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CDC Meals on Wheels Project Needs Resources to Enhance MCM Dispensing Plans

In cooperation with public health jurisdictions in Frederick County, Maryland; Baltimore City, Maryland; Natick County, Massachusetts; and Portland, Oregon, CDC initiated a pilot project to develop a standardized Meals on Wheels dispensing template for MCM operations. The project team is making great strides developing the Meals on Wheels dispensing template. The goal is to develop a multi-faceted approach for health departments to use for their MCM planning with Meals on Wheels partners by incorporating existing best practices.

Some jurisdictions already partner with Meals on Wheels and have valuable information to share. The planning team could use additional existing Meals on Wheels best practices and resources to augment the MCM dispensing planning efforts with Meals on Wheels partners. Health departments interested in sharing Meals on Wheels plans and resources should complete the following:

- 1. Identify state or local plans, templates, resources, materials or tools that support MCM dispensing operations for your Meals on Wheels partner. Note: please send plans, templates, resources, materials, or tools in pdf or Microsoft Word formats.**
- 2. Include Meals on Wheels MCM planning concepts and lessons learned, if available.**
- 3. Email files to dsnskra@cdc.gov by August 13.**

Should you have any questions about the project before sending please contact Raymond Puerini (rpuerini@naccho.org)

Welcome New Project SHINE Fellows!

NACCHO, along with our Project SHINE (Strengthening Health Systems through Interprofessional Education) partners, CDC and CSTE, are excited to welcome the next class of public health informatics and health systems integration Fellows in August 2015. The host site health departments will support 37 fellows at 27 state and local health departments throughout the country. Project SHINE offers three fellowships:

- **Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship (APHIF)** trains recent graduates in applied public health informatics with the direction of a mentor at a health agency.
- **Health Systems Integration Program (HSIP)** assigns a fellow to a health department in order gain more experience with epidemiologic surveillance, public health interface, electronic health records, and primary care partnerships.
- **Informatics Training in Place Program (I-TIPP)** offers the opportunity for current local and state health department staff to learn more about public health informatics while on-the-job

at their health departments.

Strengthening Health Systems through Interprofessional Education (Project SHINE) is a total population health fellowship designed to develop individual, agency, and community capacity for improving population health through interprofessional education (IPE), systems integration, and informatics. More information about hosting a SHINE Fellow may be found at: <http://shinefellows.org/>.

Public Health Transformation

Local public health is experiencing a significant period of transformation. Across the nation, local health department leaders are changing the way they do business to ensure that staff have the skills and resources necessary to work across sectors, to question why health inequality exists, to make data-driven decisions, and to think strategically about how to engage the community to create conditions for health, safety, and equity.

At NACCHO, we believe that health departments that have a clear vision for their communities and make that vision heard, that can discern between what is necessary to hold on to and what must be let go of in service of change, and that communicate the value of public health in a way that resonates with others are able to remain nimble leaders in face of change and will always be at the forefront.

NACCHO's public health transformation portfolio aims to assist local health departments as they grapple with the complex challenges that impede growth, adaptation, and innovation. Through situational awareness, capacity building, and partnership development, NACCHO will demonstrate and support local public health's efforts to improve the systems that shape health.

Please visit www.naccho.org/transformation for more information.

NACCHO is looking to partner with State Health Departments

NACCHO is interested in partnering with state health departments to facilitate discussions between state and local health departments to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in all health department activities. If your state is interested in working with NACCHO to facilitate inclusive disability discussions, please contact Kendall Leser (klesser@naccho.org) at NACCHO. In addition to facilitating statewide discussions, NACCHO will also work with these states to develop an online training module for health department staff. All state health departments are encouraged to contact NACCHO about this opportunity; states that do not currently receive federal funding for their disability and health programs are strongly encouraged to contact NACCHO about this opportunity.

Health and Disability Technical Assistance Available for Local Health Departments

NACCHO is offering technical assistance to local health departments on the topic of including people with disabilities into public health practice. NACCHO welcomes technical assistance requests about the inclusion of people with disabilities in health department preparedness planning/response, as well as in all health promotion programming and activities (i.e. obesity prevention, tobacco prevention, flu vaccinations, etc.). [Applications for technical assistance](#) are due by September 14th, 2015.

Health and Disability Fellowship Available

NACCHO has an immediate opening for two Health and Disability fellows. This is a paid fellowship to start as soon as possible and run through June 30, 2016. The fellows will work with the health

and disability project team to promote disability inclusion, awareness, and education to the public health workforce. Fellows will be involved in a number of activities, including: developing resources, guides, toolkits, and trainings; and developing publications for dissemination, among other activities. The fellowship includes a stipend not to exceed \$5,000. The fellow will be housed at either NACCHO headquarters in Washington, D.C., or may work remotely from their graduate school facility. To see the full job description, and for application instructions, [click here](#).

NACCHO Launches New *Healthy People, Healthy Places* Blog

NACCHO is proud to announce the release of its newest blog, *Healthy People, Healthy Places: The Essential Elements of Local Public Health*, a resource that helps LHDs tackle emerging environmental health and infectious disease issues. Visit the blog often for the latest news, resources, tools, and events. The blog contains innovative ideas for LHDs working on issues such as climate change, infectious and vector-borne diseases, foodborne illnesses, and immunizations. Read about practical solutions to help build a healthy and sustainable community and sign up to receive topical email digests. View the blog at <http://essentialelements.naccho.org>.

Supporting Hepatitis C Testing, Care, and Treatment at the Local Level

NACCHO has developed an infographic that illustrates the importance of LHDs in hepatitis C testing and linkage to care in a time of new treatment advances. See the infographic: <http://essentialelements.naccho.org/archives/180>.



The mission of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice with local health departments.

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