

FPHR Community of Practice

MEETING DATE: APRIL 9, 2025

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Meeting structure

1. The facilitator shares essential information about the responsibility to be discussed
2. The group unpacks the responsibility, typically in small groups
3. Discussions are summarized, themes, connections, remaining questions identified
4. The group identifies key points from the discussion to document in meeting notes, chooses the topic for the next CoP meeting, and lists relevant action items

Discussion: Communicable Disease Control

Our takeaways:

- Communication is a key factor – the partnerships in controlling communicable diseases necessitate clear and timely communication about roles and responsibilities; a critical link in that chain of communication is the district epidemiologist
- The parts of our system need to work together, and if there is a hole it needs to be filled; every part of the system needs back-up and another party on which to rely. With many parts of the system being affected by funding cuts, it is questionable if that reliance on support is going to be there
- Clarity in the difference between roles, types of expertise, function, impact, and the return on investment is critical to bringing along the community and decision makers when seeking to build capacity or fill positions

Next meeting: Communications

Date: May 7, 2025

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: Teams

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