

Approaching Public Health Competencies

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About the Workshop Series

Purpose

This series of informational workshops is intended to provide our Northwest regional partners and our NWCPHP staff and faculty an opportunity to learn about different approaches to public health competencies. The workshop sessions will provide a forum for participants to ask questions and seek advice from the experts. NWCPHP hopes that this workshop series will assist our partners in deciding what approach they want to take to competency-based training and organizational competencies, and what assistance they would like from NWCPHP in these areas.

Format

Each session will be a 1-hour, Web conferencing event. A 25–30 minute presentation from the guest speaker will be followed by an interactive question-and-answer session.

Intended Audience

NWCPHP and our state, local, and tribal partners, in AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY, involved in workforce development and competency-based training.

December 20th Session: Measuring Public Health Agency Preparedness

Description

In this session, we will explore methods to measure public health agency preparedness, including tackling the issue of defining preparedness. Two examples of measuring public health agency preparedness will be discussed: one example will explain how the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Target Capability measures were used to examine response to Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, the relationship between agency preparedness and employee competency will be discussed.

Objectives

1. Describe the Target Capability List (TCL).
2. Differentiate between capability measures and performance measures.
3. List the challenges with adapting performance measures into data collection instruments.
4. Explain why Target Capability List was used as an After Action Report framework for examining the response to Hurricane Katrina.
5. Summarize the relationship between employee competency and agency preparedness.

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