

breakout ABSTRACT



TITLE

Environmental Health Indicators: A Collaborative State-Based Approach to Development and Testing

THEME

Disseminate Credible Information to Guide Policy, Practice, and Other Actions to Improve the Nation's Health

KEYWORDS

indicators, evaluation, methods, multi-state collaborative

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Health Indicators were an element of many state applications for EPHT funding. In the absence of finalized and detailed guidance on the existing environmental public health indicators, grantee states were working separately, potentially duplicating efforts and likely developing measures that were not comparable.

OBJECTIVE(S)

In this session, we want to share the process, methods and results of a multi-state collaborative in piloting specific measures of health conditions and environmental hazards. Our collaborative is working toward efficient and effective measures that can be rapidly generated and monitored over time. Our goal is to compare results among partners and share insights into the indicator development process to demonstrate the utility of the measures for environmental public health practice.

METHOD(S)

A core group of EPHT tracking partners met to scope and develop a plan for rapidly developing a pilot set of measures. The foundations for indicator selection and development will build on the collective experience working with current CDC/CSTE (Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists) EPHI and other indicator initiatives, including national and international efforts within the U.S. EPA and WHO. We will discuss our process and the analytical approach used.

RESULT(S)

An overview of the proposed workplan and description of pilot products. Products include feasible pilot indicators that can be used at the state or smaller geographical level, and "how to" guides, documentation to ensure comparability. Specific indicator topic areas and measures were selected and are being piloted in at least three states.

DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION(S)

What measures are being used elsewhere and how are they being documented? Are other states/cities interested in this approach and the tools we employed? Identify others interested in joining the collaborative to pursuing this process to test measures and refine guidance documents.



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