

**Public Health Improvement Steering Committee**  
**January 19, 2012**

Attendance: Jeff Kuhr, Tony Cappello, Karen Trierweiler, Chris Urbina, Lisa VanRaemdonck, Joni Reynolds, Karin McGowan, Jeff Stoll, Roz Bedell, Mark Johnson, Bonnie Koehler, Chris Lindley, Lisa Miller, Jeff Zayach, Lyle Moore, Jeff Lawrence, Mark Salley, Alison Grace Bui, Alyson Shupe, Stacey Weinberg, Kathleen Matthews, Sharon Adams, Jordana Pickman, Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Heather Baumgartner, Tsering Dorjee

Phone: Jim Rada, Deb Crook  
Jeff Zayach facilitated the meeting

Introduction of Tony Cappello, Public Health Director, Northeast Colorado Health Department.

Follow up on local public health improvement plans and state board of health:

- OPP to review and present summary to SBOH on annual basis.

A review of progress made in each of the strategic recommendations in the Public Health Improvement Plan was presented, followed by a discussion of activities for the upcoming year.

1. **Core Services and Standards-** Establishing Standards is the next primary activity for PHISC to tackle and must address the connection to the Public Health Accreditation Board. 19 states currently in process of applying for PHAB. Mesa and El Paso are the two agencies in Colorado prepping for PHAB accreditation. Jeff K shared that Mesa currently has a wall dedicated to the 12 domains and is using the PPHR process to organize their efforts, also the standards documents from PHAB are very clear so there is no guess work on requirements. Currently OPP is following what is happening nationally and at local agencies, and CDPHE is in alignment with the process. States that have had standards are now aligning with PHAB, so we need to seriously address the alignment.

**Decision:** a Standards Work Group will be chaired by Lisa VanRaemdonck and Alyson Shupe and is charged with recommending standards and whether PHAB standards should be used to meet the requirements of the standards requirement of PH Act. Several other issues around standards that this work group should address: will there be enforcement or are standards guidance? does there need or who should be coordinating body (if so what role – monitoring/assistance), are there competing standards, proposed timeline (SBOH in October?), varying levels of standards vs minimum quality standards? The workgroup will use an application process for members similar to other taskforces to remain transparent and recognize individual expertise. Kandi B would be a good member to recruit given her PHAB experience.

2. **Assessment and Planning:** OPP is linking and sharing resources from the pilot sites with agencies currently in the A & P process, this is a continual process with resources posted on the CHAPS website. Jill H shared that CHAPS is currently in its second iteration and is still being modified so that we are confident that it works for everyone. Agencies are using CHAPS in draft versions; the complete web version is almost complete. Local experience is being incorporated. Currently 67% of LPHAs are in the A & P process working with OPP. This is continual work.

The next statewide plan is due 2014 and will be more health outcomes based-CO Winnable Battles. Besides local plans rolling into the state plan, any assessment and planning at CDPHE program level should be coordinated, so work is not repeated. Alyson S feels our efforts now need to be towards the next plan and not focusing on what remains. Jim R shared that he would like us to move toward health outcomes, using the results of the local community health assessments and plans to look at how to improve health outcomes statewide and continue to address infrastructure. Chris U feels that the group has made tremendous progress and it has been a collaborative effort by both locals and CDPHE. Bonnie

K voiced that there have been multiple collateral benefits which may not be identified on any type of an “accomplishments” inventory and that we should not lose sight of the progress, using the example of the representation from across the state on the recent winnable battles teleconference.

3. **Funding and Financing:** Draft funding formula projected to be complete by end of February. The streamlining and quality improvement efforts across CDPHE have had a positive effect. Chris L. shared that PSD is going through a LEAN process to address contracting and how to find more efficient and effective ways to get contracts out the door, in addition they are also looking at the contract monitoring process and working to make it standard across the division. Roz B. discussed LEAN processes across CDPHE that address internal fiscal activities and that the Financial Risk Management System is now staffed and able to be implemented statewide by the end of 2012. Karen T shared that they are piloting the LEAN processes to see if it can lead to program level quality improvement. Jeff L shared that they are working on getting former part 6 agencies more outcome based. Chris U shared that CDPHE is committed to work internally and externally to improve how work is done; CDPHE doesn't have all the answers, we are learning as we get “leaner” and welcome local public health in the process.
4. **Workforce Development:** OPP is working on a draft orientation/session to locals about CDPHE the audience will be current and new public health workforce at LPHAs. The School of Public Health is taking the lead in many areas of workforce development, which is a continual process. CALPHO and OPP have submitted an LOI to CDC for a symposium on environmental health services, mainly focused on LPHAs that have newly recognized authority. CEHA is also applying for a grant to support the next Annual Education Conference.
5. **Roles, Relationships and Communications:** Most of the action steps have been completed in this area, however the work is continual, as relationships must be nurtured. Recommendation to develop a yearly retreat/summit to
  - a. Session on educating CDPHE/ LPHA about respective functions
  - b. Present local public health plan highlights and progress
  - c. Present CDPHE initiatives and changes
  - d. Attendees: Locals, SBOH, LBOHs, CDPHE and foundations
  - e. All presentations will be available on the web for those unable to attend
  - f. In conjunction with another conference, i.e. CCI, CPHA, CEHADecision to move forward on November 2012 CCI meeting
6. **Data, Technology, and Public Health Indicators:** Lisa M shared that CORHIO is still ongoing and CDPHE is involved in many levels: electronic lab reporting, new born screening, cancer registry and the immunization registry. CORHIO currently has one urology practice fully on board, but this is a long term endeavor. Jeff Z understands there are challenges in linking across technology but would like to see electronic linkages around winnable battles. Chris U shared that CDPHE is working with other agencies to try to make this happen. One challenge is that on the western slope, the Quality Health Network is the primary medical records service. Lisa M would like a platform to have technology discussions to learn what is happening at the local level. Jeff Z invited Lisa M to a local level discussion. Alyson S initiated a discussion about social media and technology usage, Lisa V will follow up with CPHA about a panel/workshop/call for abstracts at the next conference focused on this topic. Tony C shared that NCHD is on Twitter and developing a FB policy which they are willing to share. Alyson suggested the policy standards presentations by locals for social media and technology usage will be helpful to other LPHAs. Chris L shared that there is a workgroup at CDPHE focused on social media, he will take the idea of adding locals to the workgroup to Mark S and Karin M. Chris L described that comfort levels with social media vary across the state and that social media really is just another communication platform to put the message out.

**PHISC Charge:** Discussion:

- Should the charge be expanded to call out collaboration and connections made at the meeting?
- Shouldn't the focus of this group always be statewide public health improvement planning?
- Should there be more specificity to Core Services Rule?
- Does PHISC have a role in evaluation/outcomes?

**Decision:** Charge accepted with a few additions.

**Other Discussion:** Is there overlap between PHISC and CALPHO?

- There is a distinction between the two
- PHISC members are agents of change and meetings are for complex discussions
- PHISC members could be more inclusive in communication to CALPHO
- OPP update at CALPHO includes PHISC communication, members should continue and expand participation in update

**New members:** To invite: Tony Cappello (NECHD), Della Vieira (Saguache) and possibly someone for SW representation

**Meeting Schedule:** The every other month meeting schedule seems to be working with the off months saved in people's calendars in case meetings are needed. While the 3<sup>rd</sup> week is difficult in preparing for CALPHO, the purpose was to allow those traveling from afar to be at both meetings in person.

**Winnable Battles (Alyson S):** Executive sponsors Martha Rudolph and Nancy McDonald are in leadership role to keep winnable battles moving forward. Website was launched <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/winnable.html> Fact sheets and metrics in word format so they can be customized and formatted at local level for each winnable battle. Some metrics can't be measured at local level, for example clean water. LPHA's can use own metrics. The "For Our Partners" link identifies the CDPHE champion for the specific winnable. Teleconference audio link is also on the website. Press release regarding winnable battles is going out on Jan 24, locals will get it on Jan 23. Chris U is scheduled to speak with a joint legislative committee on March 8, 2012– focusing on the governor's three priorities of obesity, oral health, and mental health & substance abuse. February 6 the CDPHE internal champions will receive their charge. Chris U emphasized that this should be a shared process between locals, CDPHE, HHS, HCPF and other partners, one avenue is through shared media releases that show we are collectively making an impact. We need to think of ways to articulate and elevate what we are doing. We also want to make sure we don't lose track of other things we are doing. Alyson S asked that locals tell CDPHE what you need to move forward. Jeff Z shared that the alignment of resources at state level will be helpful. Chris U shared that Dr. Tom Frieden will be visiting in March and Chris will be showcasing local public health and talking about winnable battles from a state perspective.

**Co-Chair:** Joni R is our new co-chair and Bonnie K has also agreed to continue as co-chair. Jeff Z will continue to facilitate. Please send feedback to Jeff about how the meetings can be improved and what else you need to make them successful.

**NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2012 12-2pm**