

**Office of Public Health System Development  
Functions and Activities**

Focus Areas→	Public Health Infrastructure (funding, capacity, workforce, processes)	The Public's Health
Functions	Activities	Activities
<b>Support the Department of Health Mission and Vision</b>	Actively participate in quality improvement projects, the legislative process, workforce development efforts, and other related projects and activities	
<b>Partner Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach</li> <li>• Consultation</li> <li>• Coordination</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Communication</li> </ul>	Establish, strengthen and maintain partnerships with local health jurisdictions (LHJ's), WSALPHO, the rest of Department of Health (DOH), community & other government partners, tribes, academic centers, health care partners, CDC Lead and staff collaborative and shared governance efforts, such as the Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP)	Engage community and government partners, health care partners, CDC, in coordination with the governmental public health system.
<b>Assess the PH System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess &amp; describe the governmental public health system</li> <li>• Identify &amp; address emerging health issues</li> <li>• Conduct environmental scans</li> </ul>	With partners (PHIP, LHJ's, DOH ,WSALPHO) develop & execute assessment processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establish and maintain updated standards for Public Health in Washington (the Standards) &amp; manage the review process</li> <li>➤ Develop and monitor performance and reporting measures (5930) Identify and count the core public health services of statewide significance.</li> <li>➤ Track and report on public health funding</li> <li>➤ Track and assess workforce training needs</li> <li>➤ Conduct LHJ site visits</li> <li>➤ Collect and analyze other qualitative and quantitative data</li> </ul>	Link health data with the governmental public health system.  Identify priorities for the public health system  Provide a clearinghouse for public health system data tools, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Local Public Health Indicators</li> <li>➤ VISTA</li> <li>➤ Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT)</li> <li>➤ Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)</li> <li>➤ Health of Washington State (HWS)</li> </ul>

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<b>Planning</b>	With partners, conduct system planning to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify system improvement priorities</li> <li>➤ Improve/sustain performance and quality</li> <li>➤ Address public health issues</li> <li>➤ Respond to a changing environment</li> </ul>	
<b>Taking Action</b>	With partners, identify and prioritize actions to be carried out to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Achieve system improvements</li> <li>➤ Strengthen regular and ongoing communication, consultation and collaboration.</li> </ul>	