community health needs and problems. Epidemiology and data analyses are essential for identifying health problems; planning, implementing, and evaluating public health interventions; addressing health inequities; assessing the health impact of policy decision by health impact assessment (HIA); integrating health in environmental impact reports (EIR); and targeting program services to populations at risk. Timely, reliable, and valid information is fundamental to the effective and efficient operation of local health departments.”

CCLHO and the HID Committee will continue to:

- Work with its principal affiliate, the California Conference of Local Health Data Managers, and state partners, including CHHSA, CDPH and OSHPD, to address health information and data issues of concern to Health Officers
- Address the implications to local public health of key national initiatives such as Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), Health Information Exchange (HIE), and Electronic Health Records (HER) and Meaningful Use (MU)
- Work with CDPH and other partners to develop and implement statewide approaches and solutions to HIE, EHRs, and public health access to and use of electronic health data
- 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 Meaningful Use capabilities by local public health
- Assessment of utility of BioSense 2.0 for syndrome surveillance
- Bidirectional data transfer for immunization and other health data by HIEs
- Identification of need for legislation to enhance local public health access to hospital data
- Development of metrics and indicators for public health programs