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Foundational Public Health Services Costing & Capacity Assessment

TiteHealth Officer Talking Points for Internal Use

The national [Foundational Public Health Services](#) (FPHS) model outlines the modern infrastructure necessary for public health departments. Completing the Wisconsin Foundational Public Health Services Costing and Capacity Assessment will benefit our health department and the state's public health system in the following ways:

- **Providing a Common Language:**
The FPHS provides a common language to communicate what local public health does and the value that work brings to individuals and communities.
- **Building on Existing Required Services:**
The FPHS model has already received buy-in at the local and state levels as Wisconsin Chapter DHS 140, which outlines the required services for local health departments, includes numerous references to the foundational capabilities and areas.^{1*}
- **Further Aligning Resources and Services to Meet Community Needs:**
Local health departments who have conducted similar assessments in other states have furthered efficiencies and effectiveness through expanding governmental and community partnerships, as well as cross-jurisdictional sharing arrangements.

Public Health 3.0 envisions a strong local public health infrastructure in all communities. In order to achieve this vision in Wisconsin, we must first assess the existing infrastructure and identify and quantify resource gaps.

^{1*} DHS 140 was last revised in 2019. Local health departments across Wisconsin began the process of reassessing and retooling services to be better aligned with the FPHS, with efforts largely redirected since 2020 due to the pandemic response.

- **Moving Local Public Health Forward:**
Local health departments are evolving to serve as the ‘community health strategist’ for their service area, playing a key leadership role in addressing the social determinants of health to improve conditions for all residents. The assessment will provide valuable information for local health departments in order to effectively serve in the community health strategist role.
- **Identifying Gaps in Funding & Workforce:**
The assessment will analyze current capacity and funding for the FPHS and the amount needed to fully fund these services within our health department and throughout the state.
- **Providing Connections to Accreditation:**
The [Public Health Accreditation Board](#) has incorporated much of the FPHS framework into their accreditation standards. Implementing the Foundational Public Health Services builds towards being accreditation ready and supporting accreditation.
- **Providing Connections to National Public Health Efforts:**
Trust for America’s Health, the American Public Health Association, and other groups are using the FPHS model and Public Health 3.0 concepts in their advocacy efforts at the federal level. Additional federal funding can be deployed quickly and targeted to where it is most needed if we understand Wisconsin’s current resource gaps.