

State Public Health Systems Assessment

Outline for Update at SCC Meeting on September 17, 2020

Original Plan

In Person Meeting on September 17 in Augusta with about 100 participants.

Utilize SPHSA Instrument assessing public health system across standards and sub-standards for each of the ten essential public health services.

Committee formed after the December 2019 SCC meeting, including SCC members, district liaisons, MPHA, and stakeholders to review 2010 SPHSA Process including in-person logistics and support, participant/organization involvement, and understanding the type of partner organizations at the state level.

Due to COVID-19 and Governor's Executive Order, meetings of certain sizes would not be allowed, postponing Maine CDC in-person type meetings like the LPHSA (meetings had lead and logistical facilitators and recorders; see below for LPHSA sessions). The SPHSA Committee continued to meet with a new focus on a possible virtual meeting in October/November 2020.

In August 2020, with COVID-19 uncertainties, Maine CDC thought that assessments like the SPHSA should be held off until the COVID-19 event settles down. Even having a virtual one may not attract the necessary expertise to a meeting and that an assessment like this may need the in-person interaction for the instrument to give all participants a voice.

What has the committee done?

- Review the instrument and get a context to the questions.
- Review the 2010 SPHSA Report and Invite List.
- Review the Cross walk of the Standards to the types of Sectors who should participate.
- Think through a virtual process that would utilize time efficiently and effectively: for example, for the gap analysis, capture that information in a questionnaire prior to the assessment; keep the assessment session for each standard to two hours with a discrete number of participant expertise in the

virtual room; utilize various techniques to capture information in the zoom platform.

What is next?

- Complete and confirm the final participant/organization invite list.
- Create a pre-event questionnaire to capture SWOT/Gap information.
- Consider how best to conduct a virtual assessment (research other states, facilitators, etc.) (will we need a facilitator)
- Consider the type of report coming from this assessment (research other states) (cost for creating the report; analyzing results)
- Test out an assessment session with a focus group (committee could act as the focus group)
- Check with ASTHO on other states conducting SPHSA virtually
- What will be done with the report results; what are the audiences for it; what are the actions coming from this report?
- Would the instrument be impacted by the changes to the EPHS?
- How to connect the SPHSA to HP 2030; Accreditation?

Status of LPHSA Sessions by District

- Aroostook: Not Started
- Central: Not Started
- Cumberland: Partially Completed (1 of 3)
- Downeast: Not Started
- Midcoast: Not Started
- Penquis: Partially Completed (1 of 2)
- Western: Partially Completed (1 of 3)
- York: Partially Completed (1 of 2)