

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS WORKGROUP

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MEETING NOTES

WELCOME

Torney Smith, Susan Ramsey

The Co-Chairs Torney Smith and Susan Ramsey welcomed participants to this workgroup meeting.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL?

Torney Smith

The national public health department accreditation will launch on September 14, 2011. To apply for accreditation a health department must first submit a statement of intent. Prerequisite documents include a strategic plan, a Community or State Health Improvement Plan, and a Community Health Assessment. Online orientation, in person training on documentation handling and check list on how to prepare will be available as part of the application process. If a health department is awarded an accreditation, it will need to submit annual report. Accreditation is for five years. Documentation is to be submitted 100% electronically. PHAB has adopted a 4 point scoring system. They've also developed an appeals process. There is still ongoing discussion around very small LHJs. The fee schedule has been posted and cost depends on size of the population for the jurisdiction of the department applying.

Torney has been invited to attend the PHAB launch on September 14, 2011 in Washington, DC. He will be the local health department representative on the panel.

RECAP 2011 WASHINGTON STANDARDS PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

Susan Ramsey

All DOH and LHJ results from the 2010-2011 Public Health Standards Performance Review have been posted online. The report concluded with nine recommendations for system wide improvement. The co-chairs asked the workgroup to identify the top three recommendations

for improvement. It was suggested that we look at the accreditation pre-requisites as a starting point on developing recommendations. The Co-Chairs asked to hear from the smaller LHJs representatives on the workgroup. The workgroup voted and agreed unanimously on the following recommendations to be presented for consideration and approval by the Public Health Improvement Partnership for the next 3 to 5 years:

1. Develop and implement strategic plans
2. Develop and implement community health improvement plans
5. Implement quality improvement

NEXT STEPS FOR WASHINGTONS TATE

Torney Smith, Susan Ramsey

Susan reviewed workgroup input on future of standards.

Decision: The workgroup unanimously voted to propose for consideration and approval to the Public Health Improvement Partnership the following recommendations for the next 3 to 5 years:

- Continuously adopt the most current PHAB standards in place of the Washington standards
- The accreditation process satisfies the WA review requirements and LHJ PHAB scores apply for the WA review.
- The 8 Washington specific measures which are not part of PHAB are not retained.
- Adopt a second set of standards similar to the 2011 Basic set with a sunset clause (*A subgroup will draft a new basic set*)
- Move from a three year to a five year cycle for consistency with PHAB
- Develop additional options for assistance with the next WA standards review. (*A subgroup would work in this and report back to the Public Health Standards Workgroup*)

NEXT STEPS

Susan Ramsey

Workgroup members may be asked to volunteer on the subgroups and work on the respective recommendations as outline above.

NEXT MEETING

December 2011, date TBA (via iLinc)