

**Public Health Act Advisory Group
January 7, 2010 Meeting Notes**

Present: Chris Urbina, Deb Crook, Alyson Shupe, Jeff Zayach, Stacy Weinberg, Jeff Lawrence, Karin McGowan, Gini Pingnot, Lisa Miller, Ned Calonge, Jillian Jacobellis, Karen Trierweiler, Mark Salley, Jeff Stoll, Mark Johnson, Jackie Brown, Tim Byers. Also present: Kathleen Matthews, Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Tsering Dorjee, Corrina Lucero, Zulema Smith, Kathy Brown

Absent: Glenn Schlabs, Chris Wiant, Lee Thielen, Jim Rada, Chris Lindley, Martha Rudolph, Bonnie Koehler

Welcome new members: *Tim Byers, MD, MPH, Associate Dean with the Colorado School of Public Health and Bonnie Koehler, Deputy Director, Delta County Public Health.*

Organizing for 2010: The office's main focus for the year will be on implementing the plan. The work will be organized around the action steps and the group discussed priorities among those steps. In addition, the office will continue to work on contract management with local public health and MCH/ EPR, continued transitioning on office and agencies, and resolve relationship to CDPHE internal strategic planning. We will be revising the website to detail the plan and progress made. Quarterly updates will continue to remind people to check-in. Staff transitions: the role of nursing consultants in this work was briefly discussed and the announcement was made that Terry Bryant has moved to the New Mexico State Health Department.

Core Services: Scheduled regional meetings with local public agency directors will provide the opportunity to discuss the need to listen, educate, and discuss core services with their BOCC/LBOH. A better understanding of the reality of funding core services needs to be developed and communicated to BOCC/LBOH. Evaluate in four months whether there is enough acceptance to begin rule-making. The advisory group suggests adding representation from counties that have core service issues. John Crostwait (NE Director-former commissioner), Mary Sue Liss (Elbert Director –EH background), question on what other combination might be helpful for the South-county manager?

Standards: Reconvene the original workgroup and expand local participation other than public health advisory group. The group's agenda includes: relationship to PHAB, do the standards need to correlate with the core services, what's the oversight process, determine rule-making timeline, what levels of standards are acceptable (PHAB: None, Partial, Full Accreditation), and how will OPP relate technical assistance to standards/accreditation.

Assessment and Planning: The office has worked on a survey to gauge local agencies assessment and planning capacity. Comments/ edits to survey were requested. Research on other states and reviewing existing materials and tools that relate to assessments is underway. MPH students will be available to assist on assessment related projects. The Public Health Indicators Advisory Group will be led by CHEIS.

Financing/Funding: The group proposed to prioritize the funding formula/per capita while defining what is "equitable funding". Suggested members for the taskforce include Bob O'Doherty, Lisa VanRaemdonck, Beth Lipscom-Jeff Co fiscal officer and president of COPHAD, Lisa Miller's fiscal officer, Deb Crook's fiscal officer.

Roles, Relationships, and Communications: Communications group met in December and Chana Goussetis, PIO from Boulder is working on a draft communications plan. Public Health Day at the Capitol is tentatively scheduled for April 7th and a meeting is scheduled to discuss the format and value. The Alliance is convening a meeting with the organization presidents to discuss future structure on Friday, Jan 15. The Board of Health Guide has been drafted and is circulating among PHDoC.

Workforce Development: The first Public Health Workforce Taskforce meeting is January 21st led by CSPH Center for Public Health Practice.

Public Health Informatics: Follow up on survey done by CSPH for Prevention Services needs to be done to find out what is likely to happen with the results. The first Technical Advisory Committee of the Environmental Health Tracking Grant meeting will be held in February and will be discussing items such as the secure portal for environmental health and public health data.

SWOT Analysis: Please send any thoughts on our strengths, opportunities, threats, and weaknesses we need to acknowledge as go into the next year of implementing the Act and the Plan.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 4th, 12:00-2:00 CDPHE, Bldg C, Room C1C