

# PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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## PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS WORKGROUP

### Participants

*Co-Chairs* Lyndia Tye (Spokane); Christie Spice (DOH)

*Staff* Simana Dimitrova, Wanda Williams, Jane Lee (DOH)

*Members* Amy Diaz (Kittitas); Cindan Gizzi (Tacoma-Pierce); Carrie McLachlan (Island); Debbie Riley (Mason); Shannon Hoskins (Clark); Siri Kushner (Kitsap); Art Starry (Thurston); Diane Ehri, Megan Davis, Juliet VanEenwyck, Lillian Bensley, Glen Patrick, Riley Peters, Susan Ramsey, Marcia Goldoft, Maxine Hayes, Mary LeMier, Mike Davisson (DOH)

## MEETING NOTES

### INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF CHARTER

*Lyndia Tye and Christies Spice*

Lyndia Tye and Christie Spice welcomed all to the new Public Health Indicators workgroup.

Jane Lee reviewed the draft workgroup charter. Art Starry suggested adding the criteria used for selecting the indicators to the charter. The charter was approved with an additional sentence stating that the criteria used to select the public health indicators is available on the website at [www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/workgroup/phi/phi.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/workgroup/phi/phi.htm) . This allows for the criteria to be revised by the workgroup as needed.

### PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS SURVEY RESULTS

*Lyndia Tye*

Lyndia presented results of the recent (summer 2010) indicator survey.

- 49 responders, most (88%) were aware of the updated data and had revisited the website.
- Most common reason for using the indicators was to compare with others.
- They were most frequently used for planning purposes, to identify or confirm and issue, and for community education.
- Most (98%) felt the criteria used to select indicators were correct.
- Many suggestions were offered for additional indicators
- Most agreed with the 2 year updating interval and some suggested a rolling update cycle as data became available.

## STATUS OF CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS

Mary LeMier

Mary LeMier described the process for updating the data for the next cycle in 2011 (see matrix). The data from BRFSS is available now. Data for other data sets such as the STD Registry, HYS and Child Profile will be available next year.

There was discussion on revising the following indicators:

- Teen Birth Rate to Teen Pregnancy Rate, or change the age
- Childhood Unintentional Injury Hospitalizations - revise
- Solid Waste Facilities – no data – consider a substitution
- Children with Health Insurance – weight to child population
- Checking current recommendations for screenings
- Reporting BMI over 30

## OTHER POSSIBLE INDICATORS FROM OTHER SOURCES

Christie Spice

Christie Spice led the discussion on possible additional indicators. The long list of suggestions offered by survey responders was discussed. While there was much discussion on possible options, it may only be feasible to add one or two new indicators at this time. The group also considered adding data to help align with CDC's 6 winnable battles; 1) tobacco, 2) nutrition, physical activity and nutrition, 3) HIV, 4) healthcare associated infections, 5) motor vehicle injuries, and 6) teen pregnancies. A comparison with the County Health Rankings was also done.

Action - each member should send Jane their top three possible new indicators (with data source) by Dec 31, 2010. These will be compiled and researched for discussion and action at the next meeting.

## NEXT STEPS

- Review recommendation to revise or add to list of indicators – take action on all changes for the 2011 cycle
- Review criteria – ex: can the 80% rule be relaxed for specific indicators and why?
- BRFSS data – challenge in the future
- Clarify crude rates or age adjusted
- New web based data presentation - review formatting