

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS WORKGROUP

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MEETING NOTES

WELCOME

Torney Smith, Chair

Torney welcomed participants to this session and after brief introductions from everyone, he focused on the meeting purpose.

UPDATE FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2013 PHIP MEETING

Torney Smith, Chair

Torney has been asked to bring to the December 2, 2013 Public Health Improvement Partnership meeting recommendations from the Public Health Standards Workgroup about continuing the development of the *Foundational Performance Set* and using it as a future review tool.

FOUNDATIONAL PERFORMANCE SET DISCUSSION

Torney Smith, Chair/Barry Kling, Chelan-Douglas Health District

The Public Health Standard Workgroup is expected to recommend the use of the *Foundational Performance Set* to the Partnership as well as its benefits and timeline. Barry walked the workgroup over the draft set and explained the thinking behind its structure. He covered the proposed timeline as well.

PHAB does not accommodate easily small local health agencies; accreditation for most of them is not feasible. Regional services are not always a solution, either. The *Foundational Performance Set* will capture more information than just standards measures, such as activities and services, indicators, other. A concern was brought up that if we stop doing standards review in our state we will lose valuable information about the system. Barry and Torney stressed that a statewide review on the *Foundational Performance Set* could provide an equally valuable snapshot as well. This new snapshot will be needed to show accountability and help with future funding needs. All local health agencies will still be



encouraged to pursue accreditation, but that would be a voluntary effort done on their own. A *Foundational Performance Set* review will be done to all local health departments.

It was strongly encouraged that WSALPHO is involved in these discussions. Workgroup participants liked the PHAB linkages within the *Foundational Performance Set*. Torney elaborated that the subgroup working on the development of the new set is still clarifying what PHAB measures will be used so meaningful information is collected and the set is easy and clear to use. These will be essential features to assure a buy off from local public health.

The workgroup also needs to work on how a Foundational Performance Set review would be conducted; how data and information are submitted, who verifies submittals, and other procedural details. It will also need to be identified how these reviews will be funded.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE UPDATE

Dian Ehri, DOH

Diana reported that the Centers for Excellence have been very busy in 2013. They have been able to accomplish the following:

- 5 web trainings (included 19 local health agencies, tribes and other state agencies)
- 8 QI/performance management trainings
- 17 local health agencies received technical trainings
- 8 QI mini contracts for creating CHIPs
- Learning Congress, which was attended by about 60 local health participants. Key Note speaker was Liza Corso from CDC and her opening remarks lead to a great dialog and engagement with participants.

The Centers are gearing up to hold 5 new web trainings and execute 8 more mini grants for which 10 local health agencies have already expressed interest in.

NEXT STEPS

Torney Smith, Chair

It was unanimously agreed that the development of the *Foundational Performance Set* should continue. The group will meet again on November 26th to review a more developed version of the set before it is presented to the Partnership in their December meeting.