

Climate and Health Equity Coalition: Meeting Summary

KICK-OFF MEETING SUMMARY

DPH Office of Climate and Health (OCH) and Yale Center on Climate Change and Health (YCCCH) staff led introductions, which were followed by Coalition member introductions. DPH staff presented on the BRACE framework and grant objectives, including detailing the main grant activities, recent milestone completions, and next steps. The Coalition purpose and commitment were presented and discussed. The two Coalition subcommittees – Monitoring and Evaluation and Implementation and Dissemination – were introduced and members were asked to consider their preference, which DPH and YCCCH will do their best to accommodate. The Climate Impact Compendium was also introduced, and member feedback will be solicited. Meeting closed with questions and comments from the members.

Adaptation Activity Highlights

- The Local Health Director Survey will be used to inform a training curriculum for local health departments and districts.
 - DPH will work with 1-2 local health departments/districts for curriculum training and technical assistance per year, but we are exploring how to offer general training to all departments/districts.
- The Heat and Air Quality Preparedness Plans will be led by YCCCH, and applications will be solicited via the “RFP” process.
 - YCCCH will work with 2 local health departments/districts in grant years 3 and 4.
 - This component is funded at \$25,000 per local health department/district and funds will be disbursed via a contract with DPH.

QUICK LINKS: RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- Kick-Off Meeting Recording Link: [Recording](#)
- Climate Compendium: [Climate Impact Compendium](#)
- YCCCH Spring Symposium Registration: [Symposium Registration](#)
- Local Health Director Survey: [Complete Our Survey](#)

OCH and YCCCH Next Steps:

- Schedule quarterly meetings;
- Disseminate micro-survey on sub-committees;
- Release information on “Request for Applications,” from LHD’s on process for heat and air quality preparedness plans (release date is TBD); and
- Share guidance on Climate Impact Compendium feedback and comments.

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COALITION REMINDERS

- ❑ [Register Now](#) for the Climate and Health Equity Symposium, scheduled for **March 6th 2024**.
- ❑ If you’re a local Director of Health, please [Complete Our Survey](#) before **February 6th 2024**.
 - Note: all Coalition members will receive the survey to review and provide feedback, but we are seeking responses only from local Directors of Health
- ❑ Begin reviewing the [Climate Impact Compendium](#). Guidance on the process for submitting feedback and comments will be disseminated sometime in February.
- ❑ Micro survey on sub-committee preferences will be distributed later in February, along with submission details.
- ❑ Consider how DPH and YCCCH can support local climate work for health departments and districts that aren’t selected to work under the BRACE grant.