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Defining Foundational Public Health Services

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Background – RESOLVE and PHLF

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- RESOLVE builds strong enduring solutions to environmental, social, and health challenges through collaboration.
- Public Health Leadership Forum (PHLF) funded by RWJF and is organized, managed, and facilitated by RESOLVE
 - Began Nov 2012, funded through April 2015

Background – IOM Recommendation

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- April 2012 *For the Public's Health: Investing in a Healthier Future*: recommends minimum package of PH services
“The committee believes that it is a critical step to develop a detailed description of a **basic set of public health services** that must be made available in all jurisdictions. The basic set must be specifically **defined in a manner that allows cost estimation** to be used as a basis for an accounting and management framework and compared among revenues, activities, and outcomes. The committee developed the concept of a **minimum package of public health services, which includes the foundational capabilities and an array of basic programs no health department can be without.**”

Background – Project

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- Jan 2013, PH leaders approached RWJF and RESOLVE – could the PHLF help move the IOM work forward?
- April 2013, convened PH leaders to determine:
 - Is there universal need/desire to clarify/establish foundational capabilities at state/local levels?
 - If so, what is comprehensive strategy for achieving development, implementation, adequate funding?
- July to December 2013: PHLF work to articulate FPHS
- 2014: Produced “V1”; gathering feedback; adding funding pieces and producing “V-2” (by year end)

Definition/Constitution WG Members

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- Terry Allan*,
Cuyahoga County
- Kaye Bender, PHAB
- Liza Corso, CDC
- David Fleming,
Seattle-King County
- Laura Hanen,
NACCHO
- Paul Jarris, ASTHO
- Paul Kuehnert, RWJF
- Glen Mays*,
University of KY
- Judy Monroe, CDC
- Herminia Palacio,
RWJF
- Jim Pearsol, Consultant
(formerly ASTHO)
- Bobby Pestronk,
NACCHO

Project Goal and Principles

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- Develop a **cogent, compelling case** for ensuring provision of FPHS, including securing **necessary, sustainable funding to support them**
- *Aspirational* and *prospective* (both in articulation and costing)
- Identify cross-cutting skills and areas needed to assure the public's health and establish adequate and sustainable funding based on **what is needed, not what is currently being spent**
 - Thus, FPHS must be detailed at level specific enough to cost out and not create “double counting” conflicts

Discussion Questions

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- Does the approach the working group developed seem on track conceptually?
- Does the framework resonate with you?
- What's missing?
 - In the framework
 - As part of this process/outreach

**Programs/Activities Specific to an HD and/or Community Needs
Most of an HD's Work is "Above the Line"**

Foundational Areas

Communicable
Disease
Control

Chronic
Disease &
Injury
Prevention

Environmental
Public Health

Maternal,
Child, &
Family Health

Access to and
Linkage
w/Clinical Care

- Foundational Public Health Services**
- Assessment (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Capacity)
 - All Hazards Preparedness/Response
 - Policy Development/Support
 - Communications
 - Community Partnership Development
 - Organizational Competencies (*Leadership/Governance; Health Equity, Accountability/Performance Management , QI; IT; HR; Financial Management; Legal*)

Foundational Capabilities

Definitions

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- **Foundational Capabilities (FCs)**: cross-cutting skills needed in state/local HDs *everywhere* for *health system* to work *anywhere*; essential skills/capacities to support all activities
- **Foundational Areas (FAs)**: Substantive areas of expertise or program-specific activities in all state/local HDs necessary to protect the community's health
- **Programs/Activities Specific to an HD or a Community's Needs**: Additional, *critical* significance to a specific community's health, supported by FAs/FCs; *most of an HD's work*
- **Foundational PH Services (FPHS)**: Comprised of the FCs and FAs; suite of skills, programs/activities that must be available in state/local HDs system-wide, provided by appropriate entity in the community

Example FA: Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

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- Provide timely, statewide, and locally relevant and accurate information to the HC system and community on CD and injury prevention/control.
- Identify statewide and local CD and injury prevention community partners and their capacities, develop and implement a prioritized prevention plan, and seek funding for high priority initiatives.
- *Reduce statewide and community rates of tobacco use through a program that conforms to standards set by state or local laws and CDC's OSH, including activities to reduce youth initiation, increase cessation, and reduce secondhand smoke exposure, as well as exposure to harmful substances.*
- *Work actively with statewide and community partners to increase statewide and community rates of healthy eating and active living through a prioritized approach focusing on best and emerging practices aligned with national, state, and local guidelines for healthy eating and active living.*
- Coordinate and integrate categorically-funded CD and injury prevention programs and services.

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Other Streams of Work

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- Completed or underway
 - ▣ Cost estimation working group (Glen Mays/UK)
 - ▣ Chart of Accounts (Dave Ross/PHII)
 - ▣ Federal dollars and assets currently in the system (RTI/RESOLVE)
- Needing further discussion
 - ▣ Alignment with PHAB requirements
 - ▣ Crosswalks re: PHAB, 10 Essential Services, FPHS
 - ▣ PH law analyses

Cost Estimation Working Group

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- ❑ Complementary Working Group convened by Glen Mays at University of Kentucky
- ❑ Methodology for data collection completed
- ❑ Pilot phase going on now in Kentucky
- ❑ Funding in place to launch additional data collection over next several months
- ❑ Produce an estimate of what it would take mid to late fall

Outreach and Resources/Feedback

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- Outreach
 - Conferences: NNPHI, NACCHO, ASTHO, Network for PH Law, AOHC, APHA
 - Webinars: ASTHO, with CDC STLTs
- Resources/Feedback
 - Public Health Leadership Forum
www.resolv.org/site-healthleadershipforum
 - Foundation PH Services website
www.resolv.org/site-foundational-ph-services
 - **Provide Feedback on the framework**
<http://bit.ly/FPHSFeedback>