

Mobilize Community Partnerships
November 13, 2008

**New Hampshire Division of Public Health
Performance Improvement Workplan**

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To improve the effectiveness and collaboration of community coalitions\partnerships to deliver essential public health services
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<p>Problem statement defined:</p> <p>The system’s ability to deliver essential services is limited by information gaps about coalition/ partnerships, including: numbers, types, geographic distribution, effectiveness, strategies to evaluate effectiveness, and common terminology</p> <p>Performance measure(s) with baseline data:</p>	<p>1) Identify what coalitions currently exist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define common terminology for coalitions and other partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taxonomy should not be exclusive <p>#2. Conduct an inventory of the numbers and types of coalitions and partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use existing maps and lists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the capacities/resources of coalitions/partnerships to carry out essential services 	<p>CHI, DPHS, New Futures, Public Health Networks, NH Hospital Association, Bi-State Primary Care Assoc, United Ways, UNH Cooperative Extension, Community Coalitions</p>	<p>Completed as part of survey</p> <p>Survey in field</p> <p>Complete 1st round of partnership survey by</p> <p>DECEMBER 08</p>	<p>Common terminology defined.</p> <p>Inventory completed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uses common terminology to capture the numbers and types of coalitions and partnerships in NH 2. Captures information on the capacities and resources of coalitions to carry out essential services.

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	<p>2) Gather from existing networks and previous plans info about partnerships, local community needs and priorities: #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point • NHPHN • AHHRs • Regionalization Initiative • SPF/SIG/Tobacco • PAN/HEAL 	<p>CHI, DPHS Regionalization Workgroup Public Health Networks/AHHRs Community Coalitions</p>	<p>January 09 and ongoing</p>	<p>1. Document history trail of regional partnership development activities</p> <p>2. Monitor or assemble assessments of partner capacity, needs, priorities in aggregate</p>

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<p>Too many different required “partnerships” with different “districts”</p>	<p>3) Create infrastructure that supports community partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build policy agenda to maintain consistent focus over time not subject funding shifts, media influence <p>#1 Issue call to action to the public health improvement services council to facilitate coordination among partnerships by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging concordance between RFP’s from funders that call for partnerships Encouraging broad-based coalition development Assess adequacy and distribution of current resources to support community partnerships Develop additional resources to sustain effective community partnerships 	<p>PHSI Council, Public Health Networks, Community Coalitions, Advocacy Org, CHI; Citizens health Initiative</p> <p>Health Funders Group DPHS, DOS, DOE</p>	<p>Completed and referred with action steps to PHSIC</p> <p>Jan 2008</p> <p>November 2008 progress noted in certain RFPs intended to build on existing partnerships;</p> <p>June 2009</p>	<p>Policy agenda defined</p> <p>Monitor results via a vis Call to action.</p> <p>RFPs from funders encourage building on existing partnerships</p> <p>Adequacy and distribution of current resources assessed;</p> <p>Additional resources accessed to sustain community partnerships</p>
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	<p>4) Mobilize local populations to support public health initiatives #7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build consensus and awareness that we are all part of public health (disseminate definition): ▪ Use the information coming out of communication campaign to educate community partners and public ▪ Assure practices that address community priorities and needs to maintain community buy-in 	<p>NH PHA Contractor</p> <p>All public health stakeholders</p> <p>Community Partnership Leaders</p> <p>DPHS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>See communications workplan</p>

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	<p>5) Encourage broad-based partnerships that find solutions to multiple public health priorities #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve coordination between existing single purpose entities • Hold conference on community health partnership best practices; learning/sharing opportunity • #3 Identify best practices in forming and sustaining partnerships; best practices in mobilizing communities. ○ Sub-committee to define what we are looking for; develop scope for intern ○ Work with graduate interns to complete lit review/web review; review both PH and SW knowledge, practice base ○ Provide technical assistance and tool kits for development of successful-broad-based partnerships • Pilot tools in a particular region 	<p>DPHS Mobilize Partners Workgroup CHI Community Partnership Leaders Dartmouth UNH School of Social Work UNH Institute UHN Coop Ext</p>	<p>Ongoing Late 09/early 10 Summer 09 June 2009</p>	<p>Coordination improved (need to define what we mean by coordination and how we will measure it)</p> <p>Partnership best practices identified</p> <p>Tool kit and technical assistance for the development of broad-based partnerships provided.</p>
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	<p>5) Evaluate coalitions/partnerships#4 (THIS LINKS TO #3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify strategies for evaluating community partnerships ▪ Disseminate tools and provide technical assistance to carry out evaluation ▪ Share results of evaluations as appropriate ▪ Use evaluation results to inform practice and policy 	<p>UNH School of Social Work UNH Institute UHN Coop Ext DPHS Dartmouth CHI</p>	<p>September 09 and ongoing</p>	<p>Strategies for Self-evaluation of community partnerships identified.</p> <p>Tools and technical assistance for evaluation provided.</p> <p>Findings from evaluation used to improve coalition/partnership development activities</p>