



# 2017 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:](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCLHO/Pages/CCLHOstrategicMap2017ADA.pdf)

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## External Relationships

- ❖ CCLHO members participated in 23 regional opioid safety coalitions, with a focus on judicious prescribing practices, medication assisted treatment availability and the distribution of naloxone.
- ❖ Continued CDPH presentations at CCLHO Board meetings to increase health officer awareness of specific CDPH programs.
- ❖ The Presidents of CCLHO, CHEAC and HOAC held monthly calls to discuss common goals and foster alignment of current activities.
- ❖ CHEAC attended a CCLHO Executive Committee meeting to discuss mutual topics of interest, while CCLHO provided an update on CCLHO priorities and changes at a CHEAC Board meeting.
- ❖ CCLHO hosted a webinar on oil and gas development and its health effects in March, Health Officers and others attended a tour of Kern County oil development fields in May.
- ❖ CCLHO continued its collaboration with CDPH, CHEAC and HOAC on the California 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.
- ❖ CCLHO was actively represented on 35 Advisory Committees and Workgroups on a broad range of issues. Examples of Health Officer representation include:
  - CDPH Cannabis Workgroup
  - CDPH Chronic Disease Advisory Committee
  - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission
  - Office of Binational Border Health Advisory Group
  - State Opioid Safety Workgroup
  - Tobacco Education & Research Oversight Committee

- ❖ CCLHO held a Board meeting focused on proposed regulatory recommendations on Medicinal and Retail Cannabis, attended by various state and local partners, including CDPH, CHEAC, HOAC and CCDEH.
- ❖ Jennifer Kent, Director of DHCS, presented at the CCLHO Board to increase health officer awareness of DHCS activities.

## Accreditation

- ❖ Two CCLHO members continue to serve on the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Board of Directors.
- ❖ Four local health departments achieved accreditation in 2017, bringing the total number of accredited local health departments to eleven.

## Health Equity

- ❖ Held the 2017 Spring Semiannual Conference entitled, "Public Health Strategies to Address Bias." The conference addressed how implicit biases impact decision-making and hinder progress toward achieving health equity, partnering across sectors to better recognize and mitigate bias; and examining evidence-based interventions to combat the impact of biases and reduce health disparities.
- ❖ CCLHO continued reviewing legislation with the Health Equity Ad Hoc Committee and engaged the CDPH Office of Health Equity.
- ❖ The CCLHO Health Equity Committee recommended positions on six housing and health equity related bills.
- ❖ Maintained health officer representation on the CDPH Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee.



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## Policy and Priorities

- ❖ CCLHO considered 76 bills and submitted 38 letters with legislative recommendations to CDPH and other state departments. Areas of significant policy impact include:
  - Cannabis
  - Housing
  - Health Equity
  - Opioids
  - Communicable Diseases
- ❖ The majority of the 38 letters submitted to CDPH and others addressed the CCLHO Strategic Priority of providing scientific expertise on public health matters. Seven recommendations focused on health equity, five on communicable disease, and four on cannabis, among others.
- ❖ CCLHO submitted letters of support for budgetary requests and programmatic issues of importance for CDPH and partners, including:
  - HIV “Getting to Zero” Campaign,
  - TB Elimination Plan funding,
  - LabAspire program funding, and
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement.
- ❖ CCLHO members and affiliates revised and approved the CCLHO Policy Platform update for 2017-2022.
- ❖ CCLHO completed a refresh of the CCLHO Strategic Plan and tracked accomplishments.
- ❖ CCLHO Board revised and approved the CCLHO Bylaws and developed policies to increase CCLHO responsiveness.
- ❖ CCLHO members served on the NACCHO Board of Directors for 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- ❖ CCLHO members participated on the planning committee and attended the Advancing Prevention in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Commitment to Action (P21) 2.0 Conference in Sacramento.

- ❖ CCLHO collaborated with CDPH and other State, local and Federal authorities on the Oroville Dam Emergency response, Hepatitis A outbreak response, and California Wildfire Emergency response.
- ❖ Collaborated with CDPH on Zika preparedness for local health jurisdictions. Seventeen local health departments received a total of \$2,245,025 in PHEP Zika funding.

## Leadership Development

- ❖ Held a CCLHO Executive Committee and Committee Chair Retreat to develop recommendations for CCLHO priorities and structural changes.
- ❖ Provided comprehensive orientation and resource materials to five new local Health Officers. Resource materials include the Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California and Mandated Public Health Service Requirements for LHDs.
- ❖ CCLHO initiated a Mentorship Program for new Health Officers, with five Health Officers matched with mentors.

## Value of Public Health

- ❖ Held the 2017 Fall Semiannual Conference entitled, “Politics, Policy, and Legal Authority in Public Health.” Conference topics focused on navigating legislative and budgetary processes to meaningfully share public health expertise with elected leaders and other decision makers, presenting scientific information to non-expert bodies, distinguishing between actions that fall under a health officer’s authority and those that may require approval from an elected body, and engaging in policymaking efforts to improve community health.
- ❖ Local Health Departments were 6 out of 21 finalists and semi-finalists in the Let’s Get Healthy California (LGHC) Innovation Challenge 2.0.