

Washington State (WA)
Multi-state Learning Collaborative-3: Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement

Summary-Third Year

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) received the three year grant.

Timeframe: 4/15/08 to 4/14/11

Amount: \$150,000 for each of three years

Funding source: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, National Network of Public Health Institutes(NNPHI)

WORKPLAN

Objective 1: Develop a quality improvement plan that addresses areas of needed improvement by September 2008 and show improvement in the targeted areas by April 2011.

Strategies:

1. Three Topics -TAG Groups -9 local health departments meeting for 1 ½ years
 - Improve Prenatal Care
 - Improve Immunizations
 - Increase Physical Activity
2. Projects will end Sept 30, each will develop a story board of their work
3. Learning Congress early December
4. **New in the Third Year: Conduct QI Training for WA Public Health Leaders**
 - **Series of four sessions will be held**
 - **Overview of QI tools**
 - **How to build a culture of QI**
 - **How to create QI Council and agency wide approach**
 - **Hands on workshop**
 - **Participants will bring specific areas targeted for improvement**

Objective 2: By January 2009 identify the process steps to align with the national voluntary accreditation and by April 2011 Washington State will have an alignment plan in place.

Strategies:

1. WA Standards and measures now align very strongly with PHAB Beta Test Standards and Measures
2. DOH involved in PHAB Beta Test
3. Review cycle for LHJ's will incorporate information from beta test
4. **New in the Third Year :One TAG group will be developed:**

Topic: How to develop a State and Community Health Improvement Plan- a required document for accreditation

RFP will ask for 3 LHJ participants

DOH will participate

Objective 3: By April 2011 participate in all activities of the Multi-state Learning Collaborative and identify work with other states, National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) and the broader public health community.

Strategies:

1. Many WA public health staff trained as Beta Test Site Reviewers
2. Many WA public health staff involved in presentations nationally

Objective 4: By April 2009 develop an evaluation plan for the standards assessment processes in Washington and implement it by April 2011.

Strategies:

An evaluation plan was created in year one and two of the grant.

New in the Third Year:

1. **The Northwest Center for Public Health will implement the Evaluation Plan**
2. **Many aspects of the 2010-2011 Review Cycle will be included in the evaluation**