

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERING WITH HEALTH CARE

Summary for discussion at PHIP

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BACKGROUND

In 2011, the Partnership approved formation of a Partnership workgroup—Public Health Partnering with Health Care—with the vision of improving health by narrowing the divide between public health and health care delivery system.

Under the *Agenda for Change*, this workgroup identified clear actionable objectives that needed to be addressed in order for public health to play a better role locally in the implementation of health reform. Earlier this year, these priorities were further corroborated and defined through additional planning sessions with public health leaders. The priorities were found to still be specific to the role of public health and were not duplicating other similar and already existing efforts. The intent is that the workgroup efforts will align with the State Innovation Models initiative planning.

PURPOSE AND GOAL

The workgroup will guide progress on the following tasks:

- Identify new population based metrics to measure access to:
 - Care from a community stand point, especially among populations of health disparity
 - Follow integration of the categorical public health programs into the delivery system
 - Document improvements in outcomes with implementation of the affordable care act
 - Help local communities map the health care system within their community
- Identify ways the public health system and the primary care delivery system can collaboratively promote clinical preventive services and patient-centered health homes
- Identify and apply public health approaches to preventing substance abuse and mental health disorders
- Share timely information about health reform with our many local partners, including local health leaders

UPDATE ON ACTIONS

Sue Grinnell, the new Special Assistant to the Secretary on health reform and innovation, has begun to invite members to this workgroup. Members are sought who broadly represent the strong interests at play in health reform including:

- Health care (primary care and others)
- Public health (local health agencies, Department of Health and tribal public health)
- Other government agencies (HCA, DSHS, and HBE)
- Community organizations (WSHA, community clinics)
- The plans and others (PSHA)

The first meeting will be held in person in September.



QUESTIONS FOR THE PARTNERSHIP

1. Are these the right representatives for this workgroup?
2. Who should co-chair the workgroup?