

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

JUNE 5, 2013 MEETING

PARTICIPANTS

<i>Co-Chairs</i>	John Wiesman (DOH); Regina Delahunt (Whatcom)
<i>Staff</i>	Martin Mueller, Simana Dimitrova, Jane Lee, Marie Flake (DOH)
<i>Members Present</i>	John Austin (SBOH); Dennis Worsham for David Fleming (Seattle-King); Torney Smith (Spokane); Lydia Buchheit, Michael Baker (WSALPHO); Maryanne Guichard, Jennifer Tebaldi, Karen Jensen (DOH)
<i>Others Present</i>	Daisye Orr (DOH)

MEETING NOTES

WELCOME

Regina Delahunt, Co-Chair

Regina welcomed members to the second quarterly Partnership meeting for 2013. After brief introduction by all members, Regina reviewed the agenda and introduced John Wiesman – the new Secretary of Health and Co-Chair of the Partnership.

INTRODUCTION FROM THE NEW SECRETARY OF HEALTH

John Wiesman

Vision for the Partnership

John introduced himself. Since the majority of his background is working in local governmental public health, John began with remarking on the uniqueness and accomplishments of the Public Health Improvement Partnership whose work he has observed through the years. 'The Partnership is an amazing local/state collaboration - ahead of the nation - which has developed some prominent public health improvement tools (standards, indicators, activities and services counts) and has charted the future direction of public health in our state through the development and implementation of the *Agenda for Change*.' John stressed that there is still much more to do. He shared his priorities which are around improving collaboration between health care and public health, address the obesity epidemic, addressing public health effects of climate change and strengthening local/state relationships. John believes the Partnership is an important venue for local/state collaboration to continue moving forward. He is interested in the relevance of the Partnership's work and having the right set of people at the table.

Legislative Update

John reported that the House of Representatives has released a budget, however, it is yet to be known if a mutually agreed upon budget can be declared before the end of the current biennium.

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Jennifer Tebaldi, FPHS Workgroup Co-Chair

Foundational Public Health Services Cost Model

The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Workgroup has been working with BERK & Associates to develop a cost model to estimate what it would cost to deliver the defined foundational public health services. The workgroup concluded in May that:

1. The model is flexible and able to provide information using different assumptions
2. The cost data that has been collected and used to extrapolate for statewide costs is solid and reasonable
3. The revenue data provides information on how these services are currently funded and allows us to set aside costs that currently have grant/contract or fee funding and identify the remaining costs that should be funded by state and local tax dollars
4. The model is a good tool for discussing, exploring and better understanding our current funding system and determining options, and recommendations for a model of predictable and appropriate levels of funding for the state and local public health system in Washington State

By the end of June, the contractor will provide the workgroup with a final report. In addition, communication tools like a PowerPoint presentation, FAQs, and a brochure will also be developed.

Discussion evolved around working with WSALPHO, local boards of health, legislators, health care innovation groups and other partnership outside of public health. Torney Smith and Jennifer discussed funding source (right mix of funds and fees) considerations as a shared responsibility and the need for further policy thinking on the matter. Regina stressed that there needs to be more and clear communication about this work and concepts.

Foundational Public Health Services Phase II

Phase II of the foundational public health services efforts will be launched this summer under the auspices of the Partnership. The purpose of this next phase is to prepare for the 2015 legislative session by providing a model for sustainable funding. Elements of the workplan include:

- Clear description of our current funding situation and future funding options including discussions with partners (July – December 2013)
- Clear description of options, pros/cons, and agreement on a recommendation for a funding model in collaboration with local government partners (January – June 2014)
- Assistance in the introduction of a broadly supported proposal to partners and policy makers (July – December 2014)

An update to the Foundational Public Health Services Workgroup leadership and membership are yet to be determined.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IMPLEMENTATION

Communicable Disease and Other Health Threats Update

Jennifer Tebaldi, DOH

This work will be lead by the Department of Health. The Department will engage local health jurisdictions on various workgroups to accomplish the action plan tasks. Jennifer will continue to be the accountability link back to the Partnership.

Implementation steps are being refined and a mechanism is being developed to report progress to the Partnership. In addition, it is under consideration how to bring together various performance measures (5930, Agenda for Change, State Health Improvement Plan) into one system.

Healthy Communities and Environments Update

Dennis Worsham, Public Health – Seattle & King County

This work will live on through the current Community Transformation (CTG) work, including the Prevention Alliance, and be part of the Transforming Washington Communities strategic plan under development by the Department of Health's Office of Healthy Communities. Allene Mares from DOH and Dennis Worsham from Public Health – Seattle & King County will continue to be the accountability links back to the Partnership.

The objectives and strategies published in the 2012 Agenda for Change Action Summary remain unchanged and provide a vision for ongoing work at the state and local level. Specific actions related to these objectives and strategies are included in the Washington State Plan for Healthy Communities (a requirement of the Centers for Disease and Prevention) which will be published in August 2013.

Torney suggested alignment with the foundational public health services in terms of reporting back progress to the Partnership.

Adjourning the Agenda for Change

John Wiesman, Co-Chair

John reviewed the significance and work of the Agenda for Change Workgroup through the past three years. The work of this guiding body is now done, implementation strategies are in place and it's time to adjourn this group. The Partnership agreed.

PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERING WITH HEALTH CARE

Martin Mueller, DOH

Martin and Karen Jensen described progress to date to re-establish the partnering with the health care system workgroup. In May, a think tank group of public health leaders met and the outcome of their brainstorming sessions is a new charter which will guide the work of a new Public Health Partnering with Health Care Workgroup. The purpose of this group will be to create actionable tools and other resources that will improve the ability of public health to strategically and effectively partner with the health care system in order to achieve the Triple Aim of improved patient experience - outcomes, improved population health, and reducing per capita health care costs.

Over the next two years, the workgroup will focus on improving partnerships between clinical care and public health in the following areas to improve the health of the citizens of Washington State:

- Increase information about the health of local populations, and about the clinical resource capacity of the community
- Improve awareness across the public health community of emerging opportunities and requirements of health reform
- Advance the use of clinical preventive services and patient-centered health homes

Maryann Guichard suggested that the new Health Care Reform and Innovation Special Assistant being hired by the Department of Health will be a natural choice to co-chair this new workgroup. Suggestions were also made to invite tribes, as well as oral and behavioral/mental health professionals to participate in the workgroup.

PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

Torney Smith, PHS Workgroup Co-Chair

The Public Health Standards Workgroup is moving ahead with planning for the next standards review schedule for 2015-2016. A subgroup will begin work later this year on process, mechanics and possible grants to execute the review independently from contractors.

Foundational Performance Set Review

In April, the Public Health Standards Workgroup approved moving forward with a proposal to develop and test a system capable of measuring the extent to which local health agencies address the foundational public health services. A subgroup was formed to develop a crosswalk aligning the aspects of foundational public health services with specific national Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards, public health activities and services data, existing performance measures and local public health indicators with recognized targets such as Healthy People 2020. The subgroup has begun its work with the goal to have a final product to share with the PHIP in September. A sample matrix of the crosswalk was shared with the Partnership for their input.

NEXT STEPS

Martin Mueller, DOH

Public Health Performance and Accountability

A new Public Health Performance and Accountability Workgroup will be formed this summer under the auspices of the Public Health Improvement Partnership. Its purpose will be to develop and oversee a performance management and accountability system that measures the performance of the public health system in Washington State. The new workgroup will have responsibility for the following tasks over the next three to five years:

- Identify and count activities and services delivered across the public health system
- Develop local public health indicators to provide information about the health of local communities over time
- Develop and adopt performance measures that assess the performance of the public health system to do its work in terms of outputs and outcomes

- Develop population based targets that answer, what does it mean for the state to be healthy
- Modernize the capabilities to collect, analyze and share information (health informatics)

21st Century Workforce

Martin talked briefly about future work around workforce development as described in the *Agenda for Change*. He acknowledged that more work will be done this summer on how these efforts will be approached and further information will be brought to the Partnership later in the year. John agreed that this is a priority of the public health improvement work ahead and we need to focus on how we can respond to workforce development as a system.

NEXT MEETING

Martin Mueller, DOH

The Partnership will meet in person from 1 to 4 pm at the Department of Health Offices in Kent on September 5th. The agenda will focus on:

- Phase II of the Foundational Public Health Services efforts
- The beginning work of the Public Health Partnering with Health Care Workgroup
- Review and provide feedback to the completed Foundational Performance Set Matrix