

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

**Directors of Public Health
Preparedness Overview**

Cross Border Meeting
Seattle, WA
May 4 – 6, 2010

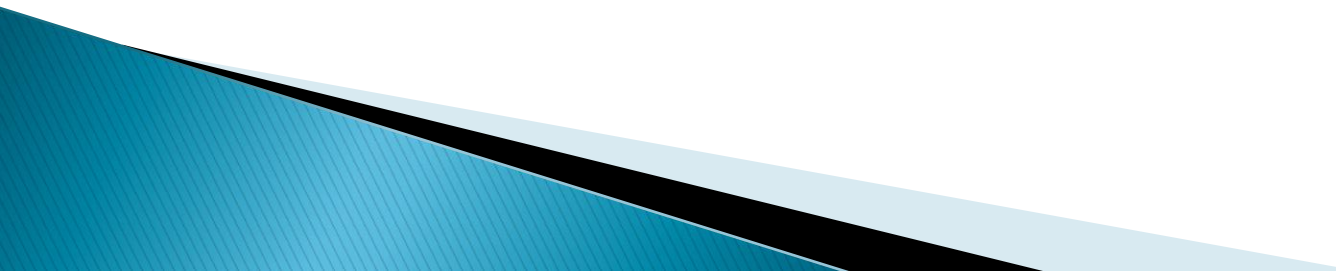


ASTHO Vision and Mission

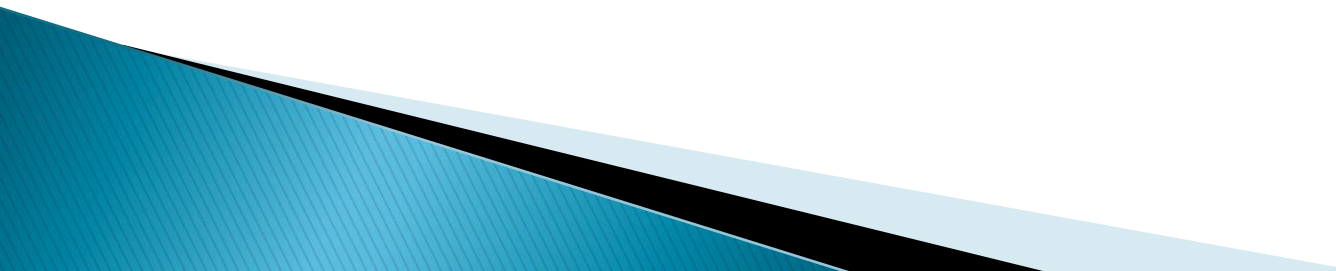
Vision: Healthy people thriving in a nation free of preventable illness and injury.

Mission: To transform public health within states and territories to help members dramatically improve health and wellness.

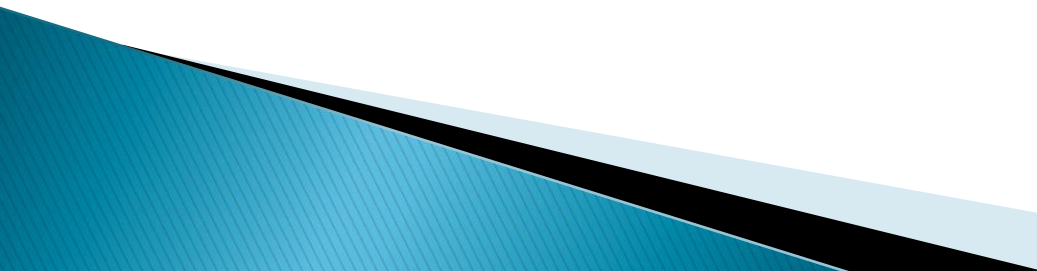
About ASTHO

- The national non-profit association representing the 57 state and territorial health agencies in the United States, including the District of Columbia
 - Members are the person holding the executive position in any state or territorial health department
 - ASTHO provides policy guidance and advocacy, based on members' priorities
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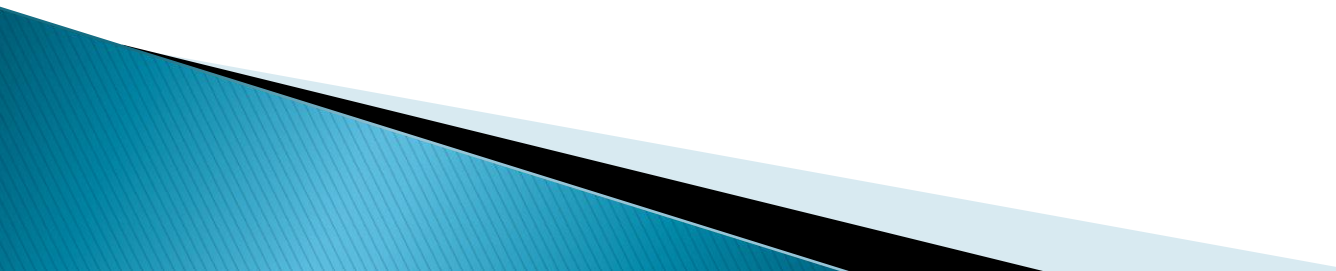
ASTHO Preparedness Program

- Develop and promote state-based policy on public health preparedness
 - Support the Directors of Public Health Preparedness through communication, technical assistance, and professional development
 - Collect and disseminate useful practices in public health and healthcare system preparedness
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ASTHO Preparedness Activities

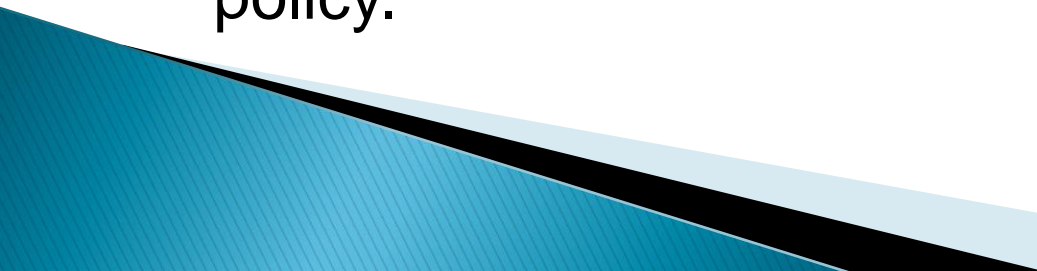
- Support States and Territories in their program activities required under the CDC Public Health Preparedness (PHEP) and HHS/ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreements
 - Linkage between States/Territories and key federal partners
 - Technical Assistance
 - Identification and Sharing of Innovations and Useful Practices
 - Peer Group Organization of the Directors of Public Health Preparedness (DPHP)
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Directors of Public Health Preparedness (DPHP)

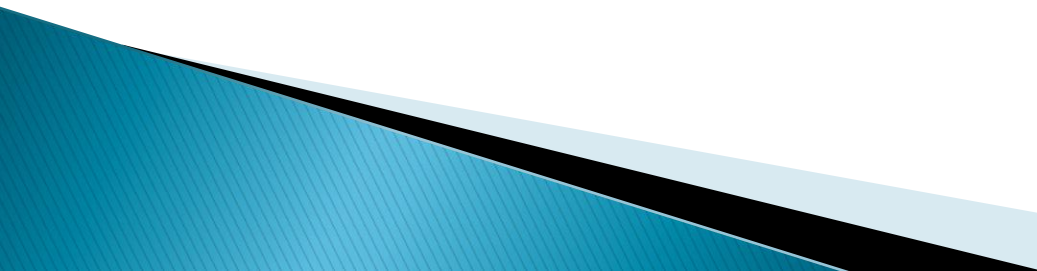
- The DPHP became an official ASTHO peer group in July 2005.
 - The DPHP are a unique group of individuals who combine the disciplines of public health, clinical medicine, emergency management, and public administration to create a new infrastructure of public health preparedness within state, territorial, and local health agencies.
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Directors of Public Health Preparedness (DPHP) *cont'd*

ASTHO supports the DPHP in their mission to:

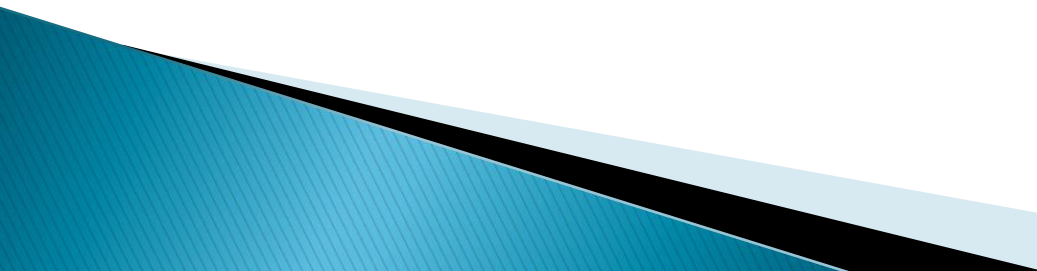
- Provide jurisdiction-based expertise and leadership for public health preparedness.
 - Identify and share useful practices and lessons learned.
 - Develop collaborative relationships with public health preparedness partner agencies and organizations.
 - Serve as a resource to the ASTHO Preparedness Policy Committee in matters of both a strategic and operational nature in the formulation and promotion of sound public health preparedness policy.
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DPHP Executive Committee

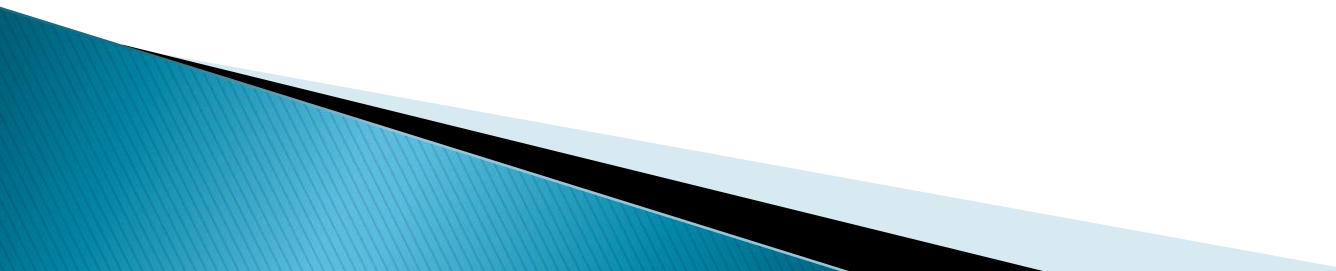
- Governing body of the DPHP (13 – 15 members)
 - Officers:
 - Chair, Chair – Elect, Secretary Treasurer
 - Regional Representatives:
 - Region 1 & 2 (representative and alternate)
 - Region 3 & 4 (representative and alternate)
 - Region 5 & 6 (representative and alternate)
 - Region 7 & 8 (representative and alternate)
 - Region 9 & 10 (representative and alternate)
 - Directly Funded City (representative and alternate)
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DPHP Executive Committee *cont'd*

- Participation on the following work groups:
 - CDC PHEP Prioritization Work Group
 - Pan Flu Oplan Review
 - NHSS

 - Continues to provide feedback on CDC PHEP and ASPR HPP cooperative agreement guidance documents.
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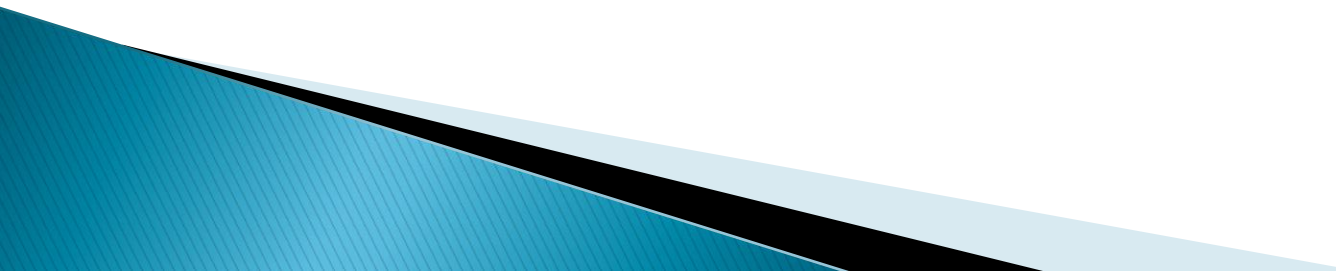
DPHP Activities

- Monthly Conference Calls
 - DPHP and DPHP Executive Committee
 - DPHP Orientation Program
 - Participation in internal and external work groups
 - Performance Evaluation and Improvement Work Group (PEIW)
 - SNS Work Group
 - PHEP Prioritization Work Group
 - HAvBED Work Group
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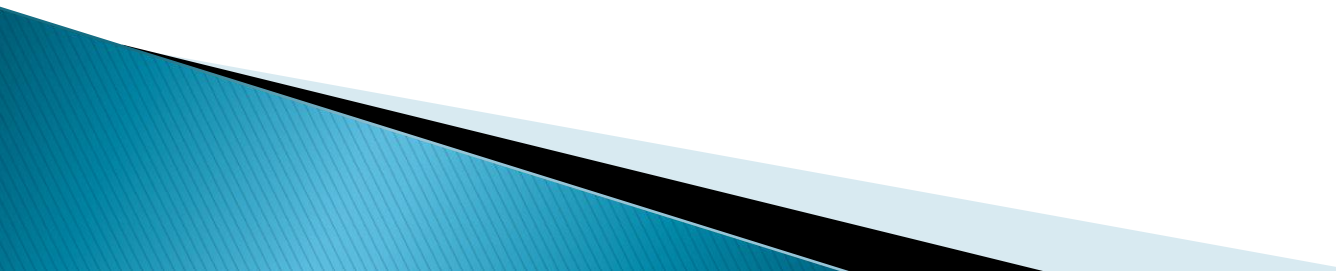
PEIW

- The PEIW is a peer group consisting of DPHP members and federal partners (ASPR and CDC)
- Convened monthly via conference call to discuss and evaluate CDC PHEP performance measures
- The PEIW works with federal partners to pilot test performance measures that will be used in future reporting periods
 - January 2010 – Pilot testing of 7-8 biosurveillance performance measures (lab, epi, and surveillance)

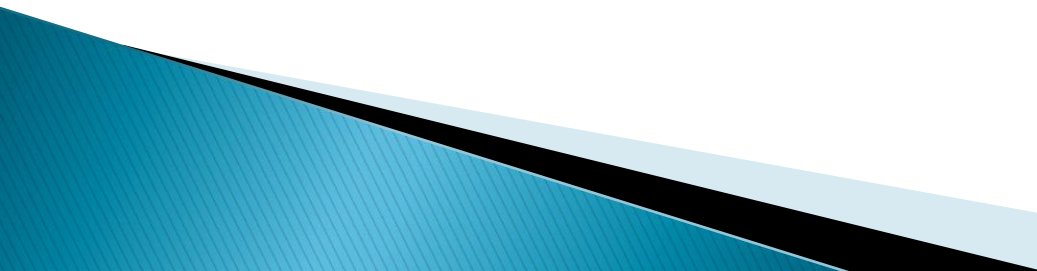
PEIW *cont'd*

- To date the PEIW has worked with CDC to develop performance measures, technical assistance training specifically for PERFORMS, and has informed the annual CDC Public Health Preparedness report
 - Similarly, the PEIW is working with the ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program staff to help refine healthcare system preparedness performance measures
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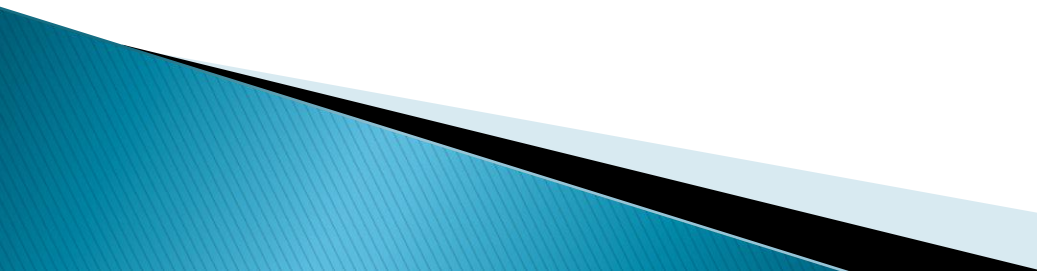
DPHP Orientation

- DPHP Orientation Program
 - ASTHO staff developed the program in 2006
 - Aimed to provide technical assistance to preparedness directors that are fairly new in their role (less than one year)
 - Provides a forum for Peer – to – Peer technical assistance
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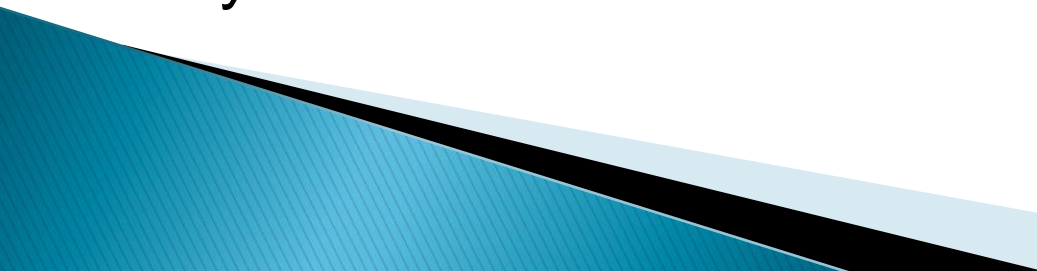
SNS Work Group

- Comprised of 20 state SNS coordinators and other state and territorial health agency staff
 - Convened monthly via conference call to raise awareness of policy and operational challenges related to SNS planning and countermeasure distribution
 - Serves as a steering committee for ASTHO SNS activities
 - Provides input and feedback to DSNS staff on CDC initiatives and activities and be available to DSNS for quick response and dissemination of information
 - Work group members provide technical assistance to each other and centralize input to other Federal agencies.
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PHEP Work Group

- A joint partners workgroup comprised of members from: ASTHO, NACCHO, CSTE, and APHL
 - The work group recommended a four-part joint survey of its member organizations at its first meeting in November 2007
 - The survey developed capacity measures to demonstrate progress in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program since 2002
 - A report based on the survey data was published in September and shared with ASTHO members and key federal policy makers
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HAvBED Work Group

- Formed during the Fifth Annual Directors of Public Health Preparedness Meeting as a result of grantees concern with the HAvBED requirements
 - The work group met four times within the week following the annual meeting to provide feedback on the HAvBED data elements and CONOPS on November 6, 2009
 - The work group continued to engage with ASPR on refining both the data elements and CONOPS and provided their final recommendations on Friday, December 11, 2009
 - The revised CONOPS document was shared with HPP grantees in early 2010
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ASTHO Resources

ASTHO Web site

www.astho.org

ASTHO Preparedness Web page

<http://www.astho.org/programs/preparedness/>

Preparedness Useful Practices Web site

<http://www.astho.org/Programs/Preparedness/States-of-Preparedness/Useful-Practices/>