Coming Together to Improve the Health of Our Communities: Opportunities for Collaboration Between the Clinical Care System and Local Public Health Departments

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Introduction

• Definitions: Local Public Health Department vs. Local Health Department vs. local public health

• What do we mean by “population health”? Examples of ways local public health work on “population health”.

• Challenges and opportunities for collaboration and integration.
Achieving the Triple Aim

Focus of Local Govt.
Public Health
Community health planning, health protection and health promotion efforts

Clinical care system
Individual level services (both public and private)

Experience of Care

Population Health

Per Capita Cost

Source: Institute for Healthcare Improvement
“Population Health” from the Local Public Health Perspective

Broad Conceptualization of a “Healthy Community”

What is a Healthy Community?

A Healthy Community provides for the following through all stages of life:

**MEETS BASIC NEEDS OF ALL**
- Safe, sustainable, accessible, and affordable transportation options
- Affordable, accessible and nutritious foods, and safe drinkable water
- Affordable, high-quality, socially integrated, and location-efficient housing
- Affordable, accessible and high-quality health care
- Complete and livable communities including quality schools, parks and recreational facilities, child care, libraries, financial services and other daily needs
- Access to affordable and safe opportunities for physical activity
- Able to adapt to changing environments, resilient, and prepared for emergencies
- Opportunities for engagement with arts, music and culture

**QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ENVIRONMENT**
- Clean air, soil and water, and environments free of excessive noise
- Tobacco and smoke-free
- Green and open spaces, including green spaces, canopy, and agricultural lands
- Minimize toxic, greenhouse gas emissions, and waste
- Affordable and sustainable energy use
- Aesthetic pleasing

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY**

**SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE AND RESPECTFUL**
- Support social and civic engagement
- Socially cohesive and supportive relationships, families, homes and neighborhoods
- Safe communities, free of crime and violence

**ADEQUATE LEVELS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**
- Livable, safe and healthy job opportunities for all and a thriving economy
- Support for healthy development of children and adolescents
- Opportunities for high quality and accessible education

Local Public Health Community Engagement Activities

- **Direct Services**
  - e.g., PH clinic services, AVRC, contracted SUD services, Nurse Family Partnership

- **Technical Assistance & Resources**
  - Community outreach & education, data sharing, materials & resource development, training
  - e.g., Parks After Dark, LAC Community Disaster Resilience Project, coalitions, commissions

- **Coordination of Services Across Sectors/System**
  - Health & wellness centers, Environmental Health activities, PLACE

- **Infrastructure and Built Environment**
  - Policies, legislation, professional guidelines & recommendations

- **Policy & Systems Change**
4 Area Health Offices (Community Health Services)

- Based in Public Health Clinics - Area Health Officers and community liaison staff (PHNs and Health Educators)
- Liaison to cities and CBOs
- Participate in Hospital Community Benefits assessments and planning
- Support DPH program initiatives
- Building community health planning coalitions in SPA 3, 4, 7, & 8
Examples of AHO Work in Communities

• Breastfeeding initiatives
• Emergency Preparedness Activities
• Activate Whittier, Lancaster
• TCE’s Building Healthy Communities
• Other city-wide initiatives, i.e. Healthy San Fernando, Healthy Los Nietos
Community Planning Efforts in DPH Programs

- EPRP - Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience Project
- PLACE
  - Healthy Design Workgroup
  - Working with cities in health Planning
- County Toxic Threat Strike Team
Community Health Improvement Planning in Public Health Accreditation

Similarities to CHNAs...

- Community Health Assessment (CHA)
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Cross-sector community input

...with some key differences

- 3-year cycle vs. 5 year cycle
- Total population
- Strategic plan for jurisdiction, not local public health department
Opportunities for Collaboration: Data

**Assets**

- LHDs have in-house epidemiologic and demographic expertise, growing GIS and HIA capacity
- LHDs have data from population surveys, vital statistics, disease surveillance
- Clinical care systems sometimes have proprietary data (smaller region) and data from EHRs

**Opportunities**

- Joining forces on data collection and selecting key indicators, benchmarks for community health planning
- Analysis /Evaluation of community benefit interventions
- Applying for PCORI research grants
Opportunities for Collaboration: Community Health Planning

Assets
• LHDs convene other departments and contracted safety-net community providers.
• Community benefit programs experience with development, connection to other CBs, private sector (providers and business)
• LHDs bring broad population health and social determinants perspective, work on the policy level

Opportunities
• Collaborating on community engagement to ensure cross-sector participation
• Jointly sponsor online platforms for community health planning
• Resources for meetings
• Common interest in evidence-based and promising interventions
Promoting *Integration* of Clinical Care System and Local Public Health Accreditation

**Challenges**

- EHR and billing for non-clinical interventions from LHDs
- Funding streams for episodes of care in population health work

**Opportunities**

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Models (CMMI)
- Medi-Cal expansion of behavioral health services
  - Coordinated Care Initiative for the dual-eligible
  - Health Neighborhoods (Whole-person Care)
- CDC Community Prevention Grant Funding
Health Neighborhoods

**DPH Vision:** Healthy People in Healthy Communities (LAC-wide population health)

**Health Neighborhoods:** to address local health disparities in five pilot neighborhoods

**Health neighborhoods:** integration of health, MH, SUD and PH services via regional service delivery networks
Thank you!

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