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Colorado Department  
of Public Health  
and Environment

# SMART Hearing Joint Health Committees

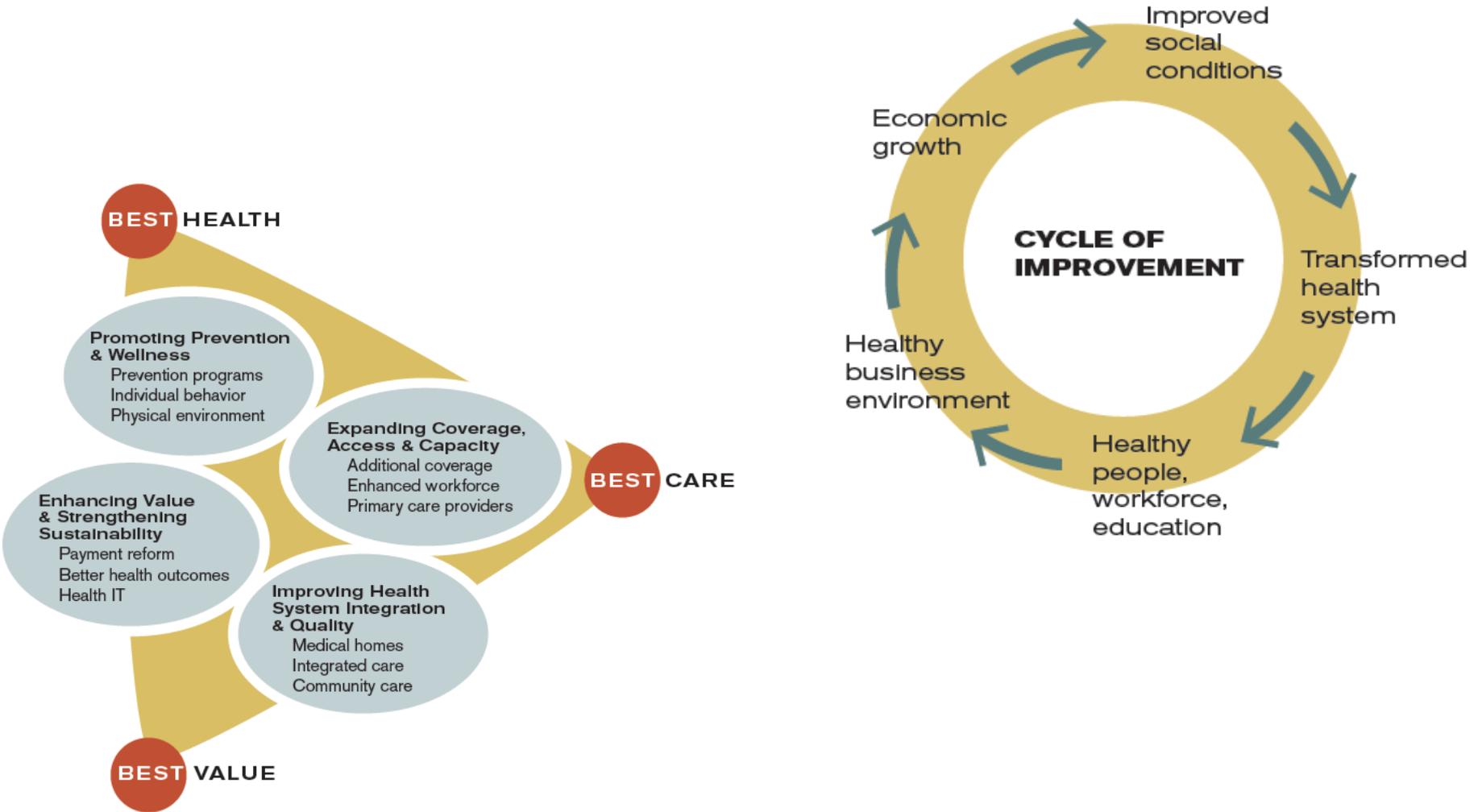
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# Opening Comments

# Our Vision: Colorado is the Healthiest State



# Setting the Stage

Affordable Care Act

Winnable Battles

Medicaid  
Accountable Care  
Collaborative

Integrated Care  
(State Innovation  
Models Funding  
Initiative)

The State of Health

Foundation  
Initiatives &  
Collective Impact

Safe and Clean  
Food, Water, Air

And many more...

The State of Health

COLORADO'S  
COMMITMENT  
TO BECOME THE  
HEALTHIEST STATE

Office of Governor  
John Hickenlooper  
April 2013

Full report:  
[www.colorado.gov/stateofhealth](http://www.colorado.gov/stateofhealth)

# CDPHE's Role in a Changing Landscape

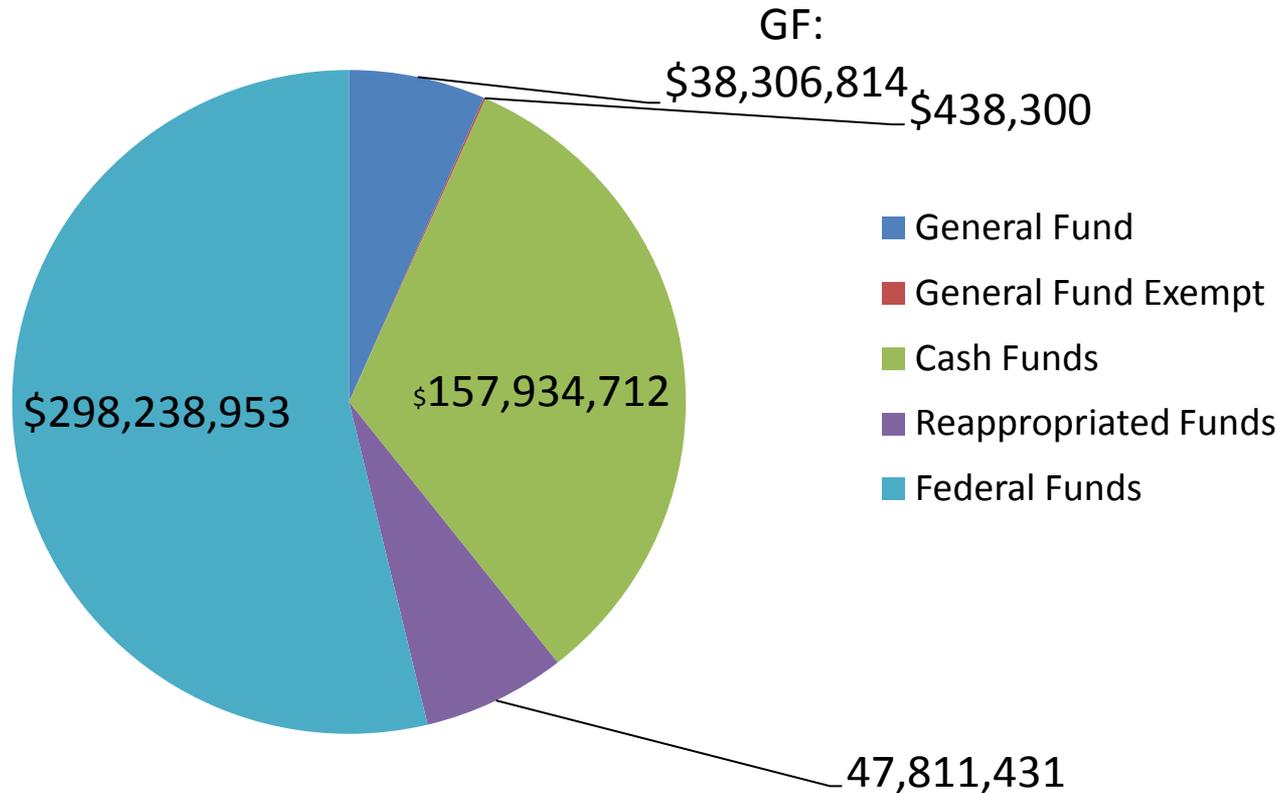
- **Helping Coloradans value their health and environment**
  - Maintain focus on current initiatives
    - Excel on customer service for existing programs and services
    - Flood recovery leadership and collaboration
    - LEAN, LEAN, LEAN!
  - Adopt health information technology
    - Multi-sector partnerships to enhance interoperability and streamline HIT investments statewide
  - Expand evidence-based information sharing
    - Information resource to support individuals and organizations
    - Medical Marijuana

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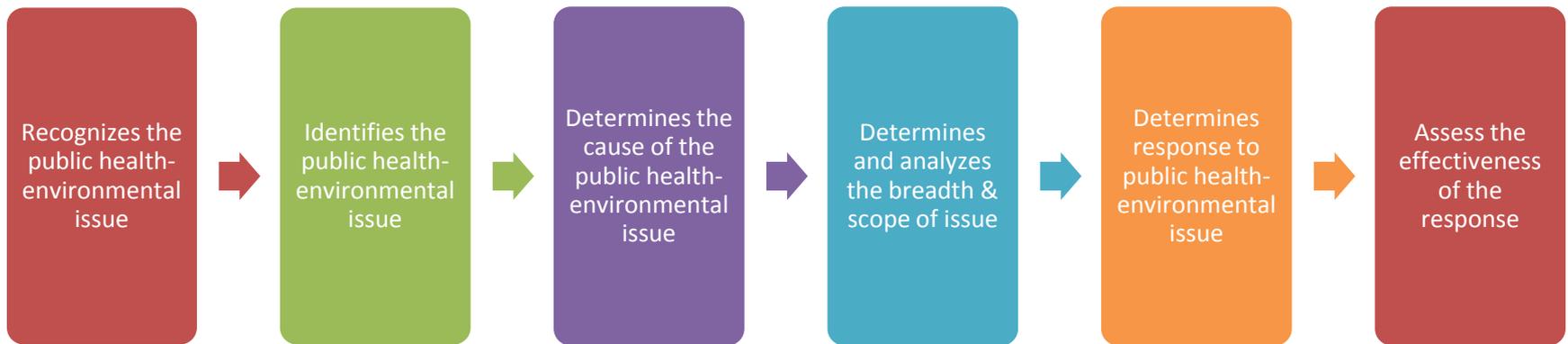
- **Helping Coloradans value their health and environment**
  - Ensure responsible regulation to protect health and environment
    - Balanced, evidence-based approach recognizing economic impact
  - Align public health system with health reform efforts
    - Support aligned and integrated approaches focused on person-centered care
  - Simplify health system navigation for Coloradans
    - SIMPLY HEALTH! effort to reinvigorate CDPHE as a centralized resource for all things health

# FY 2014-15 Request

- 1,241.3 FTE



# Public Health Environmental Protection is data driven



# Colorado's Winnable Battles

- Clean Air and Clean Water
  - CIRCLE
- Infectious Disease Prevention:
  - Increase percentage of kindergarteners who are current with DTaP when they go to school to 90% by 2016
- Injury Prevention:
  - Enlist, equip and engage injury prevention champions and advocates in all 64 counties to implement effective policies and practices that impact the five priority injury areas by 2016.
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse:
  - Develop and implement strategies to increase public awareness and prevention of prescription drug abuse by April 2016.
- Obesity:
  - CDPHE is working with a coalition of hospitals and local public health representatives to develop healthy food and beverage standards for a voluntary, Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact. In early 2014, 10 hospitals will be recruited to join the Compact, and a state-wide convening of hospitals is planned for later in 2014. The goal is to improve the health of patients, visitors and hospital staff through healthier food and beverage offerings
- Oral Health:
  - Build and implement a uniform, data-driven and culturally competent statewide sealant system that covers 75% of eligible schools by 2016.
- Safe Food:
  - Require standardized training for industry and environmental health inspectors by mandating 100% of retail food establishments have at least one certified food manager and 100% of environmental health inspectors meet FDA Standard 2 of the Voluntary National Program Standards criteria by 2017.
- Tobacco :
  - By 2016, decrease the percentage of adults to currently smoke to 12%
- Unintended Pregnancy:
  - Enable Coloradans to make informed sexual health decisions, free from stigma, coercion, bias and barriers by 2016.

# Department Initiatives

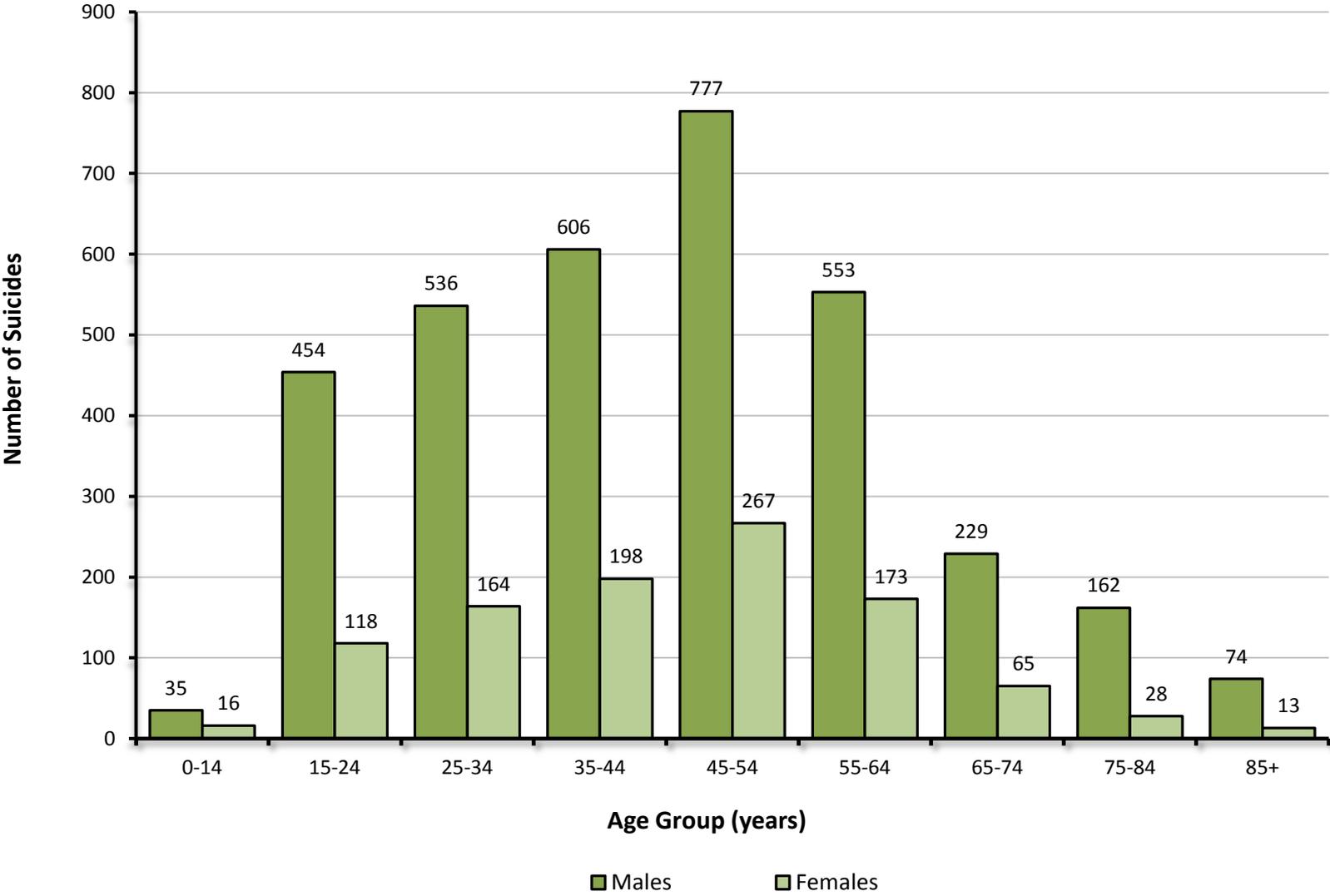
- Clean Air & Water
  - CIRCLE
  - Oil and Gas Permitting
  - Flood Response
  - Nutrient Funding (HB 12-1191)
- Infectious Disease Prevention
  - Hepatitis A Outbreak
  - Rabies
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  - Type 2 diabetes
- Oral Health
  - OAP Funding
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
  - FEMA mental health flood response
  - Prescription Drug Abuse/Misuse
  - Suicide Prevention

# Colorado Suicide deaths and age adjusted rates, 2008-2012

Year	n	Age-adjusted Rate*
2008	801	16.0
2009	940	18.7
2010	867	16.8
2011	909	17.42
2012	<b>1,053</b>	<b>19.7</b>

\*per 100,000 population

# Suicide deaths by age and gender, 2008-2012



Source: COVDRS

# Is suicide really a problem in CO?

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In 2012, there were:

45 HIV deaths

205 Homicides

457 Motor vehicle deaths

524 Influenza & Pneumonia deaths

585 Breast Cancer Deaths

798 Diabetes deaths

**1,053 deaths by Suicide**

Suicide is the 7th Leading cause of death in CO for all ages  
Suicide is the LEADING cause of death for Coloradans 10-24

# Department Stakeholder Processes

- Stakeholder meetings
  - Oil and Gas Air Rules/Permitting
  - Toxicology Lab
  - Stroke-STEMI
  - Access to childhood vaccines
  - Waste Tires
  - Produced Water
  - PACE

# Challenges

- Floods
- Federal Funding
- Air Quality Rule Making
- Toxicology Lab

# Challenges

- Federal Vaccine Funding
- Rx Drug Abuse and Misuse
- Synthetic Marijuana
- Rabies

# Recent Audits

- Inspection and Maintenance Program
- Medical Marijuana Registry
- CHAPP
- Amendment 35

# FY 14-15 Budget Items

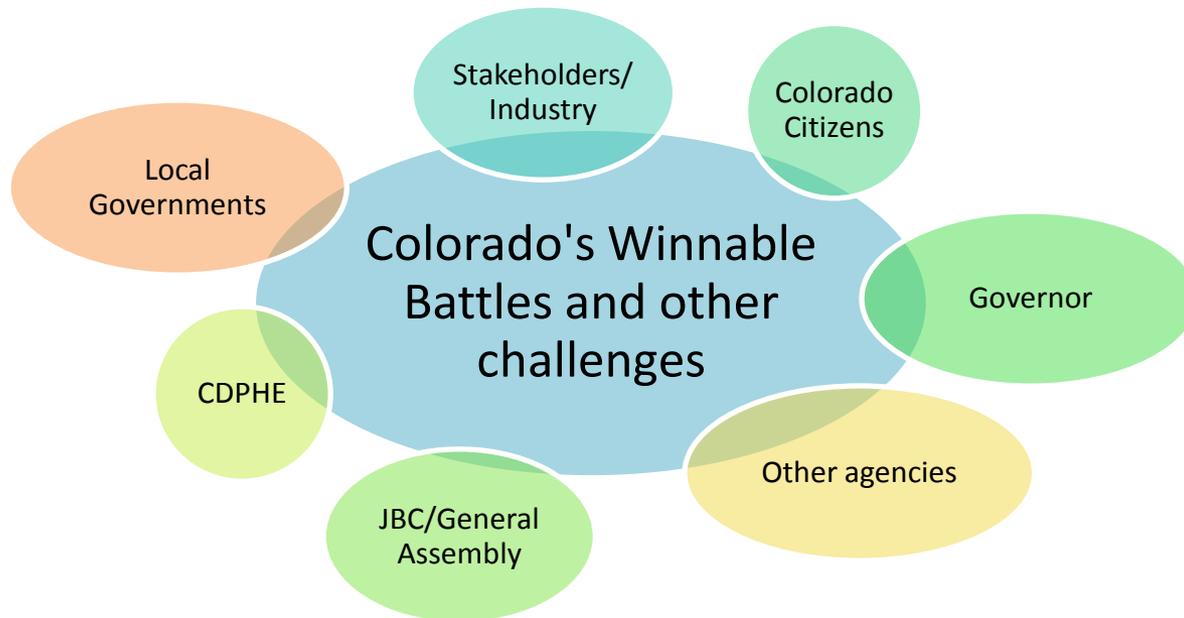
- Medical Marijuana Research and Studies: \$7M
- Contract Compliance: (FTE) \$70,000
- Indirect Funding: net \$0
- Water Infrastructure: \$12M

# 2014 Legislative Agenda

- **Medical Marijuana Registry Audit:**
  - Clarifying statute with Audit findings for data sharing including using contractors.
- **Evidential Breath Alcohol Testing Funding:**
  - Finding a sustainable funding source to replace these instruments for local law enforcement in 8-10 years.
- **Small Community Water Grants:**
  - Water Resources Review Committee voted to clarify that these funds could be used for both drinking water and waste water. It is currently unclear in statute.
- **Rx Drug Take-Back Opportunities:**
  - Helping incentivize retailers to participate in our take-back grants program by addresses barriers such as liability.
- **Customer Data Response:**
  - Clarify that we can continue to provide customer service to research institutes who request aggregate and extrapolated data from CDPHE.

# Summary

- Department strategic plan is the department's roadmap for success.



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