

FPHR Community of Practice

MEETING DATE: JUNE 12, 2024

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Meeting structure

1. The facilitator shares essential information about the responsibility to be discussed
2. The group unpacks the responsibility, typically in small groups
3. Discussions are summarized, themes, connections, remaining questions identified
4. The group identifies key points from the discussion to document in meeting notes, chooses the topic for the next CoP meeting, and lists relevant action items

Discussion: Policy Development and Support

Subject matter experts:

- Topic specific experts are easy to find, but experts in policy development itself are harder to identify
- Statutes, state-level boards, standards
- County attorneys, Public Health Law Center, human resources
- MDH, LPHA, and other counties – lots of sharing across counties!

Health in all policies:

- Wondering if a communications position can be combined with policy expertise
- Seems overwhelming and might be better suited to a higher level, like LPHA
- If cost is involved, it is often overlooked; often it is hard to know what policies are even being considered

Compliance and Regulation:

- This takes time, capacity, and money; often this is forgotten so LPH is asked to do this work without a budget; also need dedicated time from county attorney staff (they spend a good deal of time on child and adult protection)
- After the pandemic, this got harder – seems to many that public health is overstepping
- We need clear regulation and not leave it up to interpretation

Equity in All Policies:

- CHIPs have priorities around DEIB
- Equity can get pushback from county boards – confuse equality with equity; rural areas can have a lot of blind spots

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- Using language like Social Determinants of Health and health disparities can lead to more productive conversations
- Same struggles related to capacity as there are with health in all policies

Date: July 10, 2024

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: Teams

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