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WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS

Governmental Public Health

A Shared Responsibility

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Time to Redefine

- Public Health System Must Adapt to “The New Norm”
- Must be Nimble, Responsive, Sustainable and Cost-Effective
- Three Areas Must Be Addressed:
 - Core/Basic/Fundamental Services
 - Delivery
 - Funding

What We Do

- Public Health is Widely Accepted as a Basic Function of Government
- Like Law Enforcement and Fire Protection, Public Health, is a Basic Form of Public Safety
- Back to Basics
- What is it Public Health Must Do Because No One Else Can or Will

Who Does What & How

- Who:
 - State
 - Local
 - Private Sector
- How:
 - Regionalization
 - Shared Services
 - Community Specific

How Do We Pay For It

- Current Funding Mechanisms Archaic and Broken
- Who Pays for What? (Federal, State, County, City)
- New Model Cannot Fund Everything Public Health Wants to Do, or to Recover Everything Lost in Recent Years
- New Model Must Track with Population Growth and Set a Minimum Level for Every Community While Remaining Responsive to Local Needs
- A Model That Scales Up to the Largest and Down to the Smallest Departments

The Work Ahead

- WSAC, WSALPHO, DOH, and Other Partners Support a “Study Group” to Bring All Parties to the Table
- Study Group Will Develop Recommendations to the Legislature on New Model by End of 2012
- 2013 Session Implementation of New Model
- Live Happily Ever After

Thank You

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