Essential Service #5

Florida HEALTH Lake County

At what level does the local public health system…

Develop Polices and Plans that Support Individual and Community Health Efforts

What local policies in both government and private sector promote health in my community?
How well are we setting healthy local policies?

In the 2016 local public health system assessment, Essential Service #5 was ranked as having significant performance and 7th highest priority[1].

Description

Model Standards represent the major components or practice areas of the Essential Service. Model Standards for this service include indicators for *governmental presence, policy development, community health strategic and emergency plans.*

Performance Significant

This score can be interpreted as the overall degree to which your local public health system meets the performance standards. The overall performance ranking score for this Essential Service is **70.8**, which represents **SIGNIFICANT activity.**

Priority #7

Participants were asked to consider the priority of each Essential Service and Model Standard to their local public health system. With an overall priority ranking score of **7 of 10**, this Essential Service is within the lower-ranking half of priorities.

Data Overview

Prioritization Matrix

Performance Ranking

Priority Ranking

Highest

Lowest

QA | QB
QD | QC

Lowest | Highest

Quadrants are based on how the performance of each Essential Service compares with the priority rating.

Model Standards

Composite Score

- 5.4 Planning for Public Health Emergencies — 75
- 5.3 Community Health Improvement & Strategic — 50
- 5.2 Public Health Policy Development — 58.3
- 5.1 Governmental Presence at the Local Level — 100

0   25   50   75   100

■ 5.1 Optimal   ■ 5.2 Moderate   ■ 5.3 Significant   ■ 5.4 Optimal

Model Standards represent the major components or practice areas of the Essential Service. Standards 5.1 & 5.4 scored as **OPTIMAL**, 5.2 **SIGNIFICANT**, and 5.3 as **MODERATE activity**.

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PERCEIVED SYSTEM STRENGTHS:

Several participants indicated that:
- The county had a comprehensive health committee that lead policy, systems, and environmental change in the past, and many participants of this group still meet informally
- They were aware that the Florida Department of Health and all county health departments recently became nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the only accreditation standard for health departments that currently exists
- There is an abundance of data on community health needs available to inform decision-making
- There is high level of coordinated emergency planning and response in the local public health system

A few participants noted that:
- They felt that the health department has a strong presence in the community that is supported by public health system partners
- There has been citizen participation in the strategic planning process and they were integrating community feedback

PERCEIVED SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES:

Participants suggested the following for optimization of this essential service:
- Establishment of a formal health group or coalition to represent various public health system partners for health planning
- More citizen input on health planning processes
- Consideration of health planning operations using the structure of emergency operations command system

Best practice/innovative approaches highlighted:
- Planning activities and events accessible to citizens on weekends and evenings

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PERCEIVED SYSTEM WEAKNESSES:

Several participants indicated that:
- The current local health group structure appears informal, which can cause problems with planning consistency, accountability and implementation
- They were unaware of any community strategic planning or implementation activities being conducted

A few participants noted that:
- There may be lack of community awareness about the public health system and stigma that the health department is the public health system
- There may be silos of information within the system preventing health planning and implementation successes
- There may be lack of engagement or empowerment among citizens to participate in the strategic planning process

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Essential Service #5 improved in performance and was ranked with a priority, as compared to the 2012 local public health system assessment.

Performance Assessment

60% 2012 < **71%** 2016

Priority Assessment

N/A 2012 < **#7** 2016

Partners in Health

#	Organization Type	#	Organization Type
1	County Health Department	3	Hospitals & Emergency Service Providers
2	Social Service Facilities & Providers	1	Mental Health Facilities & Service Providers
1	Schools, Colleges & Universities	1	County Government & Municipalities
1	Coalitions & Advocacy Groups	1	Media Outlets
1	State Agencies & Programs	1	Elected Officials

Partners who gathered to discuss the performance of the local public health system for this Essential Service

Future Visioning:

HELP WANTED

Assessment participants also identified other partners who contribute to this work that they would like to see involved in future dialogues related to this Essential Service.

Faith-Based Organizations
Businesses & Employers

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