

WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

10/7/15 Meeting Summary

New Partnership Members:

- Dr. Michael Brumage, Executive Director and Health Officer for the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department
- Rebecca Schmidt, Deputy Director for the Center for Local Health

WV Public Health Impact Task Force Update:

- 10/5 meeting was rescheduled for 10/14 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in South Charleston.
- The meeting will include a panel presentation on the formation and organization of the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, an update on the survey distributed to Public Health Impact Task Force members, and PHITF Work Group reports.
- The Center for Local Health has met with Bureau leadership to discuss the development of a system model in response to a request by the PHITF. The Center for Local Health has also reached out to the West Virginia Association of Local Health Department (WVALHD) leadership. Dr. Gupta emphasized that this is an open process and that proposals and ideas are welcome.

Statewide Electronic Health Records (EHRs):

- The Center for Local Health has been engaged in three areas around Medicaid and EHRs: Medicaid policies for local health billing, EHR incentive payments and working with a WVALHD subcommittee to explore new opportunities for reimbursement for services for local health departments (LHDs).
- The Center is working closely with the Department's Management and Information Services (MIS) to try to build a comprehensive picture of the services LHDs are providing to the Medicaid population. As this picture is clarified, the Center may be reaching out to individual health departments to assist in verifying that all services have been captured in the analysis.
- Dr. Gupta highlighted the contribution of Chad Bundy, President, WVALHD in working with the Bureau for Public Health around EHRs.

Environmental Health Reporting:

- The Center for Local Health is working with all of the Bureau basic public health services programs to develop methods for sharing and using data to understand and improve performance of the system.
- As part of this initiative, the Office of Environmental Health Services (OEHS) shared a set of basic indicators developed from existing required standards for LHDs.
- The indicators do not provide a complete picture of local environmental health activity but were selected in order to phase in required electronic reporting.
- For FY 2016, the data for the indicators should be submitted quarterly by all LHDs.
- There is currently a monthly report module in the Environmental Health Electronic Reporting System which includes the data used to report the indicators. However, OEHS is also building an Excel template of an environmental health monthly report. The Excel template is a temporary tool for collection of the data to allow a transition for LHDs not currently utilizing all modules of the Environmental Health Electronic Reporting System (HealthSpace).
- The purpose of both collecting data electronically and developing and reporting these indicators is to make environmental health operations at both the local and state levels more efficient; to identify training needs; and to identify inconsistencies among agency services.

- OEHS will be sharing more information and training about this process in e-mails and through other communication mechanisms.

Hepatitis B Protocol:

- The protocol was last revised in 2013. An archived webinar on the protocol is available on the OEPS website at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/training/pages/default.aspx>.

My IR (Immunization Record):

- My IR is a web-based application that allows parents to login to view their child's immunization record using a username and password. The application has been rolled-out to private healthcare partners in West Virginia.
- OEPS would like to roll-out the application to LHDs and is working on a plan.

Tuberculosis Program Transition

- Carmen Priddy and Libby Burgess are retiring in the next few months.
- OEPS is considering new models for clinical oversight of TB cases, including two-way video. Equipment needed for the video conferencing would be very basic.
- Counties that have seen disease in the past five years would be targeted.
- Partnership members suggested engaging local health officers in this discussion.

Process for Agenda Development

- The Partnership discussed the importance of focusing on agenda items that are cross-cutting and strategic versus agency and/or program specific issues, maintaining a placeholder for emerging issues and developing the agenda at the conclusion of the meeting when possible.
- Agenda items should be submitted to the Center for Local Health no later than the Friday before a Partnership meeting to assure members are prepared and should include:
 - Agenda item(s)
 - Description of the issue(s)
 - Action needed by WVPHP members
 - Copy of any handouts for distribution to WVPHP members
- A draft agenda will be circulated by the Center for Local Health no later than two days prior to the meeting.

Other

- The Public Health Symposium, presented by the Bureau for Public Health, Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services and the Charleston Area Medical Center, will take place at the Charleston Town Center Marriott November 19th and 20th, 2015. Agenda and registration details are forthcoming.
- The Center for Local Health will be sponsoring a Local Health Officer Summit. While initially tied to the Symposium, the Summit will now take place at a later date. The Center will be contacting several local health officers no later than next week to participate in planning the Summit.
- The Partnership meeting for November will be rescheduled so as not to conflict with the WVALHD meeting.
- The Center for Local Health is working with other Bureau offices/centers and the Office of Technology to develop a process for managing/reducing the 27 contact lists that affect/include LHD employees. The Center may be reaching out to the Association and/or individual LHDs for feedback on this process.