

# Washington State Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Advisory Committee Minutes

**Date:** Monday, October 22, 2012

**Time:** 10am-1pm

**Location:** Conference Call

**Attendees:** Donna Allis, Chara Chamie, Elaine Engle, Maxine Hayes, Carla Huyck, Danielle Kenneweg, Julie Peterson, Reva Wittenberg

**Absent:** Peter Browning and Sue Grinnell

**Chair:** Maxine Hayes

**Facilitator:** Danielle Kenneweg

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**Welcome and opening remarks** – Maxine

**Approval of minutes from the last meeting** - Danny

Elaine moved for approval, Julie seconded. All were in favor for approval.

*Action item updates from Danny:*

- DOH forwarded Elaine's name to Laura Blaske (DOH Communication Office) as a potential website tester.
- HPPPS success story session at Joint Conference took place. Carla, Danny, and Julie presented with great feedback and high attendance. It was the last breakout (45 minutes) before the closing and still had standing room only.

**Public Health Landscape** – Maxine

Sequestration (Automatic budget cuts to federal programs):

- The 2011 Budget Control Act included a sequester, as an incentive to the Super Committee. It is scheduled for January 2013.
- Public health impact:
  - \$2.4 billion reduction in FY2013. None of the public health programs are exempt.
  - Since 2008, 48 states have reported cuts to their public health programs (>47,000 jobs lost); this includes public hospitals, clinics, immunizations, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS, etc.
  - The impact to Washington would be over \$22 million

Presidential/Governor Elections

- Everyone is waiting to see the outcome. Turnovers are happening at the Department of Health, with lots of new people.
- Lot of changes, lot of opportunities to teach about what public health is. Lots to be determined in agencies even after elections.

Health Reform

- 3 areas: coverage, prevention, insurance reform
- Timeline:
  - ACA signed in March 2010
  - Supreme Court decision in June 2012
  - Since then the states have been very busy with health benefit exchange work done. Very few states are wholeheartedly participating. They are waiting for election outcomes – Washington state is a leader in the nation. Governor Gregoire has been 100 percent supportive and has

been pushing this forward. Washington already has lots of preventive care without copays, insurance for young adults, and protection for those with preexisting conditions.

- By January 2013 – program will be designed; in WA it will be medical/behavioral/long-term care
- By January 2014 – expect Medicaid expansion and exchange coverage benefits starting.
- Today: Moving to a more client-centered health system than ever before. This includes a chronic disease focus, behavioral health components, care management, preventive care, and more transparency for cost/quality.
- Tomorrow (vision): Population-centered care – optimal health, public health interventions, creation of networks around socioeconomic status factors, and investments in community interventions.

#### Comments:

- *Danny: Recommends the book “Health Care Reform” by Jonathan Gruber – he was Romney’s healthy policy advisor in the Massachusetts transition. Great background reading. Danny and Luisa Parada Estrada are making a high level slide set, and will also talk specifically about DOH service delivery programs that will be impacted (i.e. Tobacco Quitline, HIV/AIDs, MCH, etc). This will include feedback to be included to Health Care Authority. People can get the book through Amazon for \$7.*
- *Julie: Have heard that leaders have been quietly meeting in Mount Vernon the last two months to determine resolution for sequestration*
- *Julie: Housing Urban Development (Housing WA) Secretary Donovan – openness to public health. Frances Limtiaco worked with Ron and Julie; housing people wanted more health people represented. Need to energize public health and housing work and align better.*

#### Pertussis

- 40<sup>th</sup> week of pertussis; >4,000 cases
- >300 infants under one years old with severe disease/hospitalized (82 percent were under 3 months)
- No deaths so far
- Epidemic is largely driven by immunized (focus is being placed on the duration of the booster shot and waning of effectiveness). Vaccine works well immediately, but unsure how long it lasts.
- CDC is partnering with Washington to evaluate duration of vaccine effectiveness (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meeting this week to determine how to proceed). We may have a revised schedule coming out.

#### Wildfires

- Air quality is better with coming rain; but has negatively affected people’s health up to this point.

#### Fungal Meningitis

- Compounding of a drug has resulted in 21 deaths in the nation; thousands have been impacted.
- No cases in Washington yet.

#### Block Grant Landscape - Danny

CDC sent an update 10 days ago:

- Last year we planned for \$759,000 and we got two increases to ~\$795,000.
- Sequestration:
  - No final decisions around implementation
  - Congress is still debating the issue
  - As of now, CDC would have 8-10 percent reduction. There is no information about the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant or any others.
- Workplan submission FY2013:
  - Congress is working under a continuing resolution.

- CDC has not made a decision on releasing funds to states; however we can begin developing workplans
- Electronic system (BGMIS) is currently being revised, and won't be ready until mid-December 2012. They will not accept any new plans until the system is ready. The Healthy People 2010 objectives will be updated to Healthy People 2020, and will be reflected in our workplan. They will be removing the 10 Essential Services, and will tie work to the objectives instead.
- We are updating everything now so we will be prepared to submit when the system is ready.
- CDC Project Officer:
  - Chronic Disease Center at CDC now has regionally defined teams of project officers, instead of individuals. These teams will represent Block Grant and all chronic disease grants together.
  - Tracy Perkins is our new Project Officer. Our grant region includes AK, ID, OR, and WA.

#### **Membership update - Maxine and Danny**

- Danny and Peter have been discussing potential membership. Peter's recommendations were Brady from Asotin or someone from Grant County. Danny has been following up with Brady and he initially has seemed open to discussion. He will represent many parts – small county, Eastern Washington, new public health presence, and gender representation. Danny will be calling him this week.

#### **Action: Danny to follow-up with Brady**

#### **HPPPS workplan - Danny**

- Final funding amount is still to be determined. On the executive summary page, section amounts include indirects.
- Administration/indirect limit is 10 percent and we are well under that with 8 percent.
- Public hearing date will be scheduled for November; we cannot submit the workplan until we do this.
- Certifications must be signed by the Governor. We will be trying to get this workplan submitted before the new Governor comes into office.
- Seven staff have a portion of their FTE funded from block grant, for a total of 3.7 FTE.
- Danny reviewed all objectives/activities
- H.E.R.E. (Health Educator Resource Exchange) website changes are underway. We are streamlining the components that are not used as often: this will result in fewer total materials, which explains the reduced goal in "health education materials dissemination".

#### **Sexual Assault workplan - Reva**

- Block Grant is a part of a comprehensive set of services. Funding flows through DOH and directly to Crime Victims Advocacy Office who implements the activities around the state.
- State health objective was changed so it's based on a more reliable data source.
- Local agencies across the state provide specialized services for ~800 people.
- There was discussion about coverage of sexual assault services in the insurance plans under healthcare reform.

#### **Action: Danny to talk with Luisa and get suggestions on who Reva can talk to within her division.**

#### **Healthy Communities (HC) workplan -Carla**

- Objective focus is two-fold: 1) Increasing competencies through training and 2) Working with LHJs to build capacity so they can implement action plans
- This has been a very exciting process and a huge victory.
  - Began with five counties, added seven, and now because of regional hub model we are reaching all but one county in the state.
  - Training package for 2013 is still being developed.
- More success stories will be developed for Pacific County, Garfield County, and maybe counties funded with Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.

- There was discussion about making training available online.

## Roundtable

Julie:

- CHEF is providing technical assistance to hubs around policy, environmental, and systems change. Challenge is to implement technical assistance that follows up with what was learned in training.

Donna

- Public Health Seattle King County: Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention thanks DOH for such a smooth transition from CPPW (Communities Putting Prevention to Work) to CTG (Community Transformation Grant).
- New contract with Seattle Children's hospital that received CTG funding for two years. The focus is on Healthy Communities, Healthy Eating Active Living, built environment and housing. The work is sector-based. Technical assistance will come from public health and the Healthy Communities Coalition. Infrastructure is housed at Seattle Children's hospital.

Elaine

- Stays in touch with staff at Spokane Regional Health District. Here are a couple of updates.
  - Decreases in services include cutbacks for laboratory services. These have been transitioned to the community. Clinic services are transitioning to other community agencies with the LHJ only following up on investigative cases. TB program cutbacks so LHJ is only following up on high risk cases.
  - Tobacco program making significant progress working with community organizations. Moving toward smoke-free campuses and smoke-free policies.

Danny

- HPPPS is partnering with WIC more. WIC funding allows HPPPS to hire one more staff person. WIC is hoping to increase enrollment through more health promotion outreach strategies and materials.
- Currently have about 30 projects underway and 25 projects have been completed in 2012.
- Projects are more long-term and complex/comprehensive.

*Spring 2013 meeting:*

- *Elaine request -- Please do it after April 3, 2013 when she is back from Arizona.*
- *Danny -- We will schedule after the legislative session concludes.*