

Chronic Disease Prevention in Local Health Departments



Conference Follow-Up

January 22 Chronic Disease Conference

- Co-sponsored by CHEAC & CCLHO
- 43 local health departments, > 120 participants
- Health Officers, Public Health Directors, Chronic Disease Managers
- Nursing, Environmental Health, Health Education
- CDPH
- Funding: California Endowment
Network for a Healthy California

Conference Objective

- Build capacity in local health departments for integrated chronic disease prevention programs
 - Develop shared framework
 - Share approaches (successful & not) to address common challenges
 - Identify local health department needs

Proposed Follow-Up

- Publish conference proceedings
- LHD Chronic Disease Prevention Capacity-Building
 - Regional workshops
 - Web-based seminars
- Coordinate with CDPH
- Premises
 - Effective chronic disease prevention must include an emphasis on the social determinants of health
 - Health inequities are a priority

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- Root cause analysis for major chronic illnesses – what are the contributing factors?
- What are the social determinants of health?
- What is the evidence about the relationships between SDOH, chronic illness?
- What do we know about the life course and chronic illness?
- What's the evidence for effective public health interventions to prevent chronic illness?

Chronic Disease Prevention Colloquium ⁽²⁾

- Where are we, and where do we want to be?
 - Current approaches to chronic illness prevention in LHDs
 - Categorical programs – by risk factors and by diseases
 - Innovative approaches in LHDs
 - Policies & initiatives to address SDOH
 - Identify connections (potential) in each existing program
 - Develop aims for “re-inventing” chronic disease prevention

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- What will it take to get there?
 - Framing & Communications: how do we talk about SDOH, inequities, and chronic disease prevention to staff, community, policy-makers?
 - Financing:
 - What's the nitty-gritty on how to use existing funds creatively (but legally) to fund this work?
 - How do we move toward a secure funding base?
 - Community engagement: what works in building community capacity and community coalitions?

- How will we know we are making progress?
 - What measures will we use?
 - What data is available (and what other data do we need)?
 - How do we present it in a meaningful way?

Colloquium Format

- Audience
 - LHD leadership & staff from across departments
(not just “chronic disease” staff)
- Two to three sessions in regional workshops
 - Number?
 - Locations?
- Remainder in web seminars
 - PCRI

Your comments, feedback, ideas?

Thank you.