

Accreditation Learning Community
September 27, 2017
Meeting Summary

ASTHO Workforce Directors Meeting

Kristin Sullivan of Public Health Systems Improvement at CT DPH presented on updates from the ASTHO Workforce Directors Meeting in August 2017.

PHAB Update:

- Building Standards and Measures v 2.0 – released for comment in 2019; ready in 2020.
- Currently beta testing Vital Records Accreditation - address security of records, fraud detection
- National Evaluation of Domain 8:
 - 8.2.1 – some issues around requirement that WFD plan be responsive to a changing environment
 - 8.2.5 – challenge – providing TA to LHDs around HR issues. Ultimately PHAB would like to see HR best practices shared with locals.
 - DPH – scored fully demonstrated on all measures except one; with areas of excellence cited for leadership development and local public health training provided at semi-annual meetings
- Reaccreditation:
 - Themes: collaboration, partnership, community involvement, leadership for community health development, health equity, mobilization of the community, culture of quality
 - Now that you have capacity to do 10 Essential Services, so what? Tell me how you have used this to improve health

Potential Resource: ASTHO Change Packets (under development) – this will be shared with LHDs once completed

- Culture of Learning
- Organizational Communication
- Developing Leadership Capacity
- Enhancing Cultural Awareness in the Workforce

Training Opportunity on using the Prioritization Matrix to assess Core Competencies

Kathi Traugh of the CT-RI Public Health Training Center joined us on the call to describe her experience helping LHDs use the Prioritization Matrix, an advanced QI tool, to aid professional development efforts and simplify the Core Competencies assessment. This method has already been successfully used at a couple of LHDs in CT and nationally. For more background and information, please see [this article by the Public Health Foundation](#). The goal of the Prioritization Matrix is to identify the relative importance of the 8 Core Competencies domains within the context of the public health organizations' strategic objectives.

Kathi also proposed a training opportunity for LHDs. She has offered to run a workshop to train LHD staff members on how to use the Prioritization Matrix to help public health organizations and professionals effectively prioritize competency development efforts. The workshop is expected to be about 90 minutes, and the rest of the details will be ironed out when we have an idea of how many people are interested.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 25, 1-2pm

