High-Priority Tools for Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness

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Strategic Goal

All Counties, Cities, States, Tribes, and Territories should be legally prepared for all-hazards public health emergencies.
2011-2016 PHEP Cooperative Agreement

- Will align to the Target Capability List (3.0)
- The TCL will include legal preparedness
- Implementing these new tools will help you prepare for the 2011-2016 PHEP cooperative agreement program
Workshop Purpose

• Learn how to use 8 tools to lead your agency’s development of public health emergency legal preparedness

• Conceptualize your action plans to implement the tools and report on their impact
Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness

*What is it?*

Attainment of *legal capabilities* essential to successful response to all-hazards public health threats
Four Core Elements

- Laws & legal authorities
  - To authorize emergency preparedness and response actions
- Competencies
  - To apply laws effectively
- Coordination
  - To implement laws across jurisdictions and sectors
- Information
  - On legal “best practices” in emergencies
Approach to Developing the Tools

• Multi-sector collaboration
  -- Front-line practitioners
  -- NACCHO, ASTHO, CDC
  -- Emergency management, law enforcement, judiciary, other sectors
• Focus on practitioners’ priorities
8 High-Priority Tools

1) “Public Health Emergency Law 3.0”
2) “Forensic Epidemiology 3.0”
3) “Framework for Improving Cross-Sector Coordination”
4) “Guide to Developing an MOU for Coordinated Implementation of Community Response Measures”
8 High-Priority Tools

5) “Public Health Legal Action in Communicable Disease Response”
6) “Legal Aspects of Pandemic Influenza: A Tabletop Exercise & Bench Book”
7) The “Social Distancing Law Assessment Template”
8) “Menu of Suggested Provisions for Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements”
Plus

• “The National Action Agenda for Public Health Legal Preparedness”
• For judicial preparedness
  -- Bench books
  -- Training in infectious disease science and law
The National Action Agenda for Public Health Legal Preparedness

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Today’s Workshop Purpose

- Learn how to use 8 tools to lead your agency’s development of public health emergency legal preparedness
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Workshop Outline

• An introduction to each tool
• Presentations and dialogue
• Wrap-up and prize drawing
• Your evaluations, please!
For Additional Information on Public Health Law

- NACCHO: [http://www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org)
- ASTHO [http://www.astho.org](http://www.astho.org)