



DMI Consortium Meeting: Executive Summary October 18, 2023

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 public health data ecosystem that provides timely, secure, adaptable access and transfer of data and information to effectively drive public health action.

Introducing OPHDST

Presenter(s): Jen Layden

OPHDST

The Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST) is dedicated to leading, coordinating, and executing a comprehensive public health data strategy.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

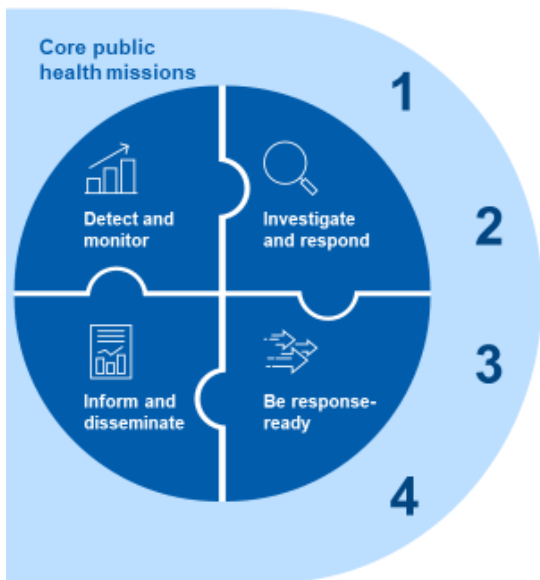


Accessibility Caption: Slide Screenshot of slide titled "OPHDST". Text below title reads "The Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST) is dedicated to leading, coordinating, and executing a comprehensive public health data strategy."

Bottom of slide lists key responsibilities, which include public health core data systems, technology solutions and tools, and data policy essential to core public health missions.

Dr. Layden, Director of the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST) provided an official overview of the newly established office. Dr. Layden reviewed OPHDST’s organizational chart and discussed the key responsibilities of the office, including promoting public health core data systems, technology solutions and tools, and data policy essential to core public health missions. OPHDST, referred to as the “Data Office,” sits within the Immediate Office of the Director and works to address the imperative of the Moving Forward initiative. OPHDST hosts a co-leadership model with both technical and domain expertise at each division. The Data Office remains customer-centric, user-focus and mission-based, driven by a unified public health data strategy to focus resources and promote cross-agency collaboration.

Public Health Data Strategy Version 2024



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- The four overarching Public Health Data Goals
- The two-year outlook scope
- Continued focus on the general public, STLTs, and federal and private partners as the primary audience for the publication
- Clear ownership over each defined milestone, and continuous tracking to help ensure accountability for milestone delivery

Accessibility caption: Public Health Data Strategy Version 2024 slide. Four piece circle-shaped puzzle representing the core public health missions: Detect and monitor, Investigate and respond, Be response-ready, and Inform and disseminate. There are elements of the 2023 Public Health Data Strategy that will be retained, and elements that will be improved upon. A few of the elements that could be retained include: the four overarching Public Health Data Goals; the two-year outlook scope; continued focus on the general public, STLTs, and federal and private partners as the primary audience for the publication; clear ownership over each defined milestone, and continuous tracking to help ensure accountability for milestone delivery.

Heather Strosnider, OPHDST Customer Success and Engagement Unit Lead, discussed upcoming additions and revisions to the Public Health Data Strategy and solicited feedback from Consortium members regarding specific milestones that made progress or presented challenges to local jurisdictions. The Public Health Data Strategy (PHDS) accelerates the Data Modernization Initiative (DMI) by laying out important steps that drive DMI priorities forward faster, while DMI enables the PHDS by providing the vehicle for broad transformation of public health data and systems. As part of an annual process, the PHDS will be updated. Core elements including the goals, two-year outlook, focus on the public, STLTs and federal and private partners, and clear ownership over each milestone will remain constant.

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