

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

POLICY WORKGROUP FINAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

This document presents the key decisions that need to be made around the final product of the Policy Workgroup, including the document's form, audience, and draft structure.

What is our charge?

According to policy workgroup charter, “the scope and goal of the policy group is to assure appropriate funding to provide a uniform level of Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) statewide. Depending on the information and finding provided by the FPHS technical group, this could include, but is not limited to addressing the following:

- Determine the appropriate share of state and local responsibility for funding a uniform level of FPHS statewide
- Re-prioritize or reallocated current state and local funding that is being used for “other important” / non-foundational serves to FPHS
- New funding options
 - Reprioritize or reallocated existing public funds to public health
 - Identify new sources of public funds
 - Identify other new or non-traditional sources of funds (i.e. capital markets; healthcare savings from healthcare reform)
 - Some combination of the above or other approaches”

Policy workgroup discussions have identified that more is needed in a final product to “assure appropriate funding provide a uniform level of Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) statewide.”

What are we creating?

The final document of this effort will be an accessible, clearly written report that the Policy Workgroup agrees to and signs off on. The report will:

- Tell a clear story about the current governmental public health system and the challenges it faces today
- Describe a vision of what the governmental public health system looks like in the future
- Include a set of recommendations to move Washington State toward achieving that vision

Who are we speaking to?

This report should speak to key policy makers at the local, regional, and state level. Examples include:

- Tribal Public Health Associations, such as:
 - American Indian Health Commission for Washington State

- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- The Health Committee of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- State legislative committees, such as:
 - Washington State House Committee on Finance & Washington State Senate Ways and Means Committee
 - Washington State House Committee on Health Care and Wellness & Washington State Senate Health Care Committee
- County and City associations of Washington, such as:
 - Washington State Association of Counties
 - Association of Washington Cities

Outline: What is included?

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- Overview of FPHS work to-date and scope of FPHS work covered by this report (i.e., Phase II)
- Purpose of the Policy Workgroup

CHAPTER 2: UNDERSTANDING OUR CHALLENGE

A. Governmental Public Health Today

- Description of the current governmental public health network
- Description of recent history of the network, including funding challenges
- Problem statement

CHAPTER 3: FPHS VISION

B. Vision for Future Public Health Provision in Washington State

- Description of the FPHS framework, including the development process and the boundaries of who is and isn't included in the framework, and why
- Description of the FPHS definitions, including the development process, key criteria for determining the boundaries of FPHS
- Explanation of how FPHS address the issues identified in the problem statement

C. Vision Implications

- Describe the difference between what is happening now and what would be needed under the vision, including:
 - The consistency statewide of current services and new services identified in FPHS
 - Stable funding for FPHS
 - The financial challenges, including the Estimated FPHS Gap
 - The structure and service delivery challenges

D. Description of Vision Implementation

- Description of what the vision for FPHS would look like when fully and successfully implemented
- Description of how the system would be funded under FPHS
- Description of the structure and service delivery system under FPHS

CHAPTER 4: ACHIEVING THE VISION

E. Recommendations

- A list of actionable, time-bound recommendations for policy makers to move public health in Washington State toward full implementation of the FPHS framework
- Key short-term recommendations (for the next 2-4 years)
- Key longer-term recommendations (for 5+ years)