

Public Health Advisory Board and CLHO/PHD Joint Leadership Team guidance for public health modernization funding

CLHO meeting

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PHAB guidance for allocating new funding for public health modernization

(Discussed at May 18 PHAB meeting)

- Public health modernization **funding that remains with OHA should be focused on meeting the needs of the local public health system**, especially small local health departments. Examples may be assessment and epidemiology work and technical support.
- If funding is to be used for pilot sites, **an RFP should be structured so that larger, more resourced counties do not have an advantage** over smaller or less resourced counties.
- **Allocate funds for groups of counties** who self-identified as working together to improve a need or capability.
- **Identify a key capability** to focus on and identify which counties need more improvement based on the public health modernization assessment.
- Allocating funds for planning to all LPHAs will **give LPHAs resources to implement cross-jurisdictional sharing and strategic partnerships** with other organizations and to leverage additional funding.

Conference of Local Health Officials and OHA Public Health Division Joint Leadership Team (JLT) discussion, based on PHAB recommendations

(Discussed at June 8 JLT meeting)

- Initial funds should be focused on specific health outcomes to demonstrate progress.
- Capacity building and planning are critical; this will be emphasized in the approach to meeting the improved health outcomes.
- Ensure all LPHAs are able to move forward with an investment in public health modernization.
- Limit a possible have/have-not scenario by directing funds to all LPHA size bands.
- Support/incentivize regional approaches to service provision.
- Utilize available funding to fill gaps identified in the public health modernization assessment. Gaps are not uniform across the public health system.
- Limit specific requirements for the delivery of foundational capabilities and programs, in lieu of common outcomes across the public health system.
- Utilize OHA resources to increase capacity across the entire public health system, provide technical assistance, and perform state-level functions, such as assessment and epidemiology.

- Invest in areas that can produce outcomes while also absorb any future funding shocks to the public health system.

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(Discussed at June 15 JLT and CLHO meetings)

- Need to demonstrate progress on public health process measures within the 2017-19 biennium.
- Regional epidemiology work is a tactic that would fulfill both programmatic and public health governance change needs.
- Funding is directed to LPHAs working in collaboration with other partners to implement the scope of work.
- Formal memoranda of understanding may be difficult to garner expect as a condition of funding even if there is significant cross-jurisdictional sharing currently underway.