

Public Health Improvement Steering Committee
May 17, 2012

Attendance: Roz Bedell, Tim Byers, Tony Cappello, Jeff Kuhr, Jeff Lawrence, Chris Lindley, Lisa Miller, Lyle Moore, Karin McGowan, Joni Reynolds, Mark Salley, Alyson Shupe, Karen Trierweiler, Chris Urbina, Stacey Weinberg, Jeff Zayach, Lisa VanRaemdonck, Heather Baumgartner, Kathleen Matthews, Kate Lujan, Kierston Howard, Shannon Rossiter, Corrina Quintana, Anna Vigran, Lorena Zimmer

Phone: Jim Rada, Deb Crook, Jackie Brown, Bonnie Koehler, Della Vieira

Jeff Zayach facilitated the meeting.

Public Health Standards Workgroup

Lisa VanRaemdonck, as co chair of the Public Health Standards Workgroup, presented the group's plans to meet monthly in order to develop a rule and initiate the public rule making process on minimum quality standards as required by the Public Health Act. The group is representative of local and state public health, CALPHO, and Colorado School of Public Health. The workgroup has begun to use PHAB as a framework for the public health standards. The Act did not define how agencies were to be accountable, so PHAB standards can be used, but the documentation requirements will not be included. Subgroups have started to work on definition with narratives on the interpretation. While reviewing PHAB, the workgroup is considering perspectives from various sizes of agencies. Tri-County and Chaffee County have tested the process. Anticipated timeline is fall 2012 rule-making with stakeholder process and a report including background information and recommendations. The workgroup will hold their third meeting on May 21st. PHISC approved the workgroup to use PHAB as a framework. The workgroup will continue to bring information to the committee for guidance and approvals.

Accreditation and National Public Health Improvement Initiative

Kathleen Matthews and Kierston Howard reported on the National Public Health Improvement Initiative national meeting they attended on May 8-11th focused on aligning work and national initiatives moving toward accreditation related to the grant the office administers. The annual meeting covers topics including local and state health assessment and improvement plans, quality improvement, and accreditation progress around the country.

The committee discussed applying for accreditation at the local and state level. Dr. Urbina stated that CDPHE would be working towards meeting the accreditation standards as these are best practices for improvement. He stated that accountability includes standards, planning, prioritization, all the things we're doing now. CDPHE would not be applying in the next year or so, but plans to be ready. The challenges of accreditation were discussed for both local and state. EPR just received state PPHR recognition which should hopefully meet one section of PHAB and the lessons learned will be helpful.

CHAPS/Winnable Battles Update

Heather Baumgartner presented that 94 % of Colorado counties are in the CHAPS process and 98% will have begun by June 1. The pilots have prioritized within the Winnable Battle areas. Web-based resources including county community health status reports, local PHIP websites, and local materials used during CHAPS have been added to the CHAPS website. In collaboration with the Center

for Public Health Practice, the Office of Planning and Partnerships recorded on-demand web tutorials on running county indicators, using the environmental health tracking network site, and accessing maps of socio-demographics. OPP is conducting a CHAPS webinar series giving locals a stage to present their lessons learned on the phases of CHAPS.

The local public health agencies called upon the need to share experiences on PHIP implementation specific to their priority areas. Counties that identified obesity as a priority convened a call with PSD and OPP staff. The LPHA Obesity Network calls have been conducted bi-monthly. Initial network calls on Unintended Pregnancy and Mental Health and Substance Abuse are planned in the upcoming month. Currently, OPP is coordinating the calls and connecting CDPHE's content experts and champions with LPHAs.

CHEIS is testing a BRFSS Mail-in Survey pilot project with Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Lincoln counties. The surveys will be accepted through May 25 and so far have a successful 37 % response rate. Using BRFSS questions allows for trend analysis and comparison by region and state for assessments.

Role of Communication in Local Public Health Improvement Planning

Anna Vigran, Communication Specialist with the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program and a recent graduate at the Colorado School of Public Health presented her capstone project completed in OPP that focused on current communications practices and available resources related to the CHAPS process to help the Office of Planning and Partnerships support local public health agencies' communications.

As many of these agencies were in the plan stage, the request for more communication strategies around the Winnable Battles were identified. Anna has more information that could be shared with the CDPHE Winnable Battle Champions. The committee proposed the champions and sponsors hear these suggestions at the next champions meeting to discuss current and possible strategies to align statewide Winnable Battles messaging and overall communications. If needed, PHISC can meet in June to discuss further.

Incorporating Health Equity Model into Local Public Health Improvement Planning Lorena Zimmer, Health Equity Coordinator with Prevention Services Division, worked with two CSPH students to assess how useful the CDPHE Health Equity Model has been for local public health improvement process. Her assessment encompassed identifying recommendations in relation to the usefulness of the model and collecting and applying lessons learned from existing pilot sites in order to mutually benefit everyone in the CHAPS process. The results showed that Agencies' current uses of the model are to employ it to support data collection, consider stakeholder recruitment and communication, prioritization, and strategy selection. Requests that were captured included: increase availability of tools and resources to facilitate use of the model in local assessment and planning; develop very specific, clearer guidance for infusion of model into local assessment and planning; embrace adaptation/tweaking of existing model; and assist counties in sharing lessons learned and successes in using the model.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 19th unless special June meeting is called.