

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES UPDATES

Public Health Activities and Services

Data from the 2009 Inventory have been used to develop short stories about our public health works:

- [Foodborne Illness Prevention](#)
- [H1N1](#)
- [Tuberculosis](#)
- [Drinking Water](#)

These are intended to be simple examples for use by anybody when talking about what public health does.

In 2011, the workgroup will:

- Explore a web based option that would allow LHJs and DOH to enter their data directly beginning with the 2010 inventory
- Review the list of questions and revise definitions for clarity. In general, the questions asked at the 2009 inventory are good; the data are relevant and useful and important over time
- Begin to identify performance measures. The “5930” legislation that established this work requires the identification of performance measures to help improve health.

To view the data, look at the examples and for more information, visit www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phas/2009.htm

Public Health Indicators Workgroup

A survey on the use of the Public Health Indicators was conducted during the Fall of 2010. Results from the survey show that indicators are used frequently by local health:

- To compare with others
- For planning purposes
- To identify or confirm issues
- For community education

Many suggestions were offered for additional indicators which the Public Health Indicators Workgroup will consider for the 2011 update. The workgroup will consider adding two new indicators for this update. For example, there is much interest in adding an air and a senior falls indicator.

For more information, visit www.doh.wa.gov/hip/initiative/phi/2011.htm

2010-2011 Standards Review

In November the Partnership approved the adoption of a 'Basic' Set of Standards. This option was developed to enable all local health agencies to participate in the 2011 Standards Review; and thereby meet the requirements to receive Local Capacity Development funds. The LHJ Review is well underway with the deadline for submitting documentation for the 2011 LHJ Standards Review is February 15, 2011. The site visits will take place between March and June 2011.

Quality Improvement

- The nine Multi-State Learning Collaborative (MLC) Grant QI projects (prenatal care, immunizations, physical activity) presented their culmination projects at a Learning Congress in early December.
- A MLC-sponsored training focusing on QI tools and strategies is now available for viewing on the web.

State/Community Health Improvement Plans

The State/Community Health Improvement Plans Learning Collaborative teams (four) received kick-off training in November and are working on the required elements of their plans.

For more information on any of these activities, visit www.doh.wa.gov/phip/initiative/phs.htm

Centers for Excellence

Spokane Regional Health District and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department were selected as regional Centers for Excellence under the grant from the Centers for Disease Control, *Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes*. A statewide Center for Excellence, located at the Department of Health in Olympia, is also funded by the grant. The Centers of Excellence will promote best practices and effective strategies for performance management, and develop sustainable infrastructure for performance management activities in all LHJs and tribal health agencies in Washington.

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