



Moving Towards a Regional Public Health System in NH

Governance Assessment Update

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Regionalization Goal

- **Overall Goal** – A performance-based public health delivery system, which provides all 10 essential public health services throughout New Hampshire



Governance Assessment: Understanding the Context

- What does this governance link thing mean?



Governance Assessment Tool

- Adapting the NPHPS governance tool to have a facilitated discussion with stakeholders in each region
- Participants include municipal / county officials, key public health service providers

What's the Process?

1. *Public Health Region* is established
2. *Public Health Council* is established and serves as the governing body



Members include:
municipalities within the
region,
County government,
nongovernmental
organizations

3. The *public health council* designates a *lead public health entity* for the region





Lead Public Health Entity: 4 Potential Options

- Council designates lead public health entity:
 - Existing private, non-profit
 - Municipality
 - County
 - New private, non-profit for this specific purpose



Governance Tool: First Section

- In your region, is there a mechanism in place for assessing the availability of national, state or local resources (financial, personnel, and technological) required for community health education and promotion programs?
 - Not Ready
 - Almost There
 - On the Way
 - Ready



Governance Tool: Second Section

- Would it matter who played the role of lead public health entity in efforts of the regional public health council to accept or obtain public or private funding?



Governance Assessment

Goal:

- Educate communities about the role government plays in local public health.
- Gain an understanding of what the governing structure will look like as the state develops public health regions.
- Use what we've learned from assessments to propose necessary statute changes to support efforts.



Next Steps & Timeframe

- Pilot governance assessment tool in 3 regions
- Fall & Winter
- Work with all regions in early 2009



Questions & Ideas Encouraged

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