



2016 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 considered 64 bills and submitted 23 letters with legislative recommendations to CDPH and other state departments. Areas of significant policy impact include:
 - Immunizations
 - Powdered Alcohol
 - Climate Change
 - Violence Research
- ❖ The majority of the 23 letters submitted to CDPH addressed the CCLHO Strategic Priority of providing scientific expertise on public health matters. Four recommendations focused on population-based health issues, and 3 addressed bills that affected the role of the health officer or the local health department.
- ❖ CCLHO submitted 3 letters of support for budgetary requests and programmatic issues of importance for CDPH and partners, focusing on Medicare Diabetes Prevention, SB 277 Implementation and the Cancer Data Modernization Consortium
- ❖ CCLHO Nominations:
 - Nominated Drs. S. Todd Stolp and Wendel Brunner for the CDPH 2016 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health.
 - Dr. Wendel Brunner was awarded the CDPH 2016 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health.
- ❖ CCLHO members and affiliates continued the CCLHO Policy Platform update for 2017-2022 and initiated a refresh of the CCLHO Strategic Plan.
- ❖ Collaborated with CDPH on Zika preparedness for local health jurisdictions, including the review of draft policies and priorities for funding. Eleven local health departments received a total of \$853,000 in PHEP Zika funding.
- ❖ Numerous CCLHO members participated in state opioid taskforces to address the issue of prescription drug misuse and overdose.

- ❖ CCLHO worked with CDPH, CDE and LHDs on the implementation of new immunization requirements and the elimination of personal belief exemptions.

Leadership Development

- ❖ Provided comprehensive orientation and resource materials to 3 new local Health Officers. Resource materials include: Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California.
- ❖ Provided orientation materials and Executive Committee manuals to 4 new CCLHO Board members.

Value of Public Health

- ❖ Worked with TCE, HOAC and CHEAC to implement the Public Health Communications Project. This Project provided technical assistance and training from Brown-Miller Communications to local health departments, with 10 local health departments receiving awards for outstanding communications projects in a variety of categories.
- ❖ Held the 2016 Spring Semiannual Conference entitled, "Data Informed Public Health Practice." The conference addressed topics on accessing and analyzing the most up-to-date sources of public health data. It also addressed collaborating with community partners to communicate and use data to improve the public's health.
- ❖ Held the 2016 Fall Semiannual Conference entitled, "Public Health and Behavioral Health Intersections." The conference addressed ways to navigate the financial and structural components of local and state behavioral health systems to build partnerships while enhancing the understanding of the opportunities for public health and behavioral health.
- ❖ Local Health Departments were 7 out of 23 finalists in the Let's Get Healthy California (LGHC) Innovation Challenge 1.0.



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External Relationships

- ❖ Continued CDPH presentations at CCLHO Board meetings to increase health officer awareness of specific CDPH programs.
- ❖ The Presidents of CCLHO and CHEAC held monthly calls to discuss common goals and foster alignment of activities.
- ❖ CCLHO collaborated with CDPH and CHEAC 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 members participated in regional public health collaboratives. These regional groups facilitate the coordination of a public health approach in a variety of topic areas, including emergency preparedness, health equity, communicable disease response and climate change.
- ❖ CCLHO was actively represented on 32 Advisory Councils and Workgroups on a broad range of issues. Examples of Health Officer representation include:
 - Emergency Preparedness Joint Advisory Committee
 - Public Health Lab Services Working Group
 - Tobacco Education & Research Oversight Committee
 - Advisory Group on the Feasibility of Developing Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse
 - Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention Working Group
- ❖ CCLHO participated on the planning committee and members attended the CPHA-N conference on “Catalyzing Collective Action to Prevent and Reduce Three High-Burden Health Conditions in California.”

- ❖ CCLHO held an extended Board meeting focused on medical and retail cannabis, attended by various state and local partners, including CDPH, CHEAC, and CCDEH.
- ❖ Provided in-person support at the confirmation of Dr. Karen L. Smith as the California State Public Health Officer and Director of the CDPH.
- ❖ Supported the confirmations of Claudia Crist as the CDPH Chief Deputy Director of Programs and Brandon Nunes as the CDPH Chief Deputy Director of Operations.
- ❖ Jennifer Kent, Director of DHCS, presented at the CCLHO Board for the first time to increase health officer awareness of DHCS activities.

Accreditation

- ❖ Two CCLHO members serve on the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Board of Directors.
- ❖ Six local health departments achieved accreditation in 2016.
- ❖ CCLHO Small Jurisdictions Committee Chair participated in conversations with PHAB regarding the new fee structure for smaller jurisdictions.

Health Equity

- ❖ CCLHO established the Health Equity workgroup. The workgroup has engaged the CDPH Office of Health Equity and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, and created a health equity legislative analysis tool.
- ❖ Maintained health officer representation on the CDPH Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee.
- ❖ CCLHO provided recommendations on 6 legislative bills relating to health equity.
- ❖ CCLHO members and staff participated in the year-long Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) training.