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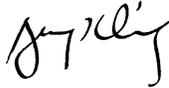
The 2010 Public Health Activities and Services Inventory was completed this summer. The inventory collected information from all 35 local health agencies and multiple DOH programs to answer the question 'What does public health do in Washington State?'

Here are a few examples of what the public health system in Washington does to protect and improve health. In 2010 we:

- Investigated over 40,000 cases of infectious disease to prevent further disease
- Licensed 340,993 health care professionals and 500 aid and ambulance services and over 2,500 vehicles
- Regulated 98 hospitals; 49,456 foodservice establishments; 12,949 onsite sewage systems
- Educated over 243,000 food workers on safe food handling and disease prevention

The 2008-2010 data is now available online and includes data for more than 200 questions. A new web-based system now allows users to query all three years of data across the state and over time. A technical notes section is available, too, which describes each activity and service with links to more information. The new website will go live the week of October 10, 2011.

<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hip/PHIP/>



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2011 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS UPDATE

The first roll out of local public health indicator updates for this year has been released and it includes data for two of four new indicators added:

- Air quality
- Falls among older adults
- Poverty level
- Teens sad or hopeless

The remainder of the data for all 35 indicators will be released by the end of 2011. The release of the updated indicator data coincides with the release of the 2010 Public Health Activities and Services Inventory. Both of these databases are designed to work in conjunction with the Public Health Standards. Together, these three measurements of the public health system provide a good picture of what we do, how healthy we are, and the process we use to improve public health in Washington.

To view the updated local public health indicators website, visit

www.doh.wa.gov/hip/products/phi/overview.htm



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PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

2010-2011 Public Health Standards Review

All LHJ and DOH review results and the system wide summary are available online at www.doh.wa.gov/hip/catalog/topic/stdsPR/10-11.htm

2011 System Recommendations

- Develop and implement strategic plans
- Develop and implement community health improvement plans
- Implement quality improvement initiatives

Public Health Standards Future Recommendations

- Washington continuously adopt the most current Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards
- Drop for now the eight additional Washington only measures which are program specific
- Adopt a second set of standards similar to the 2011 Basic set based on PHAB with a sunset clause
- Move to a five year review cycle for consistency with PHAB
- Identify potential options to assist with future standards reviews

Multistate Learning Collaborative

The three year Multi-State Learning Collaborative grant funded by Robert Wood Johnson ended in August 2011. The project's goals focused on increasing the application of quality improvement, promoting the use of standards, engaging in activities that advance voluntary accreditation and improving the standards review processes. To view project's work, visit www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phs/project/project.htm

Centers for Excellence

Washington's Public Health Performance Management Centers for Excellence have been offering training, consulting and technical assistance to all local health agencies and tribes. More quality improvement activities are slated for the next 12 months. To view the Centers for Excellence website visit www.doh.wa.gov/hip/perfmgtcenters/index.htm

PHAB National Accreditation

PHAB released the national standards version 1.0 this summer and initial applications for national accreditation have begun.

For more information on Public Health Standards, visit www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phs.htm

AGENDA FOR CHANGE

The PHIP Agenda for Change Workgroup convened in May 2011. Since this first meeting, co-chairs and staff have been recruited for each of the subgroups:

- Communicable Disease and Other Health Threats
www.doh.wa.gov/hip/workgroup/a4c/comdis/comdis.htm
- Healthy Communities and Environments
www.doh.wa.gov/hip/workgroup/a4c/env/env.htm
- Public Health Partnering with the Healthcare System
www.doh.wa.gov/hip/workgroup/a4c/hcare/hcare.htm

Members have been invited and kick-off meetings have occurred. Each subgroup includes partners beyond the governmental public health system who are a natural fit with the respective topic.

For more information on the Agenda for Change, visit www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/a4c.htm