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FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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Foundational Public Health Services Update

March 2023

1. What are Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)?
2. FPHS in drinking water
3. Initial ODW FPHS projects
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FPHS



A NEW APPROACH TO PUBLIC HEALTH

FPHS as a Concept

- 💧 FPHS intent: [RCW 43.70.512](#)
 - Protecting the public's health is a fundamental responsibility of the state
 - FPHS are government services provided to everyone, everywhere
- 💧 Core public health services which the governmental public health system is responsible for providing in a consistent and uniform way in every community in Washington

FPHS as a Funding Mechanism

- 💧 FPHS funding: [RCW 43.70.515](#)

State funding appropriated to OFM

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FPHS for Drinking Water (Info, Partnerships, Oversight)

- 1h: **Policy development.** Use data and evidence-based practices to facilitate development of policy
- 2b: **Community partnerships.** Identify, develop, engage and maintain local strategic partnerships
- 2c: **Statewide partnerships.** Identify, develop, engage and maintain strategic partnerships with statewide associations, government agencies and statewide organizations
- 3d: **Drinking water.** Ensure the health and safety of drinking water
- 3m: **Policy assistance.** Educate on the meaning, purpose and benefit of public health laws and how to comply

FPHS for Drinking Water (Land Use, Development)

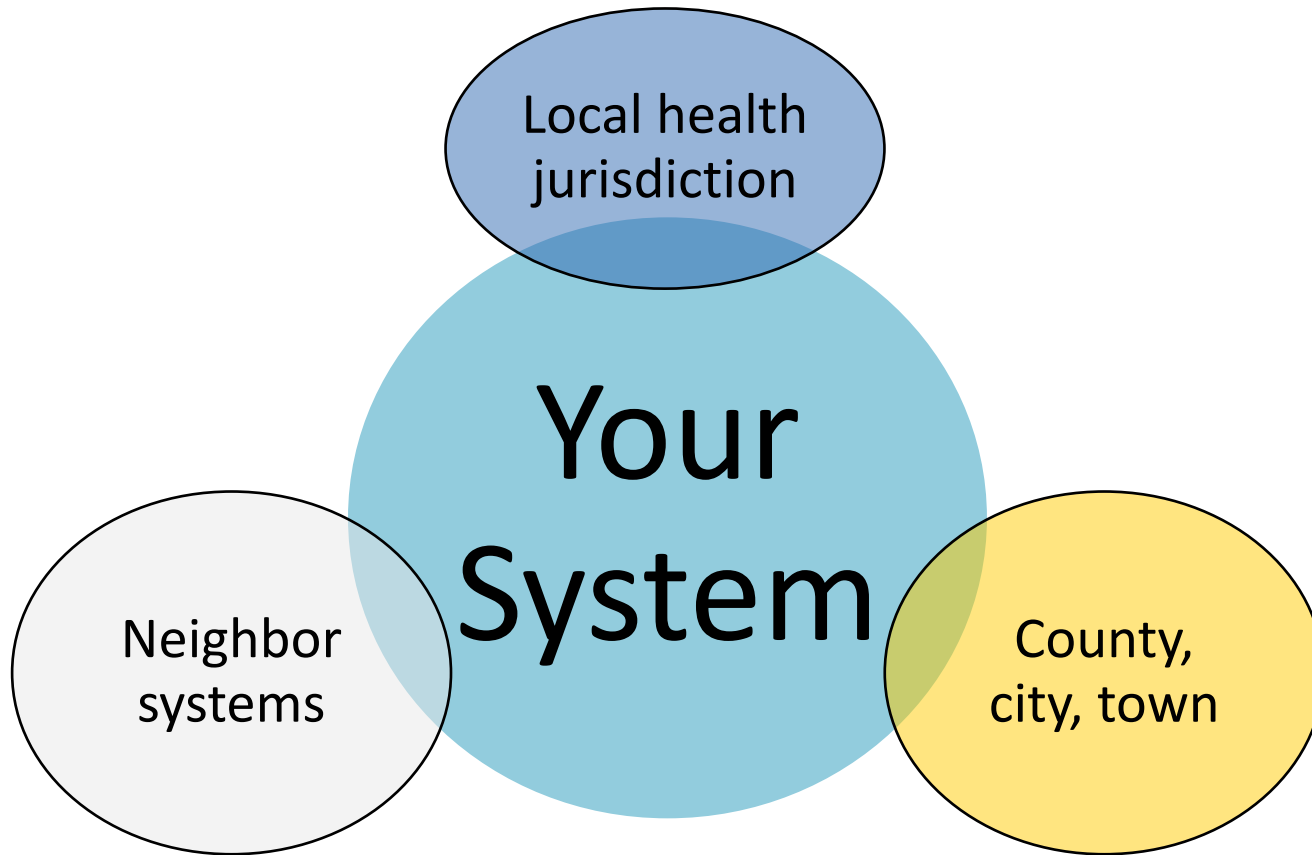
- 6a: **Local partnerships.** Maintain relationships in economic development, parks, and land use
- 6b: **Community planning.** Understand and participate in land use, natural resources, and other planning processes
- 6c: **Technical assistance.** Provide technical assistance to planning agencies and community stakeholders
- 6d: **Climate change.** Anticipate, analyze, and communicate about potential impacts of climate change
- 6e: **Health and equity.** Provide input on potential health and equity impacts of projects, plans, programs or policies

FPHS in ODW

A NEW FRONTIER FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Broadening Capacity Development

- 💧 Capacity development is all we do at ODW
- 💧 Funding sources typically limited us to Group A capacity development
- 💧 FPHS allows ODW to provide capacity development services to other organizations:
 - Local health jurisdictions
 - Towns, cities, and counties
 - Other planning and partner organizations



ODW Projects



INITIAL DIRECTION

Initial Projects

💧 **Model Water Programs (MWP)**

- Facilitating the Water Core Team to provide *capacity development for local health jurisdictions* to expand or optimize their drinking water programs



💧 **Community Water Planning (CWP)**

- Leading an effort to provide *capacity development for towns, cities, and counties* to ensure they can accommodate growth, address underserved areas, and coordinate water service



Model Water Programs



- **Capacity development** for local health jurisdictions
- **Improves** LHJ peer networking and capacity
- **ODW** is facilitating and hosting products; evaluating outcomes
- **Focus** on public health program elements

Community Water Planning



CWP

- **Capacity development** for local government and system groups
- **Improves** local interagency networking
- **ODW** is leading research, policy development, and technical assistance
- **Focus** is on development processes, underserved areas, and geographic areas

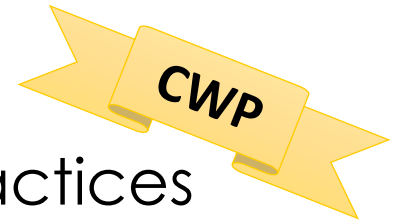
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PROGRAM STATUS

FPHS is in Start-Up Mode

💧 **Community Water Planning**

- **Hiring** professional planners for best practices
- **Focus** on water adequacy determinations, growth management act, coordination act, and plats/subdivision law



💧 **Model Water Programs**

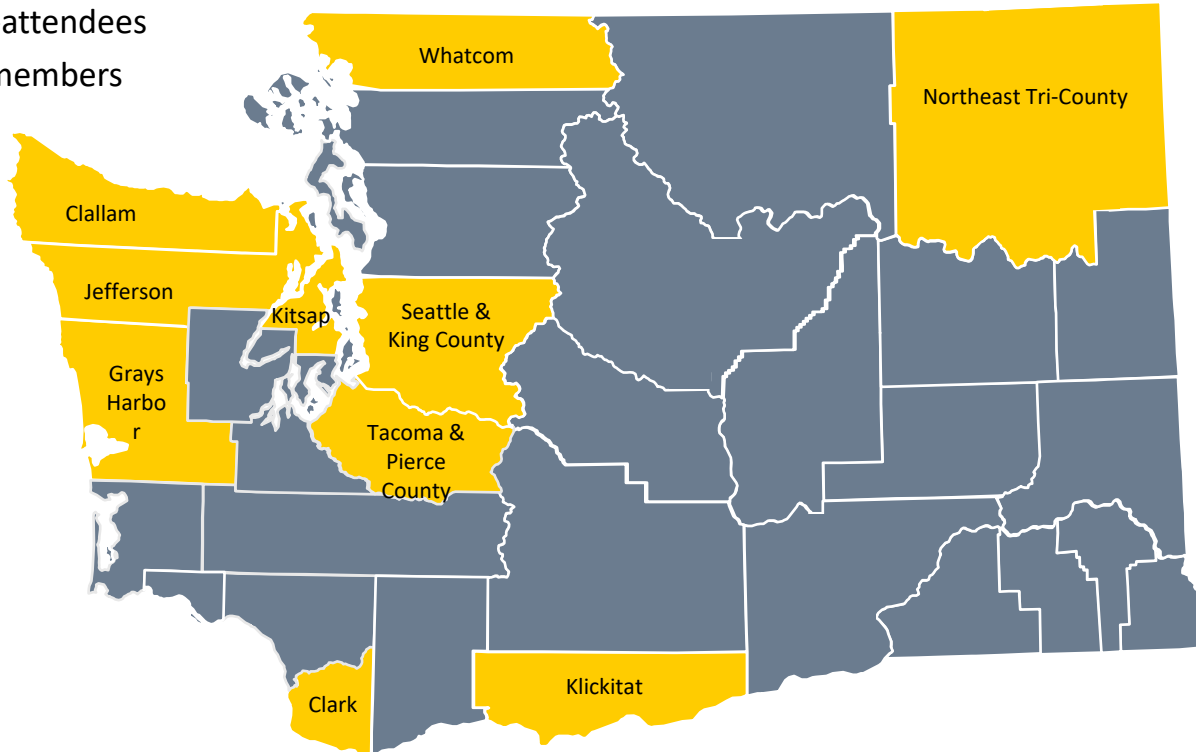
- **Hiring** public health advisor for facilitation
- **Focus** on high impact LHJ functions
- **Water Core Team** formed



Current Water Core Team (CT) Members



- Eligible non-attendees
- Current CT members





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