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## FROM THE PARTNERSHIP CO-CHAIRS

On behalf of the Public Health Improvement Partnership, we are pleased to announce the upcoming 2010 Public Health Improvement Plan report. The Partnership and its workgroups are composed of professionals representing a range of geographic, governmental and population size components of our public health system here in Washington State. The Plan represents the Partnership's work and summarizes the progress made to address the 2008 Plan recommendations, illustrates the activities of individual workgroups during the 09-11 biennium, and makes recommendations for the future.

The Partnership's workgroups help measure and articulate the outputs, performance, and outcomes of our public health system. The Public Health Activities and Services Workgroup provides a platform to identify and count activities and services conducted across the public health system. The Public Health Standards Workgroup directs the development of standards and other activities that address system capacity, performance management, and quality improvement. The Public Health Indicators Workgroup provides a snapshot of health status and health behavior at the local level. The plan also references the Reshaping Governmental Public Health effort and the resulting *Agenda for Change* which provides a framework and guiding principles on how to strategically respond to forces of change as well as outlines the issues our system should focus on to improve the public's health.

Through the Public Health Improvement Partnership, leaders are able to work together, set a vision for the future, and focus on public health priorities to improve and protect health across Washington.

We would like to thank everyone who is involved in this important work! The 2010 Public Health Improvement Plan will be available at [www.doh.wa.gov/phip](http://www.doh.wa.gov/phip) by the end of April 2011.



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Secretary of Health



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## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Data from the 2009 Inventory have been used to develop highlights and topical synopses to better tell public health stories:

- Foodborne Illness Prevention in Washington
- Keeping our Drinking Water Safe and Reliable
- Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) in Washington
- Tuberculosis (TB) in Washington

These are intended to be simple examples available to all when talking about what public health does.

Currently the workgroup is revisiting the list of inventory questions and adding a few more. A sample survey was just piloted with a new tool which will allow for the annual collection of LHJ and DOH data beginning with the information for 2010. In addition, a new interactive web-based system is being built to allow users to query all activities and services data over time. The workgroup's next steps are to begin the identification of performance measures.

To view 2009 data, look at the examples mentioned above and for more on the workgroup's activities, visit [www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phas.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phas.htm)

## INDICATORS

Three new indicators have been added to the current Washington State's public health indicator set:

- Percent of days the PM2.5 Department of Ecology Air Quality Standard is exceeded
- Percent of the population at or below 100% of Federal Poverty Level
- Rate of hospitalizations from falls among adults age 65 and older

A fourth indicator may be added to measure youth depression with data from the *Health Youth Survey* of 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

The third update cycle will occur in 2011 on a rolling basis as each indicator's data becomes available. A new interactive web-based system is in the process of being built to present all indicator data. It will significantly enhance the user's ability to query and show specific indicator information by local health jurisdictions over time.

The workgroup will meet again in the fall to review the new interactive system.

For more information, visit [www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phi/2011.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phi/2011.htm)

## STANDARDS

### 2011 LHJ Standards Review

The 2011 LHJ Standards Review is underway. About nine local health agencies have already been reviewed and it is anticipated that all reviews will be concluded by the end of May. Each local health agency will receive an individual site report approximately six weeks after their site review. Ten of the agencies have chosen to be reviewed on the full set of National (PHAB), plus Washington-specific standards and measures and have indicated they are interested in pursuing accreditation. Three agencies have chosen to be reviewed only on the Washington-specific standards and measures. Twenty-one have chosen to be reviewed on the Basic set of standards.

### Health Improvement Planning

The Community/State Health Improvement Plan Learning Collaborative teams are working diligently on developing their plans. They're meeting every six weeks to share their progress and receive focused training and technical assistance that will help achieve their final goals.

For more information on these activities, visit [www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phs.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phs.htm)