Cross-Jurisdiction Shared Services Arrangements in Local Public Health: Phase I

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Overall Project Goal

To provide guidance to local public health professionals and policy makers on the use of shared service arrangements to improve efficiency and effectiveness of local public health service delivery.

Background

- Local and tribal health departments (LTHD) function in a context of limited resources and increasing pressure to improve performance
- Cross-jurisdiction shared service arrangements (CJSSA) is a strategy used by 50% of LHD nationally and 71% of LHD in Wisconsin
- Motivators for initiating CJSSA include better use of resources, providing better services, and responding to program requirements (Madamala, et. al, 2014)

Cross-Jurisdiction Shared Service Arrangements (CJSSA)

“A written document that describes, defines, or governs sharing of resources across jurisdictions on an ongoing or as needed basis. Shared resources may include, but are not limited to, organizational functions, staffing, programs, services, capacity, data, information, and technical assistance.”

Study Advisory Team

- UW-Madison consultant
- Center for Sharing Public Health Services
- Institute for Wisconsin Health, Inc.
- Network for Public Health Law
- WALHDAB
- LHD Directors
- Northwoods Collaborative

Research

Study Conceptual Framework

CJSSA Features

Implementation

Performance

Outcomes

CJSSA Features:
- Nature of sharing
- Legal characteristics of agreement
- Program focus
- Communication processes
- Implementation
- Motivations
- Incentives
- Expected outcomes

Implementation (enactment scale):
- Time
- Leadership
- Resources
- Policy support
- Partner engagement

LTHD Features:
- Type
- Governance
- Region
- Population
- Expenditures
- Certification level
- Accreditation

Progress to Date

- Study Advisory Team established
- CJSSA extraction and interview tools developed
- UW-Madison Social Sciences IRB approval (LHD only)
  - Tribal IRB approval pending
- Recruitment in process
- Secondary data retrieval in process

References


Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics, Health Analytics Section. (2002). Local health department survey.

Next Steps

- Complete CJSSA data extraction
- Conduct interviews
- Revise/pilot test follow-up survey
- Disseminate CJSSA
- Conduct Phase 1 findings
- Conduct follow up survey
- Complete analysis
- Disseminate CJSSA Phase 2 findings

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