

MINUTES

Public Health Alliance

March 5, 2013 2-3pm

Of Southern California

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Call highlights:

- Provided background on Alliance, as well as impetus for Data Committee
- Discussed existing indicator projects that could be useful to Alliance, including the HiAP Health Communities Indicator Project

Call Attendees:

Deirdre K. Browner	San Diego
Matthew Feaster	Pasadena
Michele Mickiewicz	Santa Barbara
Danyte Mockus	Riverside
Manal Aboelata	Prevention Institute
Neil Maizlish	CDPH
Tony Kuo	Los Angeles
Travers Yoshio Ichinose	Orange County
Evelyn Trevino	San Bernardino

Next Steps:

- **Help correct/ complete [google doc](#)** of potentially helpful indicator projects/ data collection projects currently underway in region/ state. We will discuss these on the next call. The goal is to identify projects that may be helpful to the Alliance as we begin to develop our own list of indicators for use as part of our project.
- **Review the Healthy Indicator Project Core Indicators** (attached: *Healthy_Community_Indicators_Core_list1-15-13Table1-5.pdf*). We will discuss which of these indicators might be most salient for the work of the Alliance on the next call.
- **Elect Data Committee Chair:** email poll will be sent out in the next week.

Minutes:

1. **Introductions**
2. **Background on Collaborative**

Carla presented a brief summary of the Collaborative, and the impetus for the Data Committee (please see attached presentation). The Data committee was established to:

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- Characterize Chronic Disease and its relationship to the built environment/social determinants in the Southern California Region by agreeing on common indicators of health that can be used across the region
- Support the work of Healthy Transportation and Healthy Food Procurement Priority Initiatives by providing recommendations on data.

3. Discussion of existing indicator projects, and how we might leverage them to create a portrait of the region through data.

Group began brainstorming a list of current health + healthy community indicator projects going on in the region and in the state. The purpose of this exercise is to identify what work on indicators has already been done so that we can draw on this work as we begin looking at Southern California indicators.

Dr. Kuo asked what the Committee was planning to do with the health indicators. Dr. Mockus suggested that the goals were two-fold:

- Select common indicators that extend across our regional geography (all 10 LHDs) so we can measure change over the course of our project
- Select common indicators that we feel are good measures of equity/social determinants of health, to facilitate this conversation in our Alliance.

Evy Trevino suggested that we should focus not just on collecting/developing health indicators, but on developing *healthy community* indicators that support our project goals, such as indicators related to healthy food and transportation access, travel data, VMT, measures of a healthy built environment.

- **In summary, the group will complete this short brainstorming exercise on current indicator projects by collectively filling out shared [google doc](#) spreadsheet. This information will then be used as a reference as we begin to consider indicators for use by the Alliance.**

4. Dr. Maizlish spoke about the HiAP Healthy Community Indicators project

- The goal of the Healthy Community Indicator Project is to create and disseminate indicators linked to the Healthy Communities Framework developed by the Health in All Policies Task Force. (For an overview of the project, please see the document "[CDPH_Healthy_Community_Indicators1pager5-16-12.pdf](#)" attached.)
- An overview of the HiAP Framework, with the draft correlated indicators is attached [Healthy_Community_Indicators_Core_list1-15-13Table1-5.pdf](#)

Dr. Maizlish spoke about plans to tailor these indicators for use on a local basis. This project of vetting/ tailoring the indicators is currently being conducted in the Bay Area. Dr. Maizlish and the Strategic Growth Council intend to do a similar vetting/tailoring of the indicators process in

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Southern California. Dr. Maizlish suggested that the Data Committee for the Alliance could be involved with this process. There appeared to be strong interest among the Data Committee members in this.

5. **Help elect Data Committee Chair:** As specified in the Alliance Charter, we are looking for nominees for the Data Committee. Responsibilities include:
 - Working with PHA staff to develop Data Committee call agendas.
 - Participating on monthly Steering Committee calls, and relaying Data Committee needs and accomplishments to the Steering Committee and Leadership Council meetings.
 - Representing the Data Committee at in-person Leadership Council meetings.

Only Local Health Department representatives are eligible for this position. An email soliciting nominees will go out to eligible DC Members. Voting is expected to take place via email poll

6. **Additional Members:** Carla asked if there were other groups/ individuals who should be included on the Data Committee. Dr. Kuo suggested including someone from CHIS, as well as Dr. Margaret Shi of the LA County Health Survey. Alliance Staff will extend an invitation to these groups. Please contact Carla if you have ideas for additional members.
7. **Best Practices:** One function of the Data Committee as it was envisioned by the Leadership Council was that it could serve as an area for peer sharing/ capacity building around data in our LHDs. Members are asked to consider what types of topics they would like to hear more about/ discuss in a peer sharing capacity. Deirdre Browner from San Diego suggested that she would like to hear more about Dr. Maizlish's ITHIM study, an idea which was seconded by the other DC members on the call.
8. **Next Steps**
 - **Help complete google doc** of potentially helpful indicator projects/ data collection projects currently underway in region/ state. We will discuss these on the next call. The goal is to identify projects that may be helpful to the Alliance as we begin to develop our own list of indicators for use as part of our project. For information on LHD indicators, it may be useful to look at the spreadsheet "*Co_Health_Status_Reports_2011.xls*" from Dr. Maizlish which is attached.
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9. **Next Call**

Tuesday April 2, 2013 from 2-3pm.