

# FPHR Community of Practice

MEETING DATE: JULY 10, 2024

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## Meeting structure

1. The facilitator shares essential information about the responsibility to be discussed
2. The group unpacks the responsibility, typically in small groups
3. Discussions are summarized, themes, connections, remaining questions identified
4. The group identifies key points from the discussion to document in meeting notes, chooses the topic for the next CoP meeting, and lists relevant action items

## Discussion: Community-based Services

### Available resources to help us understand:

- This has not been fully unpacked or defined in any space
- Through necessity, some clear thresholds were identified during the Cost and Capacity Assessment and are now being identified with the FPHR funding and Innovation grants
- The PHAB Center for Innovation website offers this definition:

*Local protections and services that are unique to the needs of a community. These services are essential to that community's health and vary by jurisdiction.*

- The PHAB Center for Innovation "Operational Definitions" (created for newer states in the 21C learning cohort to use with their cost and capacity assessments) has 9 rough categories of activities [FPHS-Operational-Definitions.pdf \(phaboard.org\)](#)

### Our discussion points:

- It is a vague concept, hard to explain to our decision-makers, and difficult to determine the difference from the foundational responsibilities
- The direct services performed at the local public health level are very important for building relationships and increasing trust; public health has often been the one to fill gaps, and what happens when we don't?
- Mixed understandings and feelings about what the general direction is: is the movement in the direction of eliminating direct services or community-based services? Is the movement towards funding foundational responsibilities and community-based services differently?
- Language is fuzzy and confusing: does foundational vs. community-based equal mandated and non-mandated? Can't something be foundational at a local level in one place but not foundational in another?

### Our takeaways:

- We need clear definitions around these community-based services – what are they, how they relate to mandates
- We need to dig deep into how we talk about this with boards, particularly around how we use the new FPHR funding – and is this permanent funding or will it go away eventually?
- We need to use data to inform our decisions about what is foundational, which foundational elements to tackle first, and what is deemed community-specific.
- We need to strategize how we continue to build community relationships and partnerships with this delineation between foundational responsibilities and community-specific services. We are still rebuilding trust after the pandemic.

### Next meeting:

Topic: Accountability and Performance Management

Date: August 14, 2024

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: Teams

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