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Hospital Investment and Interaction in Public Health Systems

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Agenda

Welcome: Anna Hoover, PhD, RWJF Systems for Action National Coordinating Center & Assistant Professor, U. of Kentucky College of Public Health

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Health Reform Changes: Affordable Care Act (ACA) and IRS requirements that nonprofit hospitals conduct community health needs assessments and develop implementation plans.

We expect that these changes have resulted in:

- Increased **Investment** by Hospitals in PH Systems (e.g. Community Benefits Spending)
- Increased **Involvement/Interaction** by Hospitals in PH Systems (e.g. Community Health Needs Assessments)
Research Questions

RQ1: What indicators specify higher hospital interaction and investment in the public health system?
  ◦ RQ1a: What indicators inform successful Hospital-PH partnerships (interactions)?
  ◦ RQ1b: What indicators inform increased Hospital contributions to “Community Benefit” (investments)?

RQ2: How can data inform strategies for increasing levels of Hospital interaction and investment in public health systems?
Specific Aims

1. Develop a conceptual framework that identifies hypothesized indicators of increased hospital interaction and investment in public health systems based on the literature and a modified Delphi methodology.

2. Create a database of available indicator data for hospitals represented in the data.

3. Analyze relationships between the indicators and data on 2 outcomes: hospital interaction with PH systems (PARTNER data, AHA data) and hospital investment in PH systems (990 Schedule H data, AHA data). Determine which indicators explain increased hospital interaction and investment in public health systems.

4. Revise the conceptual framework to highlight those indicators that are identified as significant in Aim 3 analysis.

5. Develop a data codebook that includes the indicators for use by states to assess the status of their indicators, compared to other states.
To Accomplish Aim 1 (Conceptual Framework):

- Review of the peer reviewed and grey literature to narrow the framework scope
- Drafted conceptual model
- Convened expert panel to review, further narrow, and refine the conceptual model.
  - The expert panel consisted of 9 people representing hospitals (N=4), public health (N=2), and other national expertise (N=3)
  - Contributed diverse voices to the conversation
  - Provided feedback on the questions we are asking
  - Drew on experiences related to PH-Hospital interactions (what factors were most important in success and challenges?)
  - Reflected on discussion and process
  - Provided new resources and ideas
Conceptual Framework

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

LEGAL/POLICY ENVIRONMENT

MARKET CONDITIONS

HOSPITAL ORGANIZATION AND SYSTEM
- Organizational Type
- Leadership and Commitment
- Organizational Culture
- Data Capability and Use

PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND SYSTEM
- Organizational Type
- Leadership and Commitment
- Organizational Culture
- Data Capability and Use

PARTNERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS (INTERACTION)

HOSPITAL INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS
To Accomplish Aim 2 & 3

Create Database

- Three Secondary Data Sets
  - 990 and Schedule H Community Benefit Data
  - PARTNER PH-Hospital Partnership Data
  - American Hospital Association Data

- Merged All Three Datasets by Medicare ID

- Analysis Lens: Two Perspectives
  - Hospital – Public Health System: Cross-Sector Interorganizational Partnerships
  - Hospital – Public Health Agencies: Partnerships with only PH Agencies
    - NACCHO Profile Data
Nonprofit Hospitals in Dataset

- 134 unique nonprofit hospitals (Medicare IDs); 200 observations (some repeated within and across years)
- Size = 16-2083 beds, average = 284 beds
### Hospital “Investment” Data

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<th>All at Facility Level</th>
<th>Mean</th>
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<td>Total Community Benefit</td>
<td>$52.7 million</td>
<td>$105.3 million</td>
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<td>Total Community Benefit (%) operating expenses</td>
<td>11.47%</td>
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<td>Community Health Improvement Services and Community Benefit Operations</td>
<td>$6.9 million</td>
<td>$67.6 million</td>
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<td>Community Building Total</td>
<td>$0.45 million</td>
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990 and Schedule H Data
Two Lenses to Describe “Hospital Interaction”

**Phase 1: Public Health System**
- 134 Whole Networks
- ~41,000 partnerships
- ~6,000 hospital-cross-sector partnerships

**Phase 2: Public Health Agencies**
- 413 Hospital-Public Health Agency Partnerships
  - 159 reported by hospitals
  - 254 reported by Public Health

**PARTNER Data**

Data available from existing community level networks of cross-sector, interorganizational networks from across the US
- Health Focused Networks
- Each One Includes Hospitals
- Not All Involve Public Health
# of Organizations from 10 sectors
Next Step: Breaking Out Sectors in More Detail

Nonprofits

- Early Childhood Education and Development
- Health
- Social Services
- Environmental
- Economic Development
Perceptions of Hospitals by Their Cross Sector Partners

Phase 1: Early Descriptive Analysis
Perceptions of Value Among Cross-Sector Partners
Perceptions of Trust Among Cross-Sector Partners
Resource Exchange
- What do hospitals contribute?
- What does public health contribute?

Activities Engaged In?
- Types of activities?
- Level of interaction: Cooperative, Coordinated, Integrated

Perceptions of Outcomes/Success
- What do hospitals contribute?
- What does public health contribute?

Others
Implications for Research & Practice

**Research**
- Quality and Types of Data Available – Need for research to build the databases
- Many areas of the conceptual framework we will not be able to analyze in this study

**Practice**
- Can we leverage specific factors that may promote increased investments and interactions in public health systems?
- Can we target programs and interventions that will emphasize those factors in practice?
- What leverage points can policymakers look towards to balance the cost-benefits across the Hospital, Public Health, and broader Cross-Sector landscape?
Next Steps

- Running Models to Look at Relationships Between
  - Hospital Characteristics (Control Variables)
  - Hospital Investment in Public Health Systems

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- Revise Conceptual Model
- Identify Data Needs
- Translate Data to Recommendations for Practice
Project Information & Updates

go to: http://www.publichealthsystems.org/hospital-investment-and-interaction-public-health-systems
Commentary

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