

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS WORKGROUP

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MEETING NOTES

WELCOME

Torney Smith and Susan Ramsey, Co-Chairs

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

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CROSSWALK

Barry Kling, Chelan-Douglas Health District

Barry introduced the concept behind a foundational public health services crosswalk with standards and other performance measurement data. His proposal was to develop and test a system capable of measuring the extent to which local health agencies address the foundational public health services, and to begin to apply performance measures to those activities. This innovative thinking aligns the aspects of foundational public health services with specific national Public Health Accreditation Board standards, public health activities and services data, existing performance measures and local public health indicators with recognized 'targets' like [Healthy People 2020](#).

How does this concept relate to accreditation? This concept shows if local health agencies are performing the basics and how well are they doing it. PHAB is very interested in this type of measurement. CDC leads an effort which looks at basic (foundational) public health services in all states. The crosswalk proposal still needs to be field tested. There needs to be a feasibility assessment to find out what data we already have that can answer if basic services are offered and how well they are performed.

Discussion

Data will be accessed and measured, scoring done, by using quality improvement tools. Marni Mason suggested that using this concept will provide opportunity to record capacity, results of indicators and process elements - way to look at much broader measurement system.

The Public Health Standards Workgroup approved proceeding with the development of the foundational public health services crosswalk and the formation of a subgroup to work on a foundational set of measures. In terms of mechanics on who will be collecting the data - local health agencies will, which will force them to know where they can find their own data. The subgroup was directed to report back to the Public Health Standards Workgroup and to the Partnership by end of September 2013.

Volunteers for the Standards/Foundation Public Health Services Subgroup are Barry Kling, Torney Smith, Maryann Guichard, Kris Kernan, Jane Lee and Harvey Crowder. The subgroup will begin their meetings in May and they will be assisted through September by Marni Mason from MarMason Consulting Services. The single goal for this subgroup will be to align foundational public health services and the public health accreditation boards standards and measures. Once that is established, the subgroup will focus on timeline and process for the next review.

NEXT WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Torney Smith, Co-Chair

During the 2015 Public Health Standards Performance Review, agencies which have already been accredited, will bypass the process and their national accreditation scoring will be taken into account for a system wide view.

There was a conversation about creating another subgroup which purpose will be to dedicate efforts on researching resources to aid the next performance review process. Since state funding is no longer available, ideas were floated about holding the review strictly via electronic venues as well as 'shopping' for grants – even such for 'groundbreaking' work – from the RWJF and CDC. Susan, Torney, Jane and Marni will pursue contacts with these agencies and will report back to the workgroup with information.

NEXT STEPS AND UPDATES

Update on the New Partnership Structure

Jane Lee, DOH

To carry out the work of the [2012 Public Health Improvement Plan](#), in March 2013, the Partnership approved a new structure. It includes new responsibilities for the Partnership and the following new or revised workgroups:

- Public Health Partnering with the Health Care System
- Foundational Public Health Services
- Public Health Performance and Accountability
- Public Health Standards

To view more information on the objectives of each new workgroup, please visit the Partnership's latest [Newsletter](#).

Workgroup Charter and Workplan

Susan Ramsey, Co-Chair

Susan shared that the workgroup charter and workplan will be revised to reflect decision made during this meeting and will be sent back to the workgroup for a review. Please contact [Simana Dimitrova](#) with any changes or suggestion you may have.

Performance Management Centers for Excellence Update

Megan Davis, DOH

The Centers for Excellence currently have distributed eight mini grants, seven of which are working on quality improvement projects across the board. The newly formed Standards/Accreditation Coordinators workgroup began its meetings in March with focus on performance management. The Centers website hits show great interest in the training opportunities and array of tools offered there.

NEXT MEETING

The next workgroup meeting will take place in September, date TBA.