

Public Health Improvement Steering Committee
July 19, 2012

Attendance: Roz Bedell, Tim Byers, Tony Cappello, Mark Johnson, Jeff Kuhr, Jeff Lawrence, Lisa Miller, Lyle Moore, Karin McGowan, Jim Rada, Joni Reynolds, Mark Salley, Alyson Shupe, Karen Trierweiler, Stacey Weinberg, Lisa VanRaemdonck, Sharon Adams, Heather Baumgartner, Alison Grace Bui, Tsering Dorjee, Kierston Howard, Kathleen Matthews, Kate Lujan, Kierston Howard, Shannon Rossiter, Corrina Quintana, Stephanie Cole (MPH student with CSPH), Chris George (resident student with Jefferson)

Phone: Chris Urbina, Deb Crook, Jackie Brown, Bonnie Koehler, Monica Leonard (CDC)

Kathleen Matthews facilitated the meeting.

PHISC recognized two key leaders as they transition to their next chapter. Jackie Brown, member and Public Health Director of Prowers and Kiowa counties will be moving to Southeast Mental Health as the Primary Care Director starting in September. Deb Crook member and Public Health Director of Summit County will be retiring at the end of 2012. We thank you for your many contributions to Colorado's public health system and wish you the best moving forward.

CDC's OSTLTS and continuation funding

Monica Leonard, CDC Performance Officer presented an overview on the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support and the National Public Health Improvement Initiative: Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes funding. The Office of Planning and Partnerships will be entering their third year of funding this fall.

In the first year of funding was used

- Salary support for Performance Improvement Manager, Local data specialist and program assistant
- Surveillance enhancements added to BRFSS and to the Child Health survey to capture additional PH metrics
- Baseline review of all LPHA's
- Strategic Plan (consultant, retreat)
- QI Lean consultants

In the second year of funding was used

- Salary support for Performance Improvement Manager, Local data specialist, program assistant and PI-OPP director
- Local assessment and planning allocation to LPHA's
- Core Services and Funding Formula
- QI Lean consultants and Lean training
- BRFSS questions and BFRSS Mail survey pilot

Office of Planning and Partnerships continuation funding proposal discussion

Kathleen facilitated discussions around the three objectives for year three.

Objective 1: Accelerate agency's accreditation readiness by completing a statewide community health assessment and public health improvement plan.

Discussion Points:

- The goal is to have LPHA assessments and plans complete by the end of 2013 creating synergy from the bottom up. This will be beneficial with fresh information to include in a statewide assessment. In addition to local input the statewide assessment will incorporate issue specific statewide assessments.

- PHISC will help determine the organizing framework for the statewide health assessment. Colorado's Winnable Battles and the Health Equity framework were a few suggestions made. Others asked about expanding data on the Winnable Battles, consider the slightly larger list used to prioritize Colorado's Winnable Battles, and include leading causes of death.
- Participation: The statewide health assessment calls for an expansion of partners that could include the community health, hospital associations, and health foundations.
- The assessment will include comprehensive look at Colorado's health and the capacity to achieve improvement. This will include asset mapping in the priority areas.
- PHISC will play an advisory role in the statewide assessment; helping bring statewide partners together and provide oversight to the process.
- We will need to be cognizant of partners being over-tapped with community input meetings on other health related efforts. It will be important to make the input meaningful and manageable.
- The assessment will inform the improvement plan's health and capacity priorities. Once priorities have been chosen we will have to focus funding, grants, and contracts on our statewide plan.

Objective 2 (required): Complete an organizational self assessment to identify gaps in meeting/conformity with PHAB standards.

Discussion Points:

- Conducting the self assessment demonstrates performance improvement and good public health practice for the department.
- CDPHE may want to approach PHAB standards in terms of how they meet the state level, and how they meet standards on local level on behalf or with LPHA. In other words, look at the state and local requirements together and against each other.
- The process will be further explored with CDPHE leadership.
- This process will meet our promise to focus on the customer.
- Role of PHISC may be to serve as advisory to the self assessment.

Objective 3: Identification and implementation of two or more performance improvement or quality improvement initiatives within applicant's agency

Initiatives include:

- Procurement Process Cycle Time - Getting vendors in quickly
- Grants management process efficiencies with routing and approvals - This refers to funding opportunities for CDPHE.
- Standard indicators for Food safety – define and establish standard metrics for all state and local agencies to report food safety-effectiveness.

Objective 4: Continue performance management activities

Initiatives include:

- Train additional staff in Lean methodology.
- Grants Improvement Initiative-centralized fiscal risk assessment for contracts-FRMS system
- Public Health Standards rule for local public health agencies

Public Health Standards Workgroup

The standards workgroup chairs provided an update on the standards rule development process, including a brief overview of the changes made to the standards rule and supporting documents since the last PHISC meeting. The most recent versions of the rule and supporting documents can be found on the OPP website. The standards workgroup met on Monday 7/23 to discuss recommendations regarding tools and system supports that will facilitate implementation of the proposed standards rule

Based on feedback received at the CALPHO meeting on 7/20:

- The rulemaking will be delayed so that PH directors can discuss the proposed standards rule with their Boards after the annual budget cycle. We anticipate going to the state BOH to request a rulemaking in November and holding the rulemaking hearing in January
- FAQs will be developed to further facilitate dialogue regarding the proposed standards rule.

CHAPS Update

Heather Baumgartner presented that 63 of 64 Colorado counties are in the CHAPS process. Additional counties have gone through prioritization focusing on Winnable Battle areas, capacity building and access to care. In response to local input, agencies can access a user-friendly site (Dropbox) to post and share locally created CHAPS documents in real time. Links to state, national and local communication tools and resources have been added to the CHAPS website. Local input also brought new health equity resources posted on CHAPS website. New on-demand videos have been posted to the web including information from local lessons learned and web demonstrations on the health indicators and environmental public health tracking data sites. CHAPS will be piloting an internship program through the Colorado School of Public Health MPH Program. The student cohort will be matched with counties to learn and support local CHAPS efforts. The project period will be August – December 2012. Heather presented to LiveWell Colorado Coordinators Meeting on 7/19/12 after PHISC to highlight Boulder County Experience Synergy between PHIP & HEAL.

Cross-jurisdictional partnerships forming and grant opportunities

West Central Public Health Partnership –received the Colorado Trust’s 2012 Grantee Leadership Award. The San Luis Valley region commissioners have agreed to support RWJ grant initiative to develop a partnership. They are working with CDPHE to provide regional environmental health services.

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2012

August is an off month and September’s meeting coincides with the Public Health in the Rockies Conference. Presentations at Public Health in the Rockies include an update on the Act and progress completing the 2009 Plan; CHAPS skill building; *Tools and techniques to capture and assess local environmental health issues* and *Tools and techniques to turn local priorities into a community health game changer*; Quality Improvement, the West Central Partnership and other related presentations. Hope to see you there!