

List of Strategies for Integrating OH into Broader Public Health at the State, Local, and Program Levels

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Terry KY – producing county profiles with hospitalizations and ED data and expected payer of Workers' Compensation (WC) – only injuries by cause and intent with e-codes, includes motor vehicle collisions (MVC); later could include the OHIs, but not currently

- via personal meetings with local health departments to bring data to them; haven't reached all 120 counties, but starting on it

Henry WI – Chronic disease (CD) programs – wellness initiatives – counties work with companies, mini-grants; locals mostly interested in the injury side

- KY has done it in the context of Total Worker Health (TWH), can also produce OHIs with CD programs

- NE has done county profiles too

Present at local/state APHA – county data, OHI, etc.

Edward NM – Pick a cross cutting emerging issue and produce data/meetings (ex: oil and gas)

- Use an infectious issue to post on HAN (CDC Health Alert Network) and work with infectious diseases (ID) staff on guidance and PPE

Connect with HANS more often (emergency alert system) – Ex: child lead poisonings

CDC-funded (separate of NIOSH) Prevention Research Centers, Laura Linnan UNC, conducting a state health department (SHD) assessment, need to ensure that our members provide input on the survey tool to identify occupational gaps needs/cross issues

“Occupational health should be in all health” – Linda Forst

26 academic centers under Affordable Care Act (ACA)

SIP is the Worker Health Research Network subgroup under PRC (Prevention Research Centers) – Sherry Baron (CUNY)

Linnan also did a survey for SHD health promotion activities, and Tish thinks the results are available

- update via CSTE OH Leadership Group (LG) call: they're sending survey to one OH person and one wellness person, using STATOSH list; Tish giving input on survey, wants an LG member to review it with her – Margaret NJ, giving their agency a heads up, willing to follow up to help interpret the results

BRFSS, use data, present to groups, chronic/ID/etc. to BRFSS folks

Monthly list of publically available fatalities (county) – NY, MI – disseminating widely

Policy (local/state) – vaccination; place at work for breastfeeding moms, using PRAMS data, BRFSS questions

Core VIPP programs produce indicators on injuries, produce annual state injury reports, easy to modify and add a section on work-related injuries; CDC traumatic brain injury (TBI) Special Emphasis Reports, also easy to include small piece on WC

Cross list with other groups, like EPHT – putting OHIs on the EPHT portal; people start seeing OH in other areas

Accreditation with SHDs – comes around every 5 years, so need to lay the groundwork; requires lots of documentation to address major areas; incorporate OH into it, include docs like OHI reports, etc; also have to prove dissemination to partners; even better if you can document changes, which OH can do and demonstrate, so talking to the accreditation person at your agency will solve a problem for them, and help get OH included in the strategy meetings, etc.

-NYS is accredited, but didn't get much OH info, but the communication among domains is really good and have a lot of occ variables on the agenda, with one on the dashboard

Review your reportable/NNDSS list for OH

-NYS Kitty said they have someone who does some of these things, but only for ventilation issues...

Work with ID at staff level and pick/work on certain outbreaks (avian flu; immunizations among workers in food and agriculture, CA – ended up having OH department head (Barbara) sign the letter because ID recognized the importance of the OH backing

Also collaboration with cancer folks, especially for data

Make Occ diseases reportable

Collaboration with the office of preparedness/ work with PHEP on capabilities, like first responder OHS (MA)

State-level Healthy People objectives – usually tied in to the county-level reporting

Occupational health disparities – MI, FL have done reports, MA in progress