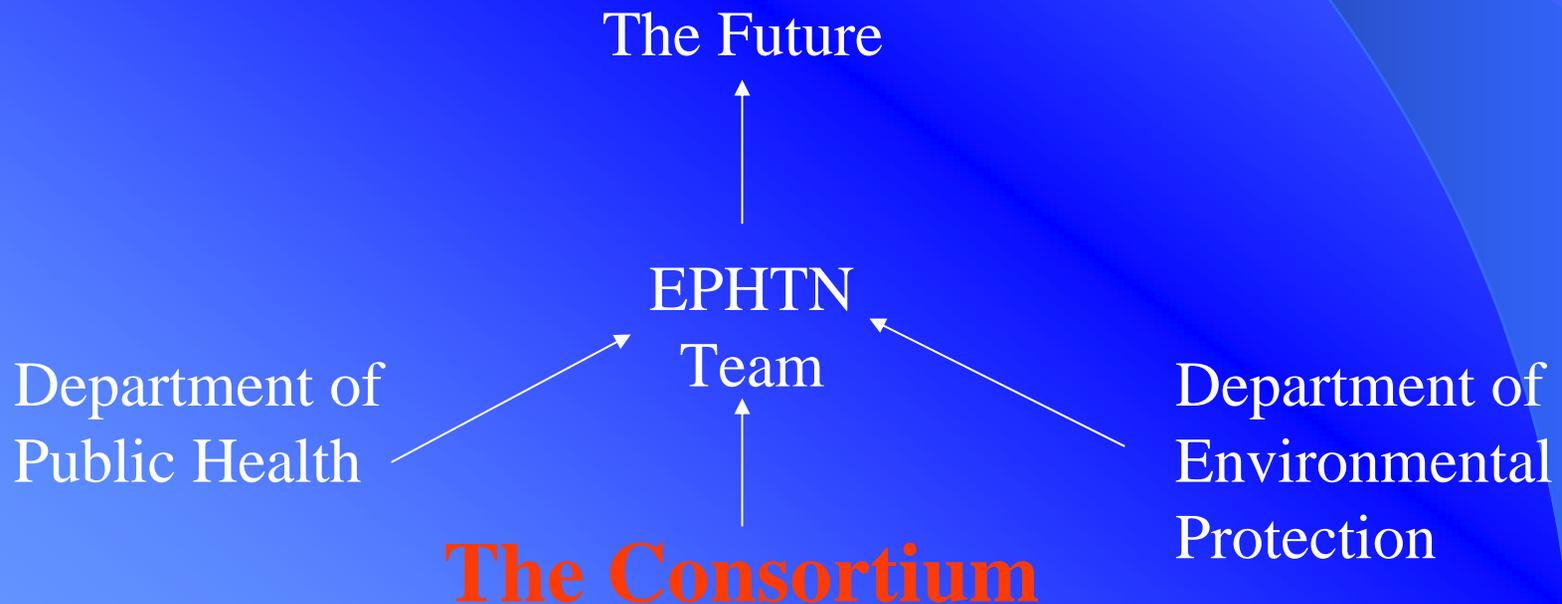


Connecticut's EPHTN Consortium

The Bottoms Up Approach

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The Connecticut Consortium

➤ How People Were Selected

- ✓ Agency Commissioners submitted names
 - ✓ CT Department of Environmental Protection
 - ✓ CT Department of Public Health
- ✓ 15 People Selected From Each Commissioner's List
- ✓ 30 People Invited by Letter to be a Part of the CT EPHTN Consortium
- ✓ Diverse Group
 - ✓ Gender/Race/Profession

Consortium Facilitator

- **Consortium Facilitator**
 - ✓ **Contractor Hired by CT DPH**
 - ✓ **Runs the Consortium and Sub-Committee Meetings**
 - ✓ **Maintains Communication With Consortium Members**
 - ✓ **Tasked with Writing the Consortium Recommendations**

DPH Role

- **Facilitate the Facilitator**
 - **Manage the Facilitator's Contract**
- **EPHTN Leadership Meetings**
 - **DPH Tool to Keep the Process on Track**
- **DPH Staff Attend the Consortium & Sub-Committee Meetings**
 - **Listen & Advise When Necessary**
 - **We are NOT Active Members of the Consortium**
 - **We are NOT writing the Consortium Recommendations**
- **Manage the EPHTN Grant**

Lessons Learned

- **Strong Consortium Members**
 - **All have their own agenda**
 - **Need Strong Leaders**
 - **Facilitator & Consortium Chair**
- **Consortium Became Absorbed in the Process of Writing Mission/Vision Statements, Building Sub-Committees. This Took a Long Time!**
- **Time Consuming for DPH**
- **Unsure of the Final Product**
 - **DPH is not Preparing the Final Report**

Conclusions

- **Process Formed a Solid Base of Support in CT for EPHTN**
- **Most of the Environmental Leaders in CT Are on Board With EPHTN**
- **DPH/DEP Has a Group to Suggest Change in Infrastructure – Someone We Can Go To**

The Consortium's Future

- **After the Final Report (CT EPHTN Plan & Recommendations) is Submitted, the Consortium in its Current Form Will End.**
- **The Final Report May Recommend DPH Continue with a Formal Consortium**
- **DPH is Also Considering a Virtual Consortium**
 - **E-mail Lists**
 - **E-Newsletters**
 - **CT EPHTN Website**

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