

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES UPDATES

Public Health Activities and Services Workgroup

A recent activities and services data use survey revealed the following: about half of the respondents (17 local health agencies) have used the activities and services data and shared it with their local boards of health or other boards. They have also used the activities and services data in grant applications, educational sessions, meeting with elected officials, in community settings, and to help prepare annual reports and budgets. Half of the responding agencies have used the data to compare activities and services across jurisdictions. Suggestions were made to provide additional tools such as one-page summaries to share information with interest groups, a template to display data comparisons across jurisdictions, sample stories using the data, and more options for data comparisons and trends.

To view the complete 2011 Public Health Activities and Services Use Survey results, visit www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1200/PHAS-2011useSurvey.pdf

To view the latest activities and services data updates, visit <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/phip/PHIP/>

Public Health Indicators Workgroup

Earlier in the fall, local public health indicators use survey was conducted. Twenty-nine local health agencies responded to it. These agencies have used the indicators to share data with local boards of health, health care organizations, management and staff, and other community partners. Main purpose was to assist with priority setting, address health disparities in local communities, identify health status in community health assessments, assist with the creation of community health improvement plans, create awareness about health issues, and obtain resources to address health issues. About a third of the local health agencies use the local public health indicators as their primary set of health indicators. Three quarters of the respondent agencies use also the University of Wisconsin County Health Rankings, locally selected indicators and other indicator sets.

To view the complete 2012 Local Public Health Indicators Use Survey results, visit www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1200/PHI-2012UseResults.pdf

To view the latest indicator data updates, visit www.doh.wa.gov/lphi

Public Health Standards Workgroup

The Public Health Standards Workgroup met in summer of 2012 and formed three subgroups. Below are their updates:

- The **Limited Set of Public Health Standards Subgroup** is developing an initial draft of a limited set of standards based on the PHAB Version 1 standards for local health agencies who are not applying for PHAB accreditation. The group continues to develop the set.
- The **Standards/Accreditation Coordinators Subgroup** is in the process of finalizing dates and programs for its 2013 quarterly trainings.
- The **Exemplary Practices Subgroup** is continuing to align the 2010-2011 exemplary practices with the PHAB version 1.0 standards.