



DDPHSS-DMI Consortium Meeting: Executive Summary September 21, 2022

Purpose

The purpose of this session was to seek individual perspectives and experiences, not group consensus advice, to inform planning, engagement, and strategies in the identification and development of sustainable and efficient solutions for interoperable and streamlined data flows, shared solutions, and health data analysis for public health purposes.





This meeting was convened as a group of multisector public health partners (government, public health, industry) to increase dialogue, prioritize goals, and vet real life solutions to achieve a desired future state PH data ecosystem that provides timely, secure, adaptable access and transfer of data and information to effectively drive public health action.

Building Blocks Focus Group Update

Presenter(s): Holly Wilson, Celeste Espinoza, Suzi Soroczak

Background – Panel Building

The DMI Consortium serves an important role in panel building, surfacing use cases and ideas that lead to building priorities.

 <p>Panel Building Through DMI Consortium and CDC networks build a panel of domain experts that can be quickly leveraged in research.</p>	 <p>DMI Focus Groups Moderated conversations quantify Building Block use cases and identify pain points and opportunities.</p>	 <p>Research Queue Determine outstanding technical and user research questions for DMI initiative. Schedule upcoming activities.</p>	 <p>Sustainable Feedback CX team engages panel in regular communication and activities to maintain engagement and participation.</p>
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Beta Program	Focus Groups
Define and iterate on existing Building Blocks to help improve a part of your data process	Gathering STLT input on the definition, needs, and prioritization of potential Building Blocks
Key objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify ways to make Building Blocks valuable and viable for long-term use at STLT health departments	Key objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hear from public health agency staff working at any point along the data lifecycle (e.g., collection, ingestion, management, analysis, visualization)Produce a summary report from the findings of these sessions to help inform future efforts
Level of commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide an initial baseline of your data workflow to help us understand the ways you clean, transform, and utilize dataMinimum one-time commitment to utilize one or more Building Blocks and provide feedback	Level of commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none">One 60 minute virtual focus group co-creation session

The Building Blocks Focus Group leads from CDC and the US Digital Service (USDS) shared updates on their work to identify and build out a community to better understand STLT challenges and desired outcomes along various steps of the surveillance data lifecycle. The leads discussed the plan for a beta program and focus groups to test how best Building Blocks can support and close STLT needs. Current recruitment efforts to establish a pool of focus group participants have identified 84 possible participants across the local, state, and territorial health departments. The initial focus groups will cover four specific topics: Legionnaire’s Disease, Listeria, childhood lead, and HIV. The information collected about these data systems will be collated and analyzed, then used to help inform decisions about the DMI Building Blocks development priorities.

The Focus Group will report initial results across the next 3 months. For those who are interested in participating, please reach out to the Building Blocks Focus Group team at DMIBuildingBlocks@cdc.gov.

For questions regarding the CDC DDPHSS-DMI Consortium, please contact DMIconsortium@cdc.gov.