Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

• List the major activities of each regional network project

• Describe how each of the regional networks benefited from undertaking each project

• Identify one next step that can apply to any regional network or consortium
First a brief history......
Self-Directed Regional Networks

- Allow members to build relationships and share expertise, testing services and resources with participating laboratories

Opportunities include:
- Participating in workforce development and training events
- Sharing testing services, resources and samples for validation
- Utilizing financial and other support for APHL/CDC-funded activities
- Collaborating on projects that are of interest to the network
APHL Assists Regional Networks

• Identifying needs and resources
• Sharing outcomes and best practices with the larger PHL community

• Regional Network Sharepoint site
• Self-Directed Regional Laboratory Network Webpage
Self-Directed Regional Laboratory Networks

Self-directed regional public health laboratory networks allow members to share testing services, expert guidance and resources with participating laboratories. Grounded in professional relationships and governed by informal agreements, these networks offer participants many opportunities including:

- Participating in workforce development and training events
- Sharing testing services, resources and samples for validation
- Utilizing financial and other support for APHL/CDC-funded activities
- Collaborating on research studies on topics that are of interest to the regional network, such as workforce compensation

APHL assists regional networks by identifying needs and resources and sharing outcomes and best practices with the larger public health laboratory community.

Current US Regional Laboratory Networks

https://www.aphl.org/programs/quality_systems/Pages/Regional-Networks.aspx
APHL Assists Regional Networks

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• Sharing outcomes and best practices with the larger PHL community
• Regional Network Sharepoint site
• Self-Directed Regional Laboratory Network Webpage
• Regional Network Coordination Council meeting June 27
  • Impact and benefits of networks on the PHL system
• CDC Consultation planned for the fall
• Innovation mini-grants
Innovation Mini-Grants

• APHL, with support from CDC, offers mini-grants with a focus on innovative opportunities to strengthen capabilities within self-directed regional networks
• In 2017-18, three networks submitted proposals and were awarded innovation grants
• In 2018-19, there were five awards
• An upcoming publication will feature all of these projects
Innovation Mini-Grants 2017-18

• Inaugural Northeast Laboratory Safety Symposium
  • Jill Power, MS, M(ASCP), CMQ/OE(ASQ), New Hampshire Public Health Laboratories

• A Northern Plains Approach to Enhancing Workforce Development
  • Debbie Gibson, MPH, MT(ASCP), Montana Public Health Laboratory

• Mid-Atlantic Consortium, (MAC)...Motivating...Acting...Collaborating...
  Future of Public Health Laboratories
  • Denise Toney, PhD, HCLD(ABB), Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
  • Deborah Severson, MT(ASCP), Fairfax County (VA) Health Department Laboratory