

**Public Health Improvement Steering Committee
November 15, 2012**

Attendance: Roz Bedell, Tony Cappello, Mark Johnson, Bonnie Koehler, Jeff Kuhr, Jeff Lawrence, Lisa Miller, Lyle Moore, Jim Rada, Joni Reynolds, Mark Salley, Alyson Shupe, Stacey Weinberg, Lisa VanRaemdonck, Jeff Zayach, Sharon Adams, Heather Baumgartner, Alison Grace Bui, Kathleen Matthews, Kate Lujan, Kierston Howard, Shannon Rossiter, Corrina Quintana
Special guests: Colorado School of Public Health student interns Christine Castle, Dustin Currie, Margaret O'Neill-Frater, Gail Reeder, and Matt Vedal. Preventive Medicine Resident Maggie Cook-Shimanek.

Phone: Mark Johnson, Della Vieira, Jeff Stoll, Kierston Howard

LPHA Funding Decision Item

Kathleen Matthews has been working on increasing local funding by drafting decision items for the approaching legislative session. The first decision item proposes is to combine the two current Long Bill lines that are used to provide funding to local public health agencies into one line titled "Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies for provision of Public and Environmental Health Services". The second decision item suggests increasing the general funds new combined budget line to be distributed through the funding formula that provides support to each local agency to implement legislatively required core services. Additional moneys distributed through this funding formula will further implementation of the Public Health Act and improve public health across the state.

Public Health Standards Rule-making

Alyson Shupe and Lisa VanRaemdonck provided an update on the upcoming January rulemaking process. They presented feedback that's been received from the local public health agencies who have discussed standards with their Boards. Updated graphics have been developed at the request of locals. A presentation on Standards was scheduled at the CCI winter conference, but was bumped because of added sessions on Amendment 64, regarding marijuana legalization. To ensure communication and stakeholder input a webinar will be conducted for CALBOH and is now scheduled for Dec. 18. The office requested a January rulemaking on 11/21/12.

Statewide Community Health Assessment: Process and Product

Heather Baumgartner introduced the timeline, organization structure, and potential data inputs for the 2012-2013 statewide assessment. Assessing the health of the state will guide the 2014 statewide public health improvement plan, both requirements of the Public Health Act. The project goals are aligned with PHAB requirements to conduct a comprehensive assessment with a collaborative process that ensures public access to the completed product. The timing, energy, and supported NPHII grant all align with this forthcoming process. The steering committee discussed their role in the process. Discussions led to potentially forming a new group that would be representative of key state agencies, state and local leadership. The steering committee will concentrate on the logistics during a special December one hour meeting.

CHAPS Update

Heather Baumgartner presented a CHAPS update. All Colorado counties are in the CHAPS process. Eighteen counties have prioritized their health and capacity issues. Routt, Moffat, and Weld counties

have completed their public health improvement plan. New resources have been added to www.colorado.gov/cdphe/chaps. Phase VI has uploaded tools and examples of public health improvement plans. A PHAB/CHAPS crosswalk has been posted with standards and measures linked to the appropriate phases in CHAPS. San Juan Basin will be showcasing their hospital partnership experience during a CHAPS webinar on 11/27/12. The office is working to coordinate webinars on mapping tools, small population jurisdictions, and on conducting capacity assessments.

Five CHAPS Graduate Interns introduced themselves and their projects. The students were split into two groups during the semester; one group gathering quantitative data and the other group conducting capacity assessments. The interns are Christine Castle; Dustin Currie; Margaret O'Neill-Frater; Gail Reeder; and Matt Vedal.

Medical Officer Description Project

Preventive Medical Resident, Maggie Cook-Shimanek will be with the Office of Planning and Partnerships through January. She will conduct key informant interviews with local and state medical officers to clarify roles and provide recommendations for job descriptions.

Performance Improvement initiatives

Kierston Howard shared a summary of CDPHE LEAN activities. She asked the group how they'd like to receive regular updates. Kierston is available to consult local public health agencies as they plan performance improvement activities.

NEXT MEETING: December 20, 2012, 12:00-1:00pm to discuss statewide community health assessment structure.