DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FPHR Community of Practice

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 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: Access and Linkages to Care

Our takeaways:

- There is comfort in knowing that others have some of the same barriers and that none of us is alone. Barriers that were identified include poor understanding of public health services and its purpose, data sharing issues, clear understanding of PH role in ensuring quality of care, and rural hospitals closing departments or entire hospitals

- It is exciting to identify our strengths - it's important for us to remember the great things we accomplish for our communities, no matter how small. Strengths that were identified include great partners (including health systems), the data from MN Community Measurement on quality of care, and the ability to bring in partners with mobility, such as mobile dental services

- Public health is going to have to have many successful pilots that move the needle and improve the numbers that health systems are looking at that may truly help the partnership grow. Opportunities that were identified include the current high level of interest in access to care, bridging the gap between information and actual access, more funding for systems work in general, and non-traditional local partners that have a high interest in partnership

Next meeting: Environmental Public Health

Date: October 17, 2024	Time: 1-2 p.m.	Location: Teams

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