

Food Safety Program Report

LHJ PROGRAMS REVIEWED

In this cycle, specific LHJ programs were selected for review. These same programs were also reviewed at DOH to create a system-wide “look” at these programs. Local and state leadership and the Performance Management Committee made the final selection of the programs for review. Programs were selected because of heightened activity or interest of these programs: Communicable Disease, Immunization, and Nutrition and Physical Activity are a focus for the E2SSB 5930 work; First Steps, Tobacco and Zoonotics have funding challenges and both Food Safety and Wastewater Management Programs are of interest because of Local Public Health Indicators work.

Every LHJ’s Communicable Disease Program was reviewed. Each LHJ also selected one Environmental Health Program and one Prevention/Promotion Program to be reviewed from the list below:

Table 1

Communicable Disease	Environmental Health Programs	Prevention/Promotion Programs
(Notifiable conditions activities only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety • Wastewater management • Zoonotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Steps • Immunization • Nutrition and physical activity • Sexually transmitted disease • Tobacco

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The Senior Management Team of the DOH identified programs to be reviewed within DOH. These were selected from the State Applicability Matrix of all the programs including all the programs on the LHJ menu above (see www.doh.wa.gov/hip/documents/perfmgmt/material/stdsappmatrix.xls, State tab).

For 2008 the programs reviewed in DOH were:

Table 2

Division	Prevention/Promotion Programs
Community and Family Health	Maternal infant health (First Steps), child and adolescent health, immunizations, tobacco, cancer (breast and cervical health), chronic disease prevention (nutrition and physical activity), Steps to a Healthier US, tuberculosis, HIV, sexually transmitted disease
Environmental Health	Food safety, radiation protection, zoonotics, wastewater management
Epidemiology, Health Statistics and the Public Health Laboratory	Public health laboratory, non-infectious conditions epidemiology, communicable disease epidemiology
Health Systems Quality Assurance	Community and rural health, facilities and licensing

PROGRAM REVIEW RESULTS

Program reports were developed with the aggregate results for six of the nine programs reviewed at the local level. Three of the programs (Nutrition and Physical Activity, STDs and Zoonotics) had less than five programs reviewed and the number was determined to be too small to report aggregate results. Specific program reports can be viewed at www.doh.wa.gov/phip/PerfMgmt/07stds/08PR/prep/08tools.htm. The highlights of the findings for Communicable Disease and Food Safety programs (both with more than 16 or 50% of LHJs) are included in the overall system report.

Food Safety Program

The measures applicable to food safety activities were evaluated at 23 LHJs and for the DOH Food Safety program. This gives us results for the performance of food safety programs in 2/3 of the LHJs and the state. For the measures where DOH was able to demonstrate performance but the performance in the LHJs is not as high, there is an opportunity for collaboration for improvement. The results showed: The DOH Food Safety Program demonstrated performance in 24 out of the 28 applicable measures.

- The three measures that were partially demonstrated by DOH are:
 - Measure **4.8S** regarding the development and distribution of evaluation templates for response to disease outbreaks and other emergencies
 - Measure **5.5S** regarding the orientation and annual training of staff to the EPRP
 - Measure **6.3S** regarding the review of educational materials of all types at least every other year
- One measure was not demonstrated by DOH; measure **11.5S** regarding policies to guide data sharing between agencies
- High performance (60% to 100% of programs able to demonstrate performance) was demonstrated by both local and DOH programs in six measures:
 - Measures **2.8**, **2.9** and **2.10** related to information being made available to the public about activities, educational offerings and laws and regulations in various languages for diverse population.
 - Measure **6.1** regarding identification of key food safety program components and strategies for education are developed
 - Measure **8.1** regarding the establishment and tracking of goals, objectives and performance measures
 - Measure **10.4** regarding staff training in required topics
- Lower performance (fewer than 50% of programs able to demonstrate performance) was indicated for both local and DOH programs for two measures:
 - Measure **5.5** regarding the orientation and annual training of staff to the EPRP
 - Measure **6.3** regarding the review of educational materials of all types at least every other year

Chart 1



Chart 2

Food Safety Program Overall LHJ and DOH Performance on Individual Measures

■ Demonstrated
 ■ Partially Demonstrated
 ■ Not Demonstrated

