Public Health Action Plan

Broad Strategy:

Baseline: There is no staffing, funding or defined responsibility for coordinating and implementing public health workforce development in CA. CA Public Health Alliance for Workforce Excellence (CPHAWE) is a volunteer coalition that has identified the needs and solutions but needs the resources to implement and achieve goals

	Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and Resources	Evaluation Method
1.	Designate and fund entity to coordinate and implement public health workforce development in California; including priority initiatives in the HWDC plan	Designate CPHAWE and/or the CA DPH to be responsible for Public Health Workforce Development in CA. Finalize priority 3 year plan for public health workforce development Provide sufficient staffing and resources to carry out the plan, achieve goals and respond to	A clear and achievable plan for public health workforce development in CA with the staffing and resources to achieve it. Successful implementation of other priority objectives and action plans	June 2012	CPHAWE and/or the California Department of Public Health 125k-200k yr for staffing or equivalent in-kind support plus 20k for meeting expense, 25k for web site and TBD\$ for priority initiatives and	Entity designated and funded for min 3 years Capable staff hired and in place Priority initiatives implemented and meet objectives
	public health workforce development in California; including priority initiatives in the	CA. Finalize priority 3 year plan for public health workforce development Provide sufficient staffing and resources to carry out the plan,	staffing and resources to achieve it. Successful implementation of other priority objectives and		125k-200k yr f staffing or equi in-kind support 20k for meeting expense, 25k fo site and TBD\$	For ivalent t plus g or web

Broad Strategy:

Baseline: There is no enumeration of the public health workforce nor data on supply and demand. There is no mechanism for defining needed staffing levels to carry out increasing public health workload nor for tracking changes at the same time a major portion of the workforce (30-40%) is expected to retire in 3-5 years.

Objective #2	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and	Evaluation Method
				Resources	
2. Develop a short-term and	Review methods and tools	Plan for definition of the public	April-July	CPHAWE	Summary of method
ongoing plan for defining,	available from national and	health workforce in CA, supply and	2012 (phase	and/or CDPH	options and
estimating supply and	other state's public health	demand estimates and tracking.	1)		recommendations
demand and ongoing	workforce enumeration,	(phase 1)		TBD	
tracking.	assessment and tracking	Phase 2- understanding of needs and	Phase 2-		Plan for
	efforts. Determine best plan	ongoing tracking	conduct study		implementation and
	for CA given available		(TBD)		resources assigned
	resources and time line.				
3. Develop tools for estimating	Develop tools and strategies	Evidence and strategies for public	TBD	CPHAWE	Tools in place with
and tracking staffing levels	and fund entity to carry out	health organizations and the entities			funding to utilize
and best practices for	the plan.	that fund them to determine			

providing essential public health services and priority initiatives	Survey best practices and tools from other states	appropriate staffing levels and practices for the most efficient use of resources to meet needs.			
4. Ensure essential public health workforce data is collected, tracked and reported via OSHPD Health Care Workforce Clearinghouse or other tracking sources. Standardize job classifications to facilitate this	CPHAWE leadership and public health workforce data experts are part of OSHPD Clearinghouse implementation efforts.	Clearinghouse becomes central repository for collection and reporting Necessary data for decision-making is available.	TBD	CPHAWE and OSHPD with CDPH	Solid plan and data in place

Broad Strategy:

Baseline:

Objective		Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and	Evaluation Method
					Resources	
5.	Invest in increasing the	Assess the capacity and	Current public health	June-Dec 2012	CPHAWE	State of the art training
	scale, sustainability and	capabilities of 3 public health	workforce with greater	(phase 1)	and Public	on-line and in person
	impact of California's public	training centers in CA and	competency, capacity and		Health	resources in place to
	health training centers for in-	the National Training Center	performance to complete		Training	meet the scale of need
	person and on-line trainings.	network to delivery priority	increased and changing demand		Centers at	and distribution in
	Develop innovative	competency based training in	with fewer resources		UCB, UCLA	rural and underserved
	competency training in non-	a cost effective way on a			and SDSU	areas
	academic settings	large scale in CA				

Broad Strategy:

Baseline: UCOP 2007 Report indicating a 180% increase required in public health graduate program access. This is prior to health reform implementation, major public health retirements and increase in undergraduate public health majors seeking graduate education.

Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and	Evaluation Method
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6. Ensure sufficient training program access for public	Revisit and update UCOP analysis and projections based on current and anticipated needs.	Plan for cost effective increased capacity for public health graduate education	TBD	TBD	Plan in place
health graduate programs in CA	Assess current demand versus capacity of	Increased graduates to meet growing need for public			

public health graduate programs. Recommend cost effective strategies for	health professionals for health reform and retirements and	
increasing capacity in priority areas.	changing needs; particularly	
	for underserved areas	
Assess the scalability of current on line		
programs and secure resources for making		
degree training more accessible and		
affordable; particularly for underserved		
areas		

Broad Strategy:

Baseline: Thousands of CA undergraduate students interested in public health and primed to be next generation of public health leaders and professionals do not have access to sufficient internship opportunities to determine that public health is the path for them, gain necessary experience and secure jobs and entry into the profession. Educational institutions are not funded to provide and coordinate internships and organizations cannot afford them.

Objective	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Timeline	Lead and	Evaluation
				Resources	Method
7. Increase funding	Develop a fund for providing internship	Increased pool of capable, diverse	June-	CPHAWE and	Increased number
and infrastructure	stipend support for undergraduate students	CA undergraduate students in the	2012 Dec	Public Health	of internships for
for securing	and recent graduates to do internships in	pipeline to meet current and	2013	Training Centers,	CA students in
internship and post	public health and community based settings.	future public health workforce	(phase 1)	Health Career	areas of need in
bachelors	Emphasize opportunities for under-	needs.		Connection.	CA.
fellowship	represented students and place committed				
opportunities and provide sufficient stipend support for students. Work through proven existing programs and education institutions	Ensure sufficient coordinating infrastructure to recruit students from all CA Schools, place them in internships, offer strong career and leadership development activities and connect to local graduate programs and employers	Greater opportunity for students from CA communities to pursue public health and have rewarding careers and jobs.		Funds for stipends 3-4k per student X desired # students- 100 in year 1 Funds for infrastructure	Sufficient coordinating entities in place and funded.
institutions	Designate and fund coordinating			1500-2500 per student plus core	
	infrastructure in statewide organizations and local educational institutions.			operating support	

