

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (PHIP)  
AGENDA FOR CHANGE  
**ACTION PLAN**

*COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND  
OTHER HEALTH THREATS*

July 17, 2012

# FORMAT FOR ILINC SESSION

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- Introduction
- Background - How did we get here?
- Discussion and feedback
  - ▣ Communicable Disease and Other Health Threats
- Wrap up

*Agenda for Change Action Plan*  
is available at

[www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1200/A4C-DraftActionPlan.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1200/A4C-DraftActionPlan.pdf)

# INTRODUCTION

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- Introduction to the session
- Purpose of today's session
- Conference call reminders
- Key features of iLinc

# HOW DID WE GET HERE?

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- The world is changing
  - ▣ Changing disease trends
  - ▣ Health Care Reform
  - ▣ Economics
- Reshaping Governmental Public Health Workgroup
- Public health is at a crossroads. We must:
  - ▣ Protect our past successes
  - ▣ Confront our emerging challenges
  - ▣ Use our available resources most efficiently and effectively

‘We have few opportunities to transform, and this is one of those times’

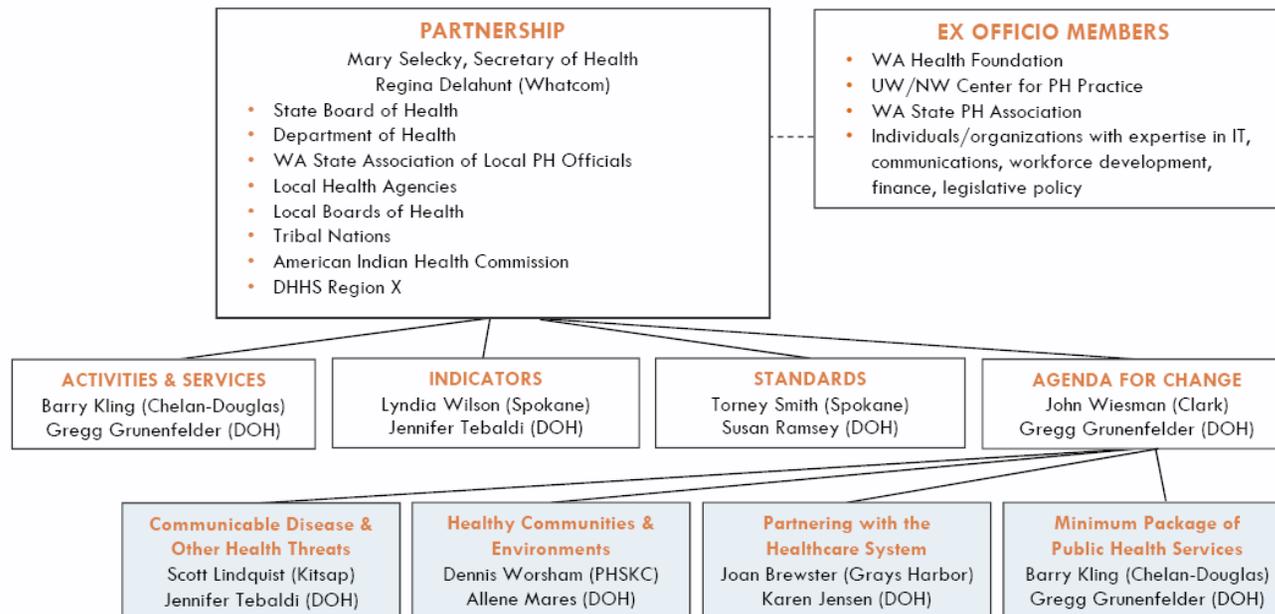
# AN AGENDA FOR CHANGE

<h2>An Agenda for Change</h2>	<p>October 2010</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC HEALTH IN A TIME OF CHANGE</b></p> <p>Public health in Washington State is at a crossroads. After a century of effectively preventing death and illness and increasing the quality of life of our residents, today we face the dual challenges of a severe funding crisis and a change in the nature of preventable disease and illness in our state. These new realities must lead to a rethinking of how we do our work if we are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustain our past successes – protect the capabilities of our communicable disease response, public health laboratory services, core environmental public health work, and emergency preparedness and response.</li><li>• Confront our emerging challenges – address chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease, resulting from underlying causes such as tobacco use, poor nutrition and physical inactivity, as well as address preventable injuries, and giving everyone a chance to live a healthy life regardless of their income, education, racial or ethnic background.</li><li>• Use our available resources most efficiently and effectively – forge new partnerships and use technology to shape a better, more effective public health system.</li></ul> <p>In short, we need an agenda for change as we move forward, even during these tough times.</p> <p>Public health has profoundly improved the lives of people in our state for over a hundred years. In the early 1900s, the average life expectancy in the U.S. was 49 years. Today it is approximately 80 years. While clinical health care is valued, most of this increase is due to public health actions – for example, the dramatic drop in infant mortality and deaths from infectious diseases resulting from improved hygiene, sanitation, immunization, and communicable disease control efforts. While they remain hidden because they are successful, the public health efforts that provide safe drinking water, safe food, and safe living conditions are active and on-going today and require resources and trained public health professionals to assure continuing effectiveness.</p> <p>The current economic crisis threatens these resources and, therefore, these programs and our citizens' overall health and well being. Local and state funding for public health is rapidly eroding, resulting in the loss of trained public health professional staff ranging from 25-40% in some jurisdictions and compromising our overall public health system's ability to respond to critical health issues.</p> <p>As importantly, new challenges confront us. While public health has made great strides in combating infectious disease, a new set of preventable illnesses has emerged. Although Washingtonians are living longer, they are still dying early from preventable causes, often following years of preventable illness and disability. Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease, resulting from underlying causes such as tobacco use, poor nutrition, and physical inactivity, continue to cause long-term illnesses and disability and are cutting lives short.</p>	<h3>Reshaping Governmental Public Health in Washington State</h3> <p><b>Co-Chairs</b> Gregg Grunewald John Westman</p> <p><b>Members</b> Susan Allan Joan Brewster Charles Carroon Dennis Dennis Joe Finlonson David Fleming Karen Jensen Betsy Kling Mary Locker Joel McCullough Patrick O'Carroll Jane Palmer David Swink Duke Van Buren Mary Wendt</p> <p><b>DOH Staff</b> Allene Mares Mark Fluke</p>
<p>Reshaping Governmental Public Health in Washington State An Agenda for Change, October 2010 Version</p>	<p>Page 1 of 6</p>

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## PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

**PURPOSE:** The Partnership is directed by the legislature to guide and strengthen the governmental public health system in Washington State. To accomplish that, we are responsible to ensure that our actions support a public health system that is accountable, continuously measures and improves health outcomes, and reduces environmental and other health risks.



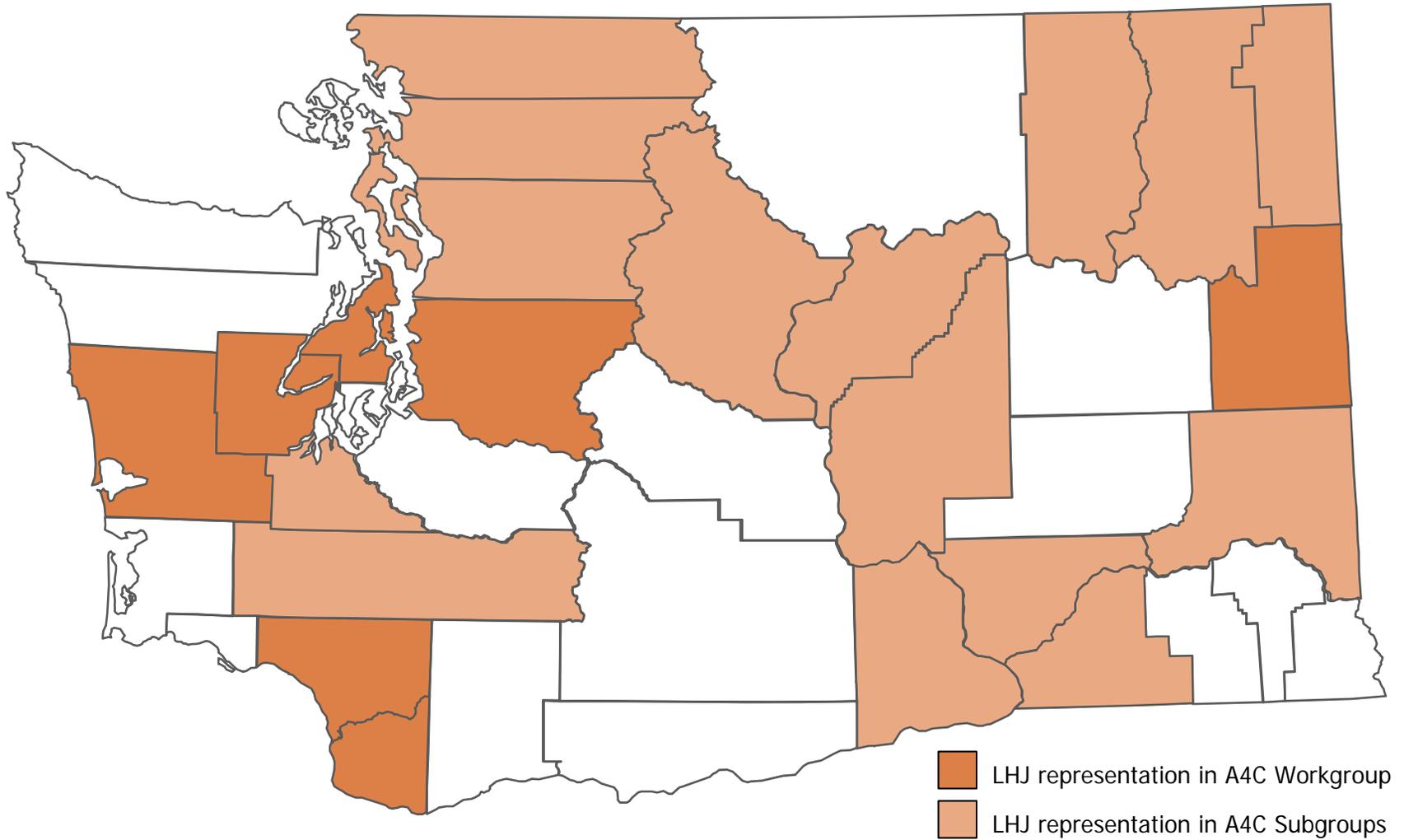
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- Communicable Disease and Other Health Threats
- Healthy Communities and Environments
- Public Health Partnering with the Health Care System
- Sustainability of Funding

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Public Health Improvement Partnership

## Agenda for Change

### *Action Plan*

Initial Priorities and First Steps  
for Advancing Washington's  
Public Health System

*Internal Working Draft*

*June 15, 2012*

**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
ALWAYS WORKING FOR A SAFER AND  
HEALTHIER WASHINGTON

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## Discussion and Feedback

- Strategies and actions
- Essential partners

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## Why Do We Need to Make Changes?

- Reduction in public health staff will require focus on the most critical activities.
- Immunization rates are increasing, but still below the national average.
- Improve understanding of immunization coverage to target limited resources towards increasing coverage.
- Informatics systems for notifiable conditions must be modernized to maintain an effective and efficient communicable disease surveillance and response.
- Response to communicable disease should be consistent across the state.

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## Priorities

1. Increase immunization rates across the lifespan of all residents
2. Standardize and prioritize communicable disease surveillance and response activities
3. Develop, maintain and integrate data collection system for communicable disease surveillance and response

Are these the right priorities for the governmental public health system to focus on?

- a) Strongly agree   b) Agree   c) Disagree   d) Strongly disagree

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1. Increase immunization rates across the lifespan of all residents
  - a) Improve our understanding of immunization coverage in Washington State by enhancing the completeness of data entered in the Washington Immunization System (CHILD Profile)
  - b) Improve the quality of immunization data entered into the Washington immunization system
  - c) Identify and implement evidence-based practices to improve immunization coverage rates with an emphasis on immunizations that provide the greatest public health impact

Are these the right strategies for the governmental public health system to focus on?

- a) Strongly agree b) Agree c) Disagree d) Strongly disagree

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## 2. Standardize and prioritize communicable disease surveillance and response activities

- a) Prioritize communicable disease surveillance and response
- b) Establish evidence-based statewide recommendations around communicable disease control

Are these the right strategies for the governmental public health system to focus on?

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Agree
- c) Disagree
- d) Strongly disagree

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## 3. Develop, maintain and integrate data collection system for communicable disease surveillance and response

- a) Modernize the notifiable conditions data collection system for case investigation and outbreak management
- b) Increase capacity to receive electronic laboratory reporting of notifiable conditions through a health information exchange
- c) Implement an updated SECURES communication alerting system from public health to outside community

Are these the right strategies for the governmental public health system to focus on?

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Agree
- c) Disagree
- d) Strongly disagree

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## Essential Partners

- Schools
- Health care providers

# DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK

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## Overall – Agenda for Change Action Plan

1. Initial priorities or first steps – the right ones? What is missing or should be deleted?
2. Are any contrary to your agencies strategic direction?
3. How do you see your organization being involved in these?
4. What other ways can you suggest to advance these concepts?

# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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## Phase I Engagement: *June – July*

- Primarily governmental public health
- Revisions

## Phase II Engagement: *August – September*

- Public health and partners
- Revisions

Publish in the 2012 PHIP Report

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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Web-based Survey (open through 7/20/12)

<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/opinio//s?s=6379>

Let's shape the future together