

Colorado Public Health Practice-Based Research Network

Tracking Infrastructure Changes

Due to Policy

Lexington, KY

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Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

Progress To Date

- Partnership in place
 - Public Health Alliance of Colorado
 - Colorado School of Public Health
 - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Founding Steering Committee named
 - Local Public Health Agency Members
 - State Health Agency Members
 - Faculty Members
- Interest gathered from practitioners and faculty



Founding Steering Committee

- Alyson Shupe, CDPHE (State PH)
- Heath Harmon, Boulder (Local PH)
- Kyle Legleiter, Prowers (Local PH)
- Lorann Stallones, CSU (CSPH)
- Lucinda Bryant, CU-Denver (CSPH)
- Sheana Bull, CU-Denver (CSPH)
- Snip Young, Consultant (State/National/Academia)
- Tista Ghosh, Tri-county (Local PH)
- Terry Bryant, CDPHE (State PH)



Initial Network Survey

- Brief practitioner and faculty surveys
 - To gauge interest
 - To create contact databases.
- 89 faculty replied
 - 10 with immediate projects
 - 21 interested in developing projects within a year
- 58 practitioners replied
 - 7 with immediate projects
 - 28 interested in becoming a network member



Our First Project

Colorado passed major public health legislation for the first time in 60 years.

Public Health Act of 2008



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SNOCAP

- State Networks of Colorado Ambulatory Practices & Partners
- Network of PBRN networks in Colorado
 - private practices (BIGHORN)
 - community health center clinics and other groups focusing on disadvantaged populations (CaReNet)
 - rural providers including some public health (HPRN)
 - palliative care (PoPCRN)
 - pharmacies
 - and now, public health (COPHPBRN)



Our First Project

The PBRN provides an opportunity to track changes in:

- Staffing
- Qualifications
- Resources
- Services
- Partnerships
- Budgets
- Structure



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Project Committee

- Kathleen Matthews, CDPHE
- Terry Bryant, CDPHE
- Julie Marshall, CSPH
- Judy Baxter, CSPH/RMPPRC
- Lisa VanRaemdonck, CALPHO
- Lee Thielen, Alliance/CALPHO



Our First Project

Easier Said Than Done

- Use of NACCHO Data to set baseline
- Annual Report Information
- Additional Surveys
 - *Avoiding Survey Fatigue*
- Research for multiple purposes
- Gathering data from all local public health agencies
 - *Build data collection into ongoing reporting mechanisms*
- Descriptive data
 - *inform research agenda*
 - *provide data for future funding opportunities*

But a great learning experience for all.



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Other Opportunities Arrive

- Fabulous partnership with Dr. Julie Marshall of the Colorado School of Public Health
- Approached by School of Medicine Researchers regarding Immunization Studies
- Searching funding opportunities to track regional services, public health law, etc.
- Evaluation/Review as a new line of business
- Gives CALPHO/Alliance a “reason” to talk about research with practitioners



Anticipating...

- Learning from other states and consultants
- New and stronger academic partnerships
- Stronger commitment to Essential Service on Research by Alliance
- Improved public health services over time



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