

PHIP Foundational Public Health Services Workgroup – PHASE 2

Work Plan July 2013 – December 2014 Draft 05-29-13

Purpose

The Foundational Public Health Services workgroup's purpose is to develop and help implement a long-term strategy for provision of the basic public health services needed to assure a functional public health system statewide. This basic level of functioning must be present everywhere in Washington State for the system to perform adequately anywhere.

Objectives / Tasks

- A. Produce a model for sustainable funding.
- B. Provide the technical information on options / solutions, the pro and cons of each, and recommendations
- C. Provide technical support to policy makers in designing sustainable funding models

Milestones

- A. By December 2013, have a clear description of the funding history, current funding situation, and future funding options to discuss with public health professionals and our key partners.
- B. By June 2014, in collaboration with local government partners, clearly describe options, pros/cons, and an agreed upon set of recommended elements (or a recommended model) for sustainable funding of foundational public health services statewide.
- C. During summer 2014, assist in the introduction of a broadly supported proposal to partners and policy makers in preparation for the 2015 legislative session.
- D. By December 2014, participate in briefings for legislative health policy committees.

Membership

TBD

Method

- A. Develop a better understanding of our current funding situation
- B. Explore new options for funding and how funding can be organized to create incentives for efficiencies
- C. Collaborate with WSALPHO and other key local government partners in developing proposals for sustainable funding of FPHS statewide and system efficiencies including shared-services models and other approaches designed to help assure consistent statewide availability of the Foundational Public Health Services
- D. Coordinate with other PHIP workgroups to establish key performance measures for FPHS

- G. Improve Our Chart of Accounts (BARS)
 - 1. Learn about the BARS system & State Auditor's Office (SAO).
 - 2. Collect coding from other states (PHAST, MPROVE - Mike Moore, JL Leider) & PHFUND\$
 - 3. Consider short-term / minor improvements – e.g. expenditure codes: use of human service codes, addition of codes for healthy communities / HEAL work, beefing up codes “administrative services” / foundational capabilities; improve data quality based on existing codes and definitions.
 - 4. Consider long-term / major improvements – how to align coding with FPHS?

- H. Ongoing Finance Workgroup Tasks
 - 1. Develop an approach for periodically or routinely updating FPHS and the cost model
 - 2. Periodically or routinely review system financial data

Process

- A. Workgroup conference calls and face to face meetings
- B. Meet with partner groups during their regularly schedules meetings / conferences
- C. Development of subcommittees as necessary
- D. Use of contractor experts as needed.

Outcomes

- A. Description of the funding history, current funding situation, and future funding options to share with public health professionals and our partners.
- B. An implemented system of sustainable funding of Foundational Public Health Services statewide.
- C. Performance measures for FPHS
- D. Financial data (via the cost model and BARS) that is robust and accurate enough to drive budget and policy initiatives to achieve predictable and appropriate levels of financing
- E. Processes for routinely reviewing financial data and updating FPHS and BARS codes.