

# PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

## WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES UPDATES

### **Public Health Activities and Services**

The Public Health Activities and Services Workgroup will meet on May 24, 2011, to finalize the list of items for the 2010 inventory. The inventory collects information from every LHJ and many DOH programs to answer 'What does public health do in Washington State?' This will be the third inventory of activities and services conducted across the public health system in Washington State. The 2010 inventory is expected to retain most of the questions asked on the 2009 inventory with the addition of a few questions where the data is already collected.

New this year is a data collection and interactive data management system developed by DOH. The system will allow users to query all of the data in a similar way to the Community Health Assessment Tool. In March, the workgroup tested the new data collection tool using the survey tool Opinio. Feedback from the test was incorporated into the new data collection survey.

The LHJ and DOH Activities and Services Coordinators will be invited to participate in an iLinc training session on June 9, 2011 to learn how to enter data into the new data collection survey. The survey will open after the training and be available for about three weeks.

The 2010 inventory results will be available online in September 2011.

Recent workgroup activities:

- Public Health Stories (*Drinking Water, Food Safety, Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) and Tuberculosis*)
- *Highlights from the 2009 Activities and Services Inventory*

### **Public Health Indicators Workgroup**

The Public Health Indicators workgroup will meet on June 22, 2011. The primary task of this workgroup is to update the Public Health Indicators for a third cycle. Juliet VanEenwyk, at DOH is coordinating the analysis work. Indicator data will be released as it becomes available.

The workgroup met in February 2011 and approved three additional indicators; air quality, falls among older adults, and percent in poverty. A fourth indicator on youth suicide/depression will be developed if time allows. The workgroup dropped the solid waste indicator because the data is not available.

DOH is building a new interactive website for the public health indicators. Both data input and output systems are being redesigned with the goal of keeping the data layout consistent with the existing presentation while enabling users to query the data by time and location. This will be shared with the workgroup at the June meeting.

## Public Health Standards Workgroup

### 2010-2011 Standards Review

The Public Health Standards Workgroup will meet on May 23 and June 21, 2011. The 2010-2011 standards review process is well underway with all results expected to be available in July 2011. The individual site reviews will be completed by the end of May 2011. The DOH review was completed in June 2010. Thirty-four of 35 local health agencies participated in the 2011 standards review.

Standards review activities currently underway:

- *Individual site reports* – to-date 25 full reviews (off site paper reviews and closing conferences) have been completed. Individual site reports are sent to each LHJ approx 6 weeks after the closing conferences. These reports will all be available on PHIP web site later in the summer
- *LHJ evaluation of standards process* – the NWCPHP is conducting this survey and results will be shared with the Public Health Standards Workgroup in June
- *Reviewer evaluation* – the NWCPHP is conducting this survey and results will be shared with the Public Health Standards Workgroup in June
- *Overall report* – the Public Health Standards Workgroup will discuss at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The report is expected later this summer.

### Update on PHAB Accreditation Processes

The draft PHAB national voluntary accreditation standards for state, local, territorial and tribal public health departments is expected to be available in June 2011 following PHAB approval in May. A fee schedule will also be released. Initial applications for accreditation will start this fall.

### Update on the Multi-State Learning Collaborative – CHIP/SHIPs

Three LHJs (Grays Harbor, Kitsap and Walla Walla) and DOH are participating in a learning collaborative to develop their Community/State Health Improvement Plans. This is part of the MLC project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The teams meet by iLinc every six weeks to share progress, and receive technical training and assistance. Much has already been accomplished, learned and shared. On June 2, 2011, all four teams will present their work during a mini online learning congress.

More information about the PHIP Workgroups is available at:  
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