

The Public Health Improvement Steering Committee

Charge

The Public Health Improvement Steering Committee accepts shared responsibility among leadership of local, state, and community to oversee the implementation of the Public Health Act and move Colorado's Public Health Improvement Plan forward. The Public Health Improvement Steering Committee defers to the State Board of Health as the overall, ongoing authority.

Roles & Responsibility

- Provide vision and direction to Public Health Improvement Plan and Act.
- Support the Office of Planning and Partnerships in the remaining statutory requirements of SB 08-194 (core services, standards, and funding formula).
- Co-chair, participate and/or assist in selection of membership of task or topic specific groups identified to move the recommendations of the Public Health Improvement Plan forward.
- Identify opportunities in common with other committees, workgroups and organizations.
- Keep up the momentum in improving the public health system
- Act as ambassadors and educators on the Act and Plan.
- Determine process and timetable for accomplishing tasks
- Obtain broad input into decision-making by using the methods that are most appropriate for the task. These methods could include one-on-one interviews, email surveys, group meetings, large forums, formation of a task force or committee.
- Engage CDPHE programs, local agencies and other partners to align with implementation of the Act and Plan

Member Expectations

- Participate in monthly meetings and additional conference calls as needed.
- Bring the perspective of the stakeholder group you represent to all discussions and decisions.
- Gather input from colleagues and constituents and report back to them.
- Be prepared to contribute clear and focused ideas for discussion.
- Share accountability in the successes or failures in implementing the Public Health Improvement Plan and Act.

Composition

The committee shall be comprised of leaders from local public health and environmental health agencies, CDPHE leadership or senior management, State Board of Health, and other partners in the public health system relevant to the purpose and deliverables of the group. Members should have positions that can facilitate change and be able to solicit input from their respective boards of health, county commissioners, constituents, stakeholders and staff.

Working Principles

- Be a true partnership with open communication and transparency in decision making
- Work collaboratively, not as outside entities advocating for interests
- Consider the impact of decisions on multiple constituencies.
- Form solutions that are feasible from the points of view of all the partners and are consistent with the intent of the PH Act.
- Consider fiscal implications (positive and negative) of all decisions.
- Identify positive incentives for improvements
- Maximize the use of available resources, develop local capacity and build on regional strengths
- Support discourse, learning and leadership in public health

2010 Members

Co-chair- Chris Urbina, MD, MPH

Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer ,
CDPHE

Co-chair- Bonnie Koehler

Deputy Director, Delta County Public Health

Members

<i>Local</i>	<i>State-CDPHE</i>	<i>Other</i>
Jackie Brown, APRN, MSN, FNP Director, Prowers County Public Health	Martha Rudolph Executive Director, CDPHE	Tim Byers, MD, MPH Associate Dean, CSPH
Deb Crook, RN, MSN Director, Summit County Public Health	Karen DeLeeuw, MSW Director, Center for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention	Gini Pingnot Special Projects Coordinator Colorado Counties, Inc
John Crosthwait Director, Northeast CO Health Dept.	Jillian Jacobellis, PhD, MS Director, Preventions Services	Glenn Schlabs President, State Board of Health
Mark Johnson, MD, MPH Executive Director, Jefferson Co. PH	Jeff Lawrence Director, Environmental Health and Sustainability	Lisa Van Raemdonck Executive Director, CALPHO
Bonnie Koehler Deputy Director, Delta County Public Health	Chris Lindley Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response	Chris Wiant, MPH, PhD President and CEO, Caring for Colorado
Jeff Kuhr, PhD Director, Mesa County Health Department	Lisa Miller, MD Director, Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology	
Jim Rada, REHS Environmental Health Mgr., Garfield Co. Public Health	Karin McGowan Director, Office of Policy, External Affairs and Planning,	
Jeff Stoll, MPH PH Director, Broomfield HHS	Alyson Shupe, MSW, PhD Chief, Health Statistics,	
Stacy Weinberg, MA Director of Epidemiology, Planning and Communication Tri-County Health Department	Karen Trierweiler Director, Center for Health Families and Children	
Jeff Zayach , MS Executive Director, Boulder Co. PH		

In attendance, Mark Salley, Director of Communications, CDPHE

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