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



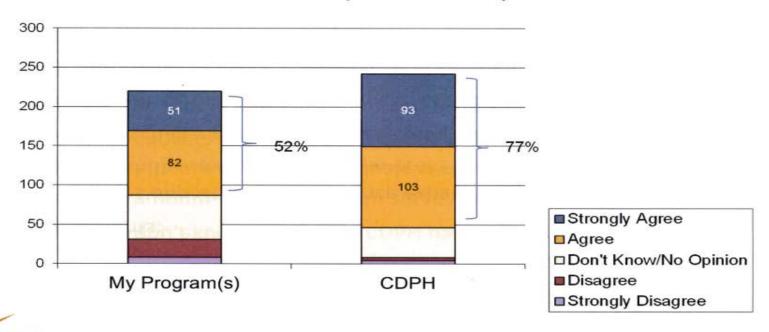
Survey Highlights

- 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:

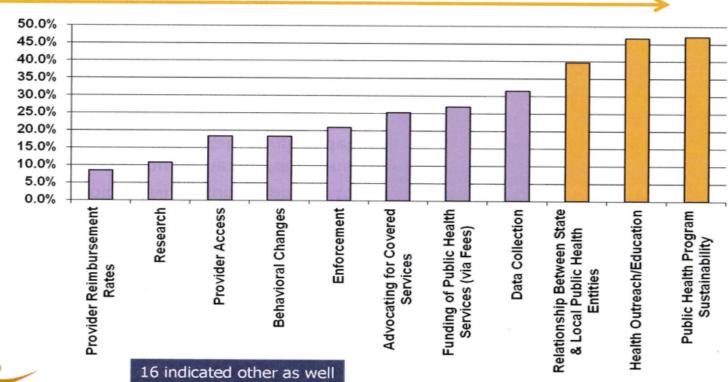
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Some Perceived Health Care Reform Impacts

- 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?





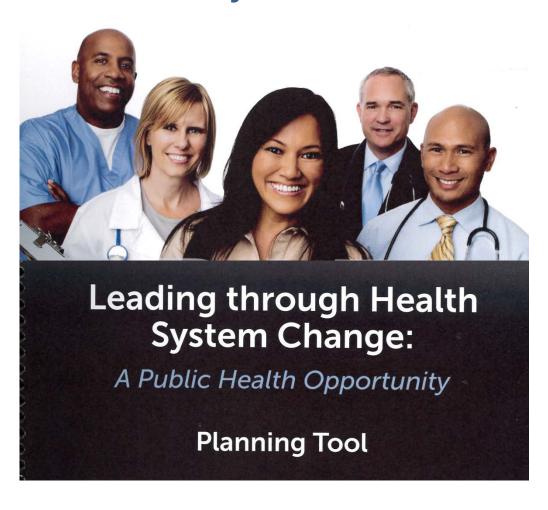
ACA Planning Tool

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



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 PHD 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 bundeled.
- 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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