

Washington State Public Health Practice-Based Research Network

Measuring the value of Public Health through Practice-Based Research Networks

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Partner Institutions

- ❑ Washington State Department of Health
 - ❑ The Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
 - ❑ University of Washington School of Nursing, Department of Psychosocial and Community Health
 - ❑ University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Northwest Center for Public Health Practice
 - ❑ University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine, *UW* Health Promotion Research Center
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Legend

- PBRN Members
- Non-members

★ University of Washington
School of Nursing
School of Public Health & Community Medicine's
Northwest Center for Public Health Practice
Health Promotion Research Center

★ Washington State Association of
Local Public Health Officials
Washington State Department of Health

Approach to network research activities (1):

- ❑ LHJ practice Dartmouth Atlas analog
 - ❑ Communicable disease investigation protocols
 - ❑ Effect of budget reductions on public health programs and outcomes
 - ❑ The role of community providers in public health service provision
 - ❑ Effectiveness of core public health interventions
 - ❑ Performance measurement and health outcomes
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Approach to Network Research Activities (2) – Inconvenient truths:

- ❑ Not much money in base grant and consequent need to find longer, more stable funding.
 - ❑ Consequent distinction between what we want to do and what there might be money for.
 - ❑ Opportunism
 - ❑ New funding streams model
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Lessons learned/Challenges

- Practitioner and Researcher Enthusiasm
 - Limited availability of PI's
 - Appropriate engagement and role of LHD's
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