Expanding Local Public Health Capacity

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HEALTH starts—long before illness—in our homes, schools, and jobs.
Who is MAPC: Public Health Department

Social determinants of health as a guiding framework for how we think and conduct our work

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- Healthy Community Design
- Health and Equity Assessments
- Food Systems and Healthy Food Access
- Local Public Health Collaboration and Shared Services
Who is MAPC: Municipal Collaboration

- COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
- INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS
- GRANT MANAGEMENT
- SPECIAL PROJECTS AND STUDIES
Why we work with LPH

• Decentralized local public health system: 351 individual BOHs
  • Disparities in funding, staffing size, and public health functions and services

• Protection, promotion and prevention
  • LPH departments play an important role in shaping resident’s health outcomes

• Special Commission on Local and Regional Health
Examples of MAPC’s LPH work

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- Equipment sharing
- Assistance for surge capacity

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Tighter Integration

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<td>Salem: Exploring Organizational Structures of the Health Department</td>
<td>1) Additional FT staff added to PH dept. 2) Leveraged outside funding 3) Rebuilding and establishing trusting relationship with business community</td>
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<td>Local Health Department Collaboration</td>
<td>MetroWest Public Health Nursing District</td>
<td>1) Hiring of a shared PHN 2) Achieving state required reporting (MAVEN) 3) Enhancing PH programming</td>
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<td>Multi Sector Collaboration</td>
<td>Revere, Winthrop, Chelsea: Integrated Community Health Needs Assessment &amp; Community Health Improvement Plan</td>
<td>1) Hired shared Collaborative coordinator 2) Developed joint health assessment and improvement plan</td>
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