

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES: A NEW VISION FOR WASHINGTON STATE

This is a summary of the findings of the Foundational Public Health Services Policy Workgroup, which was formed to create a Vision and recommendations for how to ensure that a foundational set of public health services are available statewide.

Like public safety, public utilities, and other public infrastructure, there is a foundational level of public health services that must exist everywhere for services to work anywhere. This foundation – the *Foundational Public Health Services* (FPHS) – is a defined, basic set of capabilities and services that must be present in every community in order to efficiently and effectively protect all people in Washington.

These services provide a strong foundation from which the state and local communities can deliver *Additional Important Services* (AIS) that respond to and are local community priorities. AIS are those services which are critical locally and do not necessarily need to be provided by governmental public health for all people throughout Washington.

DELIVERING ON THE VISION

Recommendation 1

State funding for public health should ensure that the costs of FPHS are covered in every community.

Recommendation 2

FPHS should be funded with statutorily-directed revenues placed in a dedicated FPHS account.

Recommendation 3

Allocation determinations should be a collaborative process between state and local stakeholders.

Recommendation 4

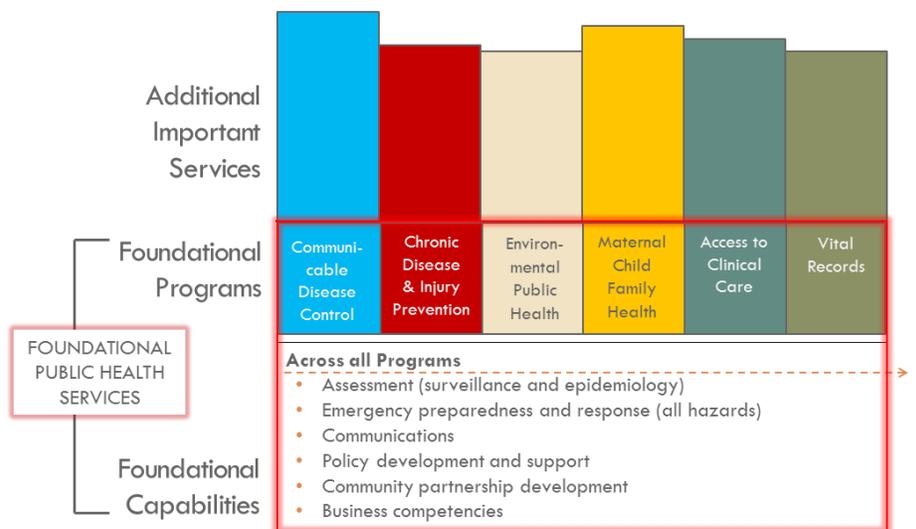
A robust accountability structure that aligns with the FPHS framework should be collaboratively developed by state and local stakeholders to ensure accountability and return on investment.

Recommendation 5

Tribal public health, with support from the Department of Health (DOH), should convene a process to define how the FPHS funding and delivery framework will apply to tribal public health, and how tribal public health, DOH, and local health jurisdictions (LHJs) can work together to serve all people in Washington.

Recommendation 6

Local spending on AIS should be incentivized.



CALL TO ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Recommended Legislative Actions in 2015 and 2016

1. Adopt the FPHS framework and definitions.
2. Incorporate FPHS into state public health statutes.
3. Establish a dedicated account for FPHS funds.
4. Begin to statutorily dedicate funding to the FPHS account.

Recommended Legislative Actions after 2016

5. Fully fund FPHS with statutorily-directed funds.

LHJ AND DOH ACTION

1. DOH and the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) will collaboratively develop an allocation model and accountability structure that aligns with the FPHS framework.
2. DOH and WSALPHO need to continue to identify public health services that should be using a shared delivery system.

TRIBAL, DOH, AND LHJ ACTION

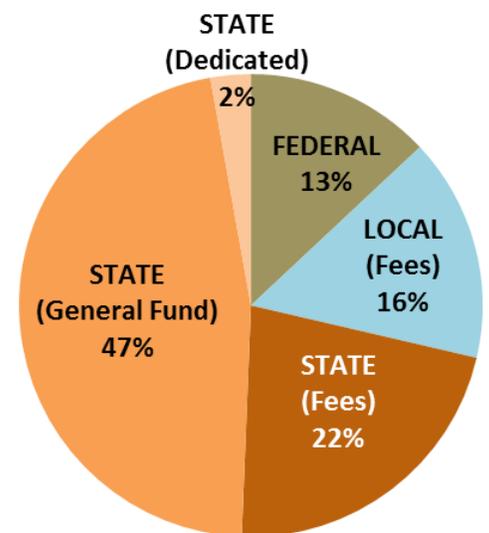
1. Tribal public health, in collaboration with the state and with support from DOH, should review FPHS definitions; gather and analyze current spending; and develop an estimate for future costs for delivery of these services.
2. Tribal public health and DOH shall work together to define how the FPHS funding and delivery framework can serve the sovereign nations of Washington.

POLICY WORKGROUP ACTION

1. Members should educate their constituents and communities about FPHS.
2. Members and their organizations should educate local and state policymakers about FPHS.

For more information on *Foundational Public Health Services*, including links to all materials, visit: www.doh.wa.gov/FPHS

PROPOSED FPHS FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY



State Sources: 71%

Local Sources: 16%

Federal Sources: 13%