

Public Health Futures- Quality Indicators Work Group

Ohio Department of Health
35 East Chestnut Street
Basement, Conference Room A/B

October 22, 2013
1:00- 3:00 PM

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

In-person: Will McHugh, ODH; Joe Mazzola, ODH; Andrew Wapner, ODH; Kate Philips, ODH; Mahjabeen Qadir, ODH; Melissa Bacon, ODH; Cynthia Weiss, ODH; Terry Allan, Cuyahoga County, AOHC; Corey Hamilton, Muskingum County, AOHC; Amy Stevens, HPIO; Ron Graham, Lake County; Luke Jacobs, Columbus, OEHA; Claire Boettler, Cuyahoga County, OPHA.

Previous Meeting Summary

ODH provided an overview of the meeting held October 15, 2013. The meeting started with a request of the work group to review timeline at the end of meeting. ODH went through the survey monkey results by indicator. Asthma hospital admissions data were discussed as to whether they should be left on the indicator list. It was discussed they would keep them off and see what information is brought to the table next week. Survey showed support for the immunization, environmental health indicators, and epidemiological services. It was recommended to possibly have a separate, secondary group of indicators and only add an HPIO indicator to the main group if we find it crucial. It was suggested the target number should be between 12 and 20. The work group decided to create another survey monkey for members to rank the indicators 1 to 50 prior to the November 4 meeting.

Discussion and Identification of Indicators

The work group went through the entire indicators list. The work group discussed the limitations to including an asthma-related indicator such as data quality and variability in diagnosis. The group voted to remove asthma from the list. The group then discussed the need to include in the larger conversation recognition of "second tier" indicators that are more appropriate related to the larger health system and not just local health departments. Indicators such as diabetes, heart disease, Medicaid managed care, accountable care organizations. This discussion was centered around what local health departments, can, will and should still do in the context of these larger trends.

The group continued its discussion of the indicators on the list. The next section garnering the most attention was related to environmental health. OEHA convened a conversation with its leadership to review the current indicators and recommend possible alternatives. They would like to recommend combining audit scores in some form of a checklist every two years. ODH would need to review those ideas given current requirements and timeframes. Other ideas included increasing the number of trained staff and critical violations identified during an inspection.

Highlights of decision made at the meeting:

- Including language for dental sealants
- Removing interpregnancy spacing related to infant mortality
- Including EBT adoption at farmers' markets
- Including BMI reporting

- Setting follow-up meeting with OEHA before the next full work group meeting
- Removing language preparedness “after hours drills” and looking at alternative indicators
- Considering language for vital statistics access to records

Outline for Rules

A draft outline was shared with the work group for feedback and is available on the work group website. It includes three sections.

1. Definitions
2. Reporting of indicators
 - a. All LHD to report
 - b. List of indicators
3. Sharing information
 - a. Annual basis
 - b. Avoid duplication of reporting
 - c. ODH website and summary

Next Meeting

- October 30th 1pm to 3pm
- November 5th 1pm to 3pm.