Affordable Care Act
Were You Ready?

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Agenda

- Covered California
- Health Care Reform Survey Results
- Planning Tool
- Service Change Guide for California
- State Level Effects
- Funding Public Health Services
Covered California

- California’s Health Exchange
- Expanded Medi-Cal (Medicaid)
- History of Health Coverage
- Early Provider: Kaiser Health
- Early Political Support
- Democratically Controlled Legislature
- Bill to expand Medi-Cal to Undocumented
Survey Highlights

- 10 minute survey, 14 questions
- Survey time frame - 2 weeks
- 727 recipients invited
- 249 of 258 completed for 34% response rate
Question 1: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:

Health Care Reform has impacted or will impact:

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Don't Know/No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

My Program(s):
- 51 responses
- 82 responses

CDPH:
- 93 responses
- 103 responses

Total responses: 256
Some Perceived Health Care Reform Impacts

- Creates opportunities (insurance expansion)
- Challenges (resource shifts; uncovered individuals)
- More demand for licenses for clinics and services
- Increased regulatory enforcement due to compliance issues
- Decreased time between survey periods
Questions 11: What do you feel are the top 3 opportunities for CDPH?

- Provider Reimbursement Rates
- Research
- Provider Access
- Behavioral Changes
- Enforcement
- Advocating for Covered Services
- Funding of Public Health Services (via Fees)
- Data Collection
- Relationship Between State & Local Public Health Entities
- Health Outreach/Education
- Public Health Program Sustainability

16 indicated other as well

234 responses

California Department of Public Health
ACA Planning Tool

- Collaboration of:
  Centers for Disease Control
  Prevention Office of Health Reform
  National Network of Public Health Institutes
  Georgia Health Policy Center
Georgia Health Policy Center
at Georgia State University
National Network of Public Health Institutes

Leading through Health System Change:
A Public Health Opportunity
Planning Tool
Health Reform 101

- 4 Major Elements
  - Changes in Public Coverage
  - Changes in Private Coverage
  - Changes in Health Care Quality
  - Changes in Health
Lead Role

- Ensure adequate number of laboratory facilities
- Ensure adequate number of qualified laboratory personnel
How Can Public Health Establish New Partnerships to Broker Clinical Preventive Health Services?

- Influencing Decisions:
  - Where are the leverage points?
  - Who can you engage to influence decisions?
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- Building Information Technology Capacity:
  - What sort of IT capacity is needed?
  - Role in Outbreak Investigations?
  - Role in Surveillance?
California’s Service Change Guide

- 61 local health jurisdictions
- 35 County and city PHLs
  - 2 PHL consolidations and 1 closure
- 1 State laboratory facility
- Counties operate independently the State
Public Health Laboratory System Working Group (PHLSWG)

- Directive to State PHLD to re-form working group to identify strategies to enhance Statewide laboratory efficiencies
  - 2 members from: CDPH, CCLHO, CHEAC, CAPHLD

- CDPH strategic goal 2012-2014
  - Strengthen statewide infrastructure to improve health
PHLSWG’s First Project

- Create a California specific Guide for Assessing and Planning Implementation of PHL Service Changes
  - Based on CA PHL System and State and County regulations/needs
  - Help identify practices to help California’s PHLs achieve long term sustainability
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Service Change Case Studies

- Napa/Yolo/Solano County PHL Consolidation
- Mendocino County PHL Closure
- Marin County PHL Consolidation
- State PHL Contracting for Services
- Lake County: Impacts of Laboratory Service Change
- San Diego County Testing Reorganization
Guide in Use

- Sacramento Regional Laboratory Discussions
  - Health Executive utilizing the Guide to assess PHL functions and long-term sustainability
State Level Effects For Public Health

- A lot of unknowns as of yet.
- Struggle for $$ for Provision of Health Care
- Laboratory services are being bundled.
- Some Counties are providing less services
- Not everyone is covered.
Funding Public Health Services

Diverse Models of PHS funding

General fund, Special Funds, Fee based, Reimbursements, etc.

Is there a more sustainable model?
Questions?

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