The Public Health Improvement Steering Committee

Charge

The Public Health Improvement Steering Committee accepts shared responsibility to oversee the implementation of the Public Health Act (SB 08-194) and Colorado's Public Health Improvement Plan and to advise the Office of Planning and Partnerships. The Public Health Improvement Steering Committee defers to the State Board of Health as the overall, ongoing authority.

Roles & Responsibility

- Provide vision and direction to public health improvement planning.
- Support the statutory requirements of C.R.S. 25-1-501 et seq.
- Co-chair, participate and/or assist in selection of membership of topic specific groups, process and timetable for accomplishing tasks.
- Identify opportunities in common with other committees, workgroups and organizations.
- Continue improving the public health system to address core public health services.
- Act as ambassadors and educators on the Act, Plan and new initiatives such as Colorado's Winnable Battles.
- Obtain broad input into decision-making by using the methods that are appropriate for the task.
- Engage CDPHE programs, local agencies and other partners to align and make the connections among the Act, the statewide public health improvement plan, CDPHE strategic plan and initiatives such as Colorado's Winnable Battles.

Member Expectations

- Communicate activities, recommendations, progress and perspectives of PHISC to constituencies.
- Participate in monthly meetings and additional conference calls as needed.
- Bring the perspective of the stakeholder group you represent to all discussions and decisions.
- Gather input from colleagues and constituents and report back to them.
- Be prepared to contribute clear and focused ideas for discussion.
- Share accountability in the successes or failures in implementing the Public Health Improvement Plan and Act.

Composition

The committee shall be comprised of leaders from local public health and environmental health agencies**,** CDPHE leadership or senior management, State Board of Health**,** and other partners in the public health system relevant to the purpose and deliverables of the group. Members should have positions that can facilitate change and be able to solicit input from their respective boards of health, county commissioners, constituents, stakeholders and staff.

Working Principles

- Be a true partnership with open communication and transparency in decision making
- Work collaboratively, not as outside entities advocating for interests
- Consider the impact of decisions on multiple constituencies.
- Form solutions that are feasible from the points of view of all the partners and are consistent with the intent of the PH Act.
- Consider fiscal implications (positive and negative) of all decisions.
- Identify positive incentives for improvements
- Maximize the use of available resources, develop local capacity and build on regional strengths
- Support discourse, learning and leadership in public health

2012 Members

Co-chair- Joni Reynolds **Co-chair- Bonnie Koehler**

Local	*State-CDPHE*	*Other*
Tony Cappello District Public Health Administrator, Northeast Colorado Health Department Mark Johnson Executive Director, Jefferson Co. Public Health Bonnie Koehler Deputy Director, Delta County Public Health Jeff Kuhr Director, Mesa County Health Department Jim Rada Environmental Health Svcs. Division Director, Jefferson Co. Public Health Jeff Stoll, Public Health Director, Broomfield HHS Della Vieira Public Health Director, Saguache County Public Health Stacy Weinberg Director of Epidemiology, Planning and Communication Tri-County Health Department Jeff Zayach Executive Director, Boulder County Public Health	Chris Urbina Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer Roz Bedell, Chief Operating Officer Tista Ghosh Director, Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Jeff Lawrence Director, Environmental Health and Sustainability Chris Lindley Director, Prevention Services Kathleen Matthews Director, Office of Planning and Partnerships Karin McGowan Director, Community Relations Lyle Moore Interim Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response Joni Reynolds Director of Public Health Programs Martha Rudolph Director of Environmental Programs Alyson Shupe Chief, Health Statistics Karen Trierweiler Director of Programs and Services, Prevention Services	Tim Byers Associate Dean, CSPH Gini Pingenot Special Projects Coordinator Colorado Counties, Inc Glenn Schlabs State Board of Health Lisa Van Raemdonck Executive Director, CALPHO Chris Wiant President and CEO, Caring for Colorado

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